

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 6, 1951, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger and Van Every present.

Absent: Councilmen Coddington and Jordan.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the special meetings on May 28th and 29th and of the regular meeting on May 30th were approved as submitted.

GAVELS PRESENTED TO MAYOR SHAW BY MAYOR THOMAS W. WHITESIDES OF SPARTANBURG, S.C.

Mayor Thomas W. Whitesides of Spartanburg, S. C., was present and observed that during recent visits to Charlotte he had noted that the Mayor's gavel was rather decrepit and apparently not equal to the use to which the Mayor must put it on certain occasions; therefore he had brought Mayor Shaw a new one. He presented the Mayor a large gavel made of hickory approximately eighteen inches long and weighing some two pounds, following which he also presented him a handsome regulation size gavel which he stated was made in the workshop of one of Spartanburg's policemen. Mayor Shaw expressed his appreciation for both gavels, and also thanked Mayor Whitesides for his fine cooperation on his recent visits to Charlotte in connection with the bus strike.

D.A.V. GRANTED PERMISSION TO PARK CAR ADVERTISING THEIR FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN THE FIRST BLOCK OF WEST TRADE STREET.

Mr. James Whittington requested permission for the Disabled American Veterans organization to park a car in front of the Independence Building or the First Presbyterian Church on West Trade Street, which will be given away at their Fourth of July celebration for the benefit of disabled veterans. Following the discussion, Councilman Albea moved that they be granted permission to park the car in the first block of West Trade Street, provided it does not block the entrance to any place of business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

APPROPRIATION FOR CHARLOTTE LIFE SAVINGS AND FIRST AID CREW REQUESTED IN CITY'S 1951-52 BUDGET.

Mr. W. N. Hovis appeared before Council in behalf of the Charlotte Life Savings and First Aid Crew, and after outlining in detail the work of the organization and its value to the citizens, submitted a budget of badly needed equipment totaling \$6,000.00 and requested that the amount be appropriated by the City in the 1951-52 budget. Mr. Hovis stated that his only connection with the organization is that he furnishes them a place at his business at which to hold their meetings, and he realizes the value of the organization to Charlotte. He stated further that the organization operates entirely on a volunteer basis and its equipment and funds have all been provided by interested citizens and the members. Mayor Shaw advised that the appropriation will be considered when the budget is prepared.

APPROPRIATION TO BE CONSIDERED IN NEW BUDGET FOR SPECIAL INSPECTOR OF CITY FACILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS.

Councilman Boyd urged that one or more persons be assigned the work of inspecting streets and sidewalks throughout the city and submitting a list of needed repairs and improvements to the Council so that a definite policy might be established towards improving conditions. He stated that the Engineering Department is doing a splendid job but in his opinion the regular inspection of streets is needed in addition to the usual work of the department.

He cited various streets that have been in need of certain repairs, or oiling for sometime, and advised that he has received numerous complaints from citizens of conditions that should be remedied. Councilman Dellinger stated that residents have called him relative to the bad condition of six different streets and that he concurs in the request that something be done to correct the conditions. Councilman Baxter stated that he believes a regular inspection is needed, however, the City Manager cannot have such work done without sufficient funds being provided. Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised that he requested an appropriation for inspection work last year which was not made; that the City is not privileged to do permanent paving in front of residences unless it is paid for by the property owner; that the City has two crews that do nothing but work on dirt streets and the City Engineer has requested an appropriation in the new budget for a third crew. He suggested that an appropriation, estimated at \$6,000.00, be made in the new budget for an inspector to do nothing but ride over the City and inspect municipal facilities and obligations, such as streets, street lights, traffic lights, hydrants, etc. The Council concurred in the suggestion that such appropriation be made in the new budget.

**PURCHASE OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN MYERS PARK FROM THE STEPHENS COMPANY.**

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the purchase of 8-inch sanitary sewer mains in Myers Park from The Stephens Company at a price of \$3,120.00 was authorized, subject to satisfactory deed-of-conveyance or bill-of-sale by the City Attorney.

**STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.**

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing maintenance of the following streets:

- (a) Fort Street, from Matheson Ave. south 300 ft. to dead-end.
- (b) Spiers Court, from Arnold Drive around circle to Arnold Drive.
- (c) Ritch Street, from end of present maintenance 300 ft. north to Benard Street.

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS.**

The construction of new sanitary sewers was authorized at the following locations upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried:

- (a) 113 feet of 8 inch trunk sewer and 2940 feet of sewer main in Echo Hills Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$8,000.00 to serve 59 vacant lots, at request of J. M. Wallace. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of full amount to be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) 540 feet of 8 inch sewer main in Draper Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00, to serve 4 family units and 6 vacant lots, at request of H. B. Carter. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$200.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (c) 272 feet of 8 inch sewer in Cumberland Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$590.00 to serve 1 family unit and 3 vacant lots, at request of H. H. Baxter. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$390.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED BLANKENSHIP BROS. FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION, AND PETTIT MOTOR COMPANY FOR AUTOMOBILE.**

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, contracts were awarded to the following concerns:

- (a) Contract with Blankenship Bros., for the construction of sanitary sewers in Plaza Acres project, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$16,096.00.
- (b) Contract with Pettit Motor Co., for One 1951 Deluxe 2-door Ford Car, at a net delivered price of \$1,500.00.

## SALE OF SURPLUS BUILDINGS AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the sale and removal of the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport, to the following concerns:

(a) Piedmont Sales Company -		
Building No. 221	at	\$226.56
Building No. 225	at	\$201.56
Building No. 226	at	\$356.56
Building No. 243	at	\$816.56
Building No. 251	at	\$ 76.56
Building No. 260	at	\$656.59
Building No. 316	at	\$106.56
Building No. 318	at	\$ 91.56
Building No. 324	at	\$209.56
Building No. 264	at	\$201.56

Total for the ten buildings \$2,943.63

(b) W. Erdman Love & Company -		
Building No. 16	at	\$ 25.00
Building No. H-27	at	\$ 50.00

Total for the two buildings \$ 75.00

## CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES.

The construction of driveway entrances at the following locations was authorized upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried:

- (a) One 30-ft. entrance on corner of W. Hill and S. Church Streets for 600 South Church Street.
- (b) One 8-ft. entrance at 2416 Independence Boulevard.
- (c) One 20-ft. entrance on N. Church Street and One 11-ft. entrance on West 9th Street, both for 523 N. Church Street.

## LEASE OF AIRPORT PROPERTIES TO SOUTHERN FLIGHT SERVICE, INC. AND EASTERN AIR LINES, INC.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the lease of properties at Douglas Municipal Airport was authorized as follows:

- (a) Lease with Southern Flight Service, Inc. for the construction of a lean-to to Building No. 362 now occupied by them.
- (b) Lease with Southern Flight Service, Inc. for one acre of land on which they will erect a T-hangar, for a term of 10 years, at a rental of \$50.00 per annum.
- (c) Lease with Eastern Air Lines, Inc., for 1,625 square feet of space in Building No. 75 to be used for storage, for a period of 5 years.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF SUBSTANCES INTO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM CHANGED FROM JULY 1, 1951 TO JULY 1, 1952.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the effective date of the Ordinance Regulating the Discharge of Substances into the Sanitary Sewer System was changed from July 19, 1951 to July 19, 1952, it being contemplated that the redesign of the sewage treatment plant will not be completed before that date.

INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES OF CLEARVIEW AIRCRAFT, INC. AND TROY WHITEHEAD MACHINERY COMPANY LOCATED AT AIRPORT ON SITE NEEDED FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised that the proposed site for the new Airport Administration Building includes the land on which the properties of Clearview Aircraft, Inc., and Troy Whitehead Machinery Company are located, and it will be necessary that the City purchase their holdings. He stated that Clearview Aircraft, Inc., is asking \$100,880.00 for their property and Troy Whitehead Machinery Company is asking \$80,000.00; he stated he had carried the negotiations as far as he can and suggested that a Committee of Councilmen be appointed to look into the matter. Councilman Albea moved that the Council and City Manager discuss the proposals with the Airport Advisory Committee and inspect the sites. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

PROPERTY OF T. M. BRYAN AND WIFE REQUIRED FOR EXTENSION OF STONEWALL STREET AUTHORIZED APPRAISED BY REAL ESTATE BOARD.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised that it will be necessary for the City to acquire the property of Mr. T. M. Bryan and wife on East Stonewall Street and Independence Boulevard as a right-of-way for the extension of Stonewall Street. Councilman Baxter moved that an appraisal of the property be made by the Real Estate Board, which was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

MEETING ARRANGED WITH MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 13TH TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATIONS FOR JOINT FUNCTIONS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, a meeting was arranged with the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, June 13th, at 2:30 o'clock p.m., to consider and adopt budget appropriations for the joint governmental functions of the City and County.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH, AT 2:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until 2:30 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, June 13th.

Levia R. Hoffman  
City Clerk