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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, in the City Hall, on Monday, June 29, 1964, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Jordan, Smith and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilmen Dellinger and Thrower.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Don G. Bryant.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on June 22nd were approved as submitted.

PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE PRESENTED TO EIGHT RETIRING CITY EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Brookshire presented the City's Plaque of Recognition in acknowledgment and appreciation for their long years of loyal service to the City of Charlotte to the following eight retiring City Employees:

Mrs Catherine A. Ross	Central Services Department	38 yrs of service
Miss Idelia A. Hayes	Air Pollution Control Dept.	22 yrs of service
Mrs Louise Young Workman	Health Department	28½ yrs of service
Mrs Harriett M. Bradford	Health Department	18 yrs of service
Dr. A. H. Williamson	Health Department	18½ yrs of service
Mr Paul D. Green	Building Inspection Dept.	14½ yrs of service
Mr Frell M. Ferguson	Engineering Dept. - Streets	13 yrs of service
Mr Roddie McN. Alexander	Engineering Dept. - Streets	9½ yrs of service

Mayor Brookshire called attention that these eight people retiring have accumulated a total of service to the City of 253 years; that it is the fine and loyal services of such employees that has enabled the Council to have the kind of government that is required by our growing and expanding city.

CHARLOTTE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION ENDORSES STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND PRIORITY OF STREETS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA RECOMMENDED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND URGES THAT COUNCIL BORROW THE BOND LIMIT AND PROCEED WITH THE WORK.

Mr Bill Crymes, President of the Charlotte Merchants Association, stated he is present to endorse the street improvement proposal made by the Chamber of Commerce; that when the matter was brought to their attention for consideration and endorsement if agreeable, a Committee was appointed by the Directors of the Association embracing four former Presidents of the Association, including three retail merchants in the outlying area, 2 merchants whose business is uptown and one automobile dealer who is uptown and a banker who has operations over the entire city. That this committee highly recommended the program to the Board of Directors, and as is most infrequently done, the Board of Directors unanimously favored and endorsed the program, based on these premises: First, that the streets in the uptown area are basically exactly as they were

39 years ago and badly in need of improvements. Secondly, they considered the Chamber's proposal superior to that formerly proposed by the Council, which they thought was inadequate as it covered only a few uptown blocks without reaching the source of the problem, which is entrance to and egress from the City of Charlotte, and they feel it is highly important that the Council proceed with the program proposed by the Chamber because it will tie in with each of the Expressways now under construction. That without a free flow of traffic to and from these Expressways it would be worthless. Then the cost of the proposal was considered as to the effect it would have on the tax rate, and both the Committee and Board of Directors believe that the cost will be far less than the penalty of not doing the work. Something should have been projected 10 years ago, it is almost too late now and if postponed further it will put the city in great danger and its growth will be limited as a result. That they do not approve the work being done piecemeal, that in the proposed 11 or 12 million dollar bond issue there would only be available some 3 or 4 million dollars for this program, which would necessitate closing streets while the work was being done, and very shortly thereafter the total program would have to be done and the same streets improved from the other end. That they believe the program as submitted to Council is good and they heartily endorse it and Council will take the priority of streets as recommended and it will be something we can all live with and it is their recommendation that Council borrow the bond limit to the maximum and proceed with the plan recommended following their priority.

Councilman Bryant asked Mr. Crymes if they discussed the possibility that it might raise the tax rate? Mr. Crymes stated that was discussed both in the Committee and later by the Board of Directors. Councilman Bryant asked if even in spite of that they recommend the full Bond limit? Mr. Crymes stated that is correct, they think the cost will be far less to do it now than later, and that it is the only thing to do.

Mayor Brookshire stated he wants to be sure that he clearly understands Mr. Crymes - that he understands they viewed this realistically and know, of course, that to launch such a program will cost either increase taxes now or bonds, or both and the merchants are willing to pay the price regardless of how it is done and have the program pushed as fast as possible? Mr. Crymes stated that is correct, that as near as they could estimate the interest on the bonds for the amount of street improvement involved would probably be \$60,000.00 a year for interest alone.

Mayor Brookshire stated that, of course, Council has two things to keep in mind, the limit on bond indebtedness and the other that tax rate beyond which they would not feel like going; that certain Councilmen do not want to discourage home ownership or property ownership in the City or the development of real estate, so he is sure Council will move in that direction, how far or how fast he does not know; however, it will be reviewed carefully and they will do the best they can recognizing that we are making up for some years of neglect.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS NO. 64-40, 64-41, 64-42, 64-34, 64-22 and 64-35  
FOR CHANGES IN ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Smith advised that he has by very good authority, from the man himself, that possibly Councilman Dellinger can join the Council at their next meeting, and since Councilman Thrower is not present today, and Councilman Jordan has just returned to town, he thinks it would be wise not to take action on any of the zoning matters before Council today, but postpone them until the next meeting, and he moved that consideration of Petitions No. 64-40, 64-41, 64-42, 64-34, 64-22, and 64-35 for changes in zoning classifications be postponed until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYING USUAL EXPENSE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE PENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

Councilman Bryant moved the adoption of Resolution Appropriating Funds for Paying the Usual Expense of the City of Charlotte Pending the Adoption of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 394.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON JULY 27TH ON PETITIONS NO. 64-50 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF FAIRGROUND STREET AND ON PETITION NO. 64-51 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ARGYLE DRIVE AND SUGAW CREEK ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Providing for Public Hearings on July 27th on Petition No. 64-50 for change in zoning of property on both sides of Fairground Street and on Petition No. 64-51 for change in zoning of property at the southeast corner of Argyle Drive and Sugaw Creek Road, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 395.

APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVILEGE LICENSE BY MERCHANTS PATROL, INC. AND BY W. R. STROUPE, D. G. STROUPE AND R. L. PLOTT APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving the applications of Merchants Patrol, Inc. for privilege license to operate a Patrol and Guard Service, and by W. R. Stroupe, D. G. Stroupe and R. L. Plott for license to operate as Detectives for Merchants Patrol, Inc.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH A. H. CARRIER, JR. TO APPRAISE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a contract with Mr. A. H. Carrier, Jr., to appraise one tract of land for Henderson Investment Company located on West 11th and McCall Streets, for right of way for the Northwest Expressway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried, with Councilman Smith abstaining from voting.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for city maintenance:

STREET	FROM	TO
Dolphin Lane	110' west of Shannonhouse Dr.	Kildare Drive
Kildare Drive	100' west of Shannonhouse Dr.	Dolphin Lane
Kildare Drive	Dolphin Lane	end at cul-de-sac
Grafton Drive	170' west of Shannonhouse Dr.	end at cul-de-sac
Glen Oaks Road	Sardis Road	Whitestone Road
Glen Oaks Road	Whitestone Road	210' southeast
Whitestone Road	Glen Oaks Road	Post Oak Road
Whitestone Road	Post Oak Road	end
Post Oak Road	Whitestone Road	Canyon Trail
Canyon Trail	215' north of Post Oak Road	Post Oak Road
Canyon Trail	Post Oak Road	Robmont Road
Robmont Road	490' west of Canyon Trail	Canyon Trail
Robmont Road	Canyon Trail	410' east
Conway Avenue	existing paving	937' south

## CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER AUTHORIZED IN ABINGTON ROAD.

Councilman Smith moved approval of the construction of 120 feet of sanitary sewer main in Abington Road, inside the city limits, at the request of Adams Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$1,050.00, with all costs to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the costs to be refunded as per terms of the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

## TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mrs Pearl Shelby Foster and Mrs Hilda S. Haigler, for Graves 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Lot 179, Section 7, Oaklawn Cemetery, at \$240.00.

## CONTRACT AWARDED TOMLINSON ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR ACOUSTICAL CEILING IN MINT MUSEUM OF ART.

Councilman Bryant moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Tomlinson Engineering Company for removing the existing ceiling in the main gallery of the Mint Museum of Art and replacing it with acoustical ceiling, as specified, at a price of \$1,292.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Tomlinson Engineering Company	\$1,292.00
Southern Flooring & Acoustical Co.	1,742.00
Interior Systems	1,755.00

## BID ON ASPHALT TILE FLOOR FOR MINT MUSEUM OF ART REJECTED, AND PURCHASING AGENT AUTHORIZED TO READVERTISE FOR NEW BIDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the one bid received on Asphalt Tile Floor for the Mint Museum of Art Building was rejected, and the Purchasing Agent authorized to readvertise for new bids.

The following bid was received:

Southern Flooring & Acoustical Co.	\$1,296.00
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## BID ON PIT GRAVEL REJECTED AND PURCHASING AGENT AUTHORIZED TO READVERTISE FOR NEW BIDS.

Councilman Albea moved that the one bid received on 3,000 cubic yards of Pit Gravel be rejected, and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to readvertise for new bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

The following bid was received:

L. A. Armstrong	\$6,025.50
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PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTED TO UPGRADE THEIR ANNEXATION STUDY DATED 1963 AND TO SUBMIT THEIR REPORT TO COUNCIL BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1964.

Councilman Albea moved that the Planning Commission be requested to upgrade their Annexation Study dated October 1963, and submit their report by September 15, 1964. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk