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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, June 24, 1953, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson present.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on June 17th were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE NO. 174 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING ZONING FROM RESIDENCE--2 TO BUSINESS--1 ON PROPERTY AT 1100-1130 EAST 36TH STREET DENIED.

The scheduled hearing was held in connection with Ordinance No. 174 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the Building Zone Map from Residence 2 to Business-1 on property located at 1100-1130 East 36th Street, being Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 21. Change requested by Spencer Memorial Methodist Church and P. H. Freeman.

Mr. Charles E. Knox, Attorney representing 43 petitioners against the change, stated that the proposed change would make the property out of character with the neighborhood, and that it would constitute spot-zoning. He presented a petition protesting the amendment and petitioning the Council to vote against the change.

Councilman Albea moved that Ordinance No. 174, to re-zone this property be denied, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and passed unanimously.

PLAT OF INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, presented an application from the P. & N. Realty Company for approval of a Plat providing for the opening of Bland Street. A report from the Planning Board stated that approval of that Body was withheld because the property line corners were not rounded as provided by Section 3 of the Ordinance, but that the Plat was being transmitted to the Council for whatever consideration that Body might see fit to give.

The City Manager explained that Mr. Ivey Rankin, President of the P. & N. Realty Company, had agreed to make every reasonable effort to secure for the City the necessary lands for rounding these corners if the City would approve the Plat and permit construction already started to proceed. Mr. W. L. Hogan and Mr. R. M. Torrance, representing the P. & N. Realty Company, confirmed the City Manager's statements insofar as the company was concerned, and in view of these conditions and as a result of this understanding, it was moved by Councilman Brown that the Plat of Industrial Subdivision be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

IMPROVEMENT TO TUCKASEEGEE ROAD TO BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the matter of improving Tuckaseege Road, to which the city has right-of-way, from West Trade Street through the first three blocks, with the width to be determined by the City Engineer, be given top priority on the list of street improvements to be made and that the money come from Bond Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd and unanimously carried.

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COUNCIL TO MEET WITH DUKE POWER OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS BUS SERVICES ON JULY 13th.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, explained that the Duke Power Company had agreed to make reasonable extensions of its lines in the Ashley Park section; services to begin on or about July 15th, and that he had available tabulated information in his office relative to alleged changes in schedules, which the Council had directed him to procure at the meeting on June 17th. It was directed that this material be made available for the proposed July 13th meeting.

At the suggestion of Mayor Van Every, Councilman Wilkinson moved that the Council meet at 6:00 o'clock on July 13th, prior to the 7:00 o'clock meeting with Duke Power Company, to summarize all complaints and petitions with regard to establishment of lines. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Smith commented that due to the fact that the Civil Service Commission had reported that they were unable to secure sufficient capable men for the Police Department, he offered the following motion:

"I move that the Civil Service Commission be instructed to investigate the entire Police Department set-up pertaining to working conditions, remunerations, supervision, and management, and all matters that have any effect on the securing of efficient and happy personnel in the Police Department

And That the Civil Service Commission present this Council with their entire findings, together with their recommendations for adjustments and corrections that will enable us to set up a Police Department that will be satisfactory to the personnel and to the City."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and unanimously carried.

L. L. LEDBETTER APPOINTED DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Councilman Brown moved that L. L. Ledbetter be appointed Deputy City Clerk, retroactive to June 17, 1953. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT TO BE GIVEN AT LATER DATE.

Mr. C. A. (Pete) McKnight was recognized by the Mayor and asked if he had any comments or observations he would like to make. Mr. McKnight advised that he believed the Council would be interested in knowing that the Urban Redevelopment Commission had conferred with the Washington Authorities and hoped to make arrangements to maintain a skeleton organization as well as bring certain test cases before the Supreme Court, which would clear up questions regarding the validity of the Urban Redevelopment Statutes. He indicated that a more complete report would be furnished the Council by the Chairman and members of the Commission when plan had been perfected.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYING USUAL EXPENSES OF CITY PENDING ADOPTION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Appropriating Funds for Paying Usual Expenses of City Pending Adoption of Annual Appropriation Resolution" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, was unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 116

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RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT) FOR USE OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT BY NORTH CAROLINA AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

Councilman Smith moved that contract be renewed with the State of North Carolina (Adjutant General's Department) for the use of twenty-eight buildings and facilities at Douglas Municipal Airport by the North Carolina Air National Guard for a period of one year beginning July 1, 1953, at a monthly rental of \$300.00 (an increase in rental from \$100.00 by reason of additional aircraft now assigned to the 156th Fighter Bomber Squadron stationed at Airport). The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY FOR FURNISHING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with Duke Power Company for furnishing electric service to the new Airport Terminal.

PLAT OF ALLISON SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, Plat of Allison Subdivision, bordered on the north by Seigle Avenue, on the south by City of Charlotte property; on East by Oakhurst Land Company property and on West by East 10th Street, was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

REMOVAL OF TREES FROM PLANTING STRIPS APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, granting permission for tree removals from planting strips at the following locations:

- (a) Two trees from the planting strip at 1908 Commonwealth Avenue that interfere with construction of driveway entrances to new building, at request of Mr. John Thomason.
- (b) One tree from the planting strip at 1323 Lafayette Avenue that interferes with construction of driveway entrance to new house, at request of Mr. J. R. Synder.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

The following streets were taken over for maintenance, upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Gene Street, from Montrose Street to Dunn Avenue.
- (b) Condon Street, from Renner Street to Jennings Street.
- (c) Vinton Street, 1800 Block
- (d) Alice Avenue, from Elon Street to Amber Drive.
- (e) Essex Street, from Oakwood Avenue to Plaza Road.
- (f) Charles Avenue, from 35th Street to Whiting Avenue.
- (g) Wynmore Place, from Dickens Avenue to dead-end.
- (h) Orton Street, from Belfast Drive to City Limits.
- (i) Dickens Avenue, from Belfast Drive to Orton Street.
- (j) Kerns Avenue, from Dickens Avenue to Kempton Place.
- (k) Kempton Place, from Ashley Road to Orton Street.
- (l) Hollis Road, from S. Boulevard east to dead-end.
- (m) Academy Street, from Meadow Lane south 850 ft. to end of present surfacing.
- (n) Belle Terre Avenue, from end of present maintenance west of Thomas Ave. to dead-end.

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CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the construction of new driveway entrances was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) One 7 ft. driveway entrance at 508 West Fourth Street.
- (b) One 10 ft. driveway entrance at 132 Bruns Avenue.

LEASES OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS APPROVED.

The City Manager reported that Leases have been concluded on the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE	TERM OF LEASE
287	Wingate Mfg. Company	\$25.44	4-16-53	1 year renewal
286	Nat'l Welders Supply Co.	54.00	4-16-53	1 year renewal
252	Otis L. Johnson	22.50	6-1-53	1 year
246	Raiford Winchester Co.	26.25	6-1-53	1 year
354	W.M.P. Industries	5.00	4-16-53	1 year renewal
285	W.M.P. Industries	77.00	4-16-53	1 year renewal
353	W.M.P. Industries	12.50	4-16-53	1 year renewal

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Councilman Brown moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute Deed with Mr. Ralph Van Landingham for Perpetual Care of Lot #13, Section H, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, the meeting was adjourned.


L. L. Ledbetter
Deputy City Clerk