

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, March 15, 1950, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry Jordan and Wilkinson present.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on March 8th, were approved as submitted.

STREET SIGNS AUTHORIZED MARKED "N.E. INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD". RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTENANCE OF DITCH THROUGH ALLEY OFF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Mrs. G. R. Miller, 1014 North Independence Boulevard, appeared before Council and stated that difficulty is being experienced by persons in locating new North Independence Boulevard due to street signs reading only "Independence Boulevard". She requested that the signs be changed to conform with the name of the street and that in lieu of the street being known as "North Independence Boulevard" that it be named "North East Independence Boulevard" and the letters "N.E" be added on the street signs.

Mayor Shaw, with the approval of the Council and City Manager, advised the change would be made immediately.

Mrs. Miller also requested that attention be given the ditch running through an alley adjacent to her property, the drainage from which has increased with the construction of Independence Boulevard and overflows onto her property.

The Mayor advised the alley, and therefore the ditch, is not the property of the City but of the adjoining property owners; however, that he would take the matter up with the State Highway Commission and advise her what they can do inasmuch as the Boulevard was constructed by them.

LEGAL ACTION AUTHORIZED TO ABATE NUISANCE AT OLD ROCK QUARRY UPON PROTEST OF RESIDENTS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC GARBAGE DUMPING THEREIN.

A delegation of residents of the Wilmore Section were present in protest of the City Manager's proposal that the Old Rock Quarry be again used for garbage disposal, under strict supervision as to sanitation, in an effort to eventually fill the Quarry on Tremont Avenue. Mr. Caldwell Cline, 1923 Cliffwood Place, stated the residents were realizing enough difficulty with garbage dumping by private concerns without the City also using it for similar purposes. He advised the area was polluted with mosquitoes the year round; the insanitary condition added to the danger of Polio and the Fire Department putting out fires at the Quarry is costly to the taxpayers. He stated a petition against the use of the Quarry for garbage disposal had been signed by 102 residents of the area. Mr. Cline urged that the Quarry be completely filled with dirt, and dirt only.

Mr. Cline's request was supported by remarks as to the bad condition at the Quarry by Mrs. C.P. Waters, Mrs. D. A. White, 2037 Wilmore Drive East, Mrs. Ralph Harkey, 1905 Wood Dale Terrace and Mr. J. H. Rhodes, who submitted a picture showing garbage dumped on the ground at Shuman Avenue last Saturday, which remained uncovered until Monday; also by Mr. S. A. Wingate, 2049 Wilmore Drive East, who stated the restraining order, obtained some two years ago against dumping at the location, is being violated and urging that strict supervision of the Quarry be given by the City.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated the property on which the Quarry is located is privately owned; that his interest in the City resuming the practice of dumping at the location was that the Quarry might be eventually filled and the community rid of the nuisance, and too that the City might provide strict supervision as to sanitation; however, if the residents did not desire the City's assistance in this manner, it would be withheld.

Councilman Boyd stated the City has the authority to abate a nuisance and in his opinion the condition at the Quarry is a disgrace to the City. He moved that the City Manager and City Attorney be authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary and do whatever they can to abate the nuisance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Aitken stated he was reared in the Wilmore section and at that time a similar Quarry existed at a location opposite the present Wilmore School, and was gradually filled by the City using it for a dumping ground; that he believes the City Manager's suggestion is good in the interest of completely eliminating the Quarry.

#### SURVEY OF BUS TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ANNOUNCED UPON PROTEST AGAINST LACK OF BUS SERVICE IN CHANTILLY AREA.

The lack of adequate bus service in the Chantilly area was again presented by Mrs. L. B. Andrews for her husband, who is President of the Merry Oaks Civic Club. She stated children are being deprived of attending the new Chantilly School and are forced to return to overcrowded Midwood School because of no bus service; that only one bus is operated to serve a five mile area. She advised the residents are considering requesting the Hickory Grove Bus Company to operate busses through the section. She further requested that the City file with the State Utilities Commission the specific complaint of the Merry Oaks Civic Club, which the Mayor advised them was necessary before the Utilities Commission will consider the matter.

Mayor Shaw stated he understands that until a survey of Charlotte's bus transportation needs is made, the Utilities Commission will do nothing; he submitted the following statement:

"Both the City of Charlotte and the Duke Power Company operating our bus system are at all times mindful of the traffic problem and the transportation requirements of our rapidly growing city. Our problems are not unique. The same congestion, the same crowding at peak hours, the same problem of expanding the bus service to keep up with the expanding community afflict every modern city. We believe that the City of Charlotte has an exceptionally fine traffic engineering department. We likewise have confidence in the transportation engineering personnel of the Duke Power Company and in the desire of the officials of this company to cooperate in every way with the City in rendering the best service possible. The Mayor and the City Manager have discussed these problems in detail with Mr. W. S. O'B. Robinson, Vice-President, Mr. Thomas F. Hill, Supervisor of Branches, Mr. S. L. Duckett, Engineer and Supervisor of Transportation and Mr. J. A. Forney, Manager, of the Charlotte Branch of the Duke Power Company. The Company and the City are in agreement that a thorough study and investigation be made of our transportation requirements and service. We have agreed with the Company to conduct as soon as practicable a joint survey. Supervising this work for the City will be Mr. Henry Yancey, City Manager, with Mr. Herman J. Hoose, City Traffic Engineer, and members of his department, together with such additional technical assistance as he may require. For the Company, the work will be done largely by Mr. Duckett, Mr. C. E. Vandiver, Transportation Engineer, and Mr. Forney. The object of the Survey and Investigation is to make a complete analysis of the present service as it meets our requirements as a city and to determine what, if any, revisions and improvements should be made. If when this work is completed and the findings reviewed, it seems desirable to employ the services of an outside transportation engineer for further work, the Company has expressed its complete willingness to cooperate."

Mayor Shaw stated he believes the Survey can be made within a 30 day period and will be started immediately following the Report of the Fact Finding Committee relative to the threatened bus strike, which will be rendered within 60 days time.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, read a report from Duke Power Company that twelve high efficiency busses will be added to the system, on the Oaklawn-Selwyn Avenue, Belmont-Park Road, North Charlotte-Dilworth, Elizabeth-South Tryon and North Tryon-South Boulevard lines; that the addition of these latest type units brings to thirty the number of new busses added to the Charlotte System since 1948, and increases the total number of busses now serving the transportation needs from 119 to 131.

Mrs. Andrews then requested that the Duke Power Company continue to operate the shuttle bus within the Chantilly area until such time as the Utilities Commission reviews and decides upon the matter.

Mayor Shaw asked that Mr. Andrews, President of the Merry Oaks Civic Club, who filed the complaint, contact him next week and they, together with the City Manager, will call on Duke Power Company with regard to Mrs. Andrews request for the continuation of the shuttle bus temporarily.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SWIMMING POOL AT OR NEAR CORDELIA PARK REQUESTED STARTED.

Mr. W. E. Hoffman, 605 East 18th Street, representing the Tech High Wolf-Pack Club, requested that Council cooperate in securing the start of construction of the swimming pool at or near Cordelia Park which has been scheduled by the Park & Recreation Commission and funds earmarked by them for the project; that if the present Commissioners do not favor the immediate construction of the pool, that the existing vacancies on the Commission be filled with members who will favor the project.

PETITION FOR ADEQUATE BUS SERVICE, AND SUGGESTED ROUTES, ON MONROE ROAD, FILED WITH COUNCIL.

A petition from residents of Monroe Road requesting adequate bus service, and a map outlining suggested desirable routes, was submitted by Mr. R. C. Watts, 3815 Monroe Road, and placed on file in the office of the City Clerk for Council consideration.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS TO CIVIL AIR PATROL.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington, the unanimous consent of Council was given to consider the request of Mr. Stanhope Lineberry and Captain McKee, of the Civil Air Patrol, for the leasing of three vacant buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport, for the use of the Patrol in furthering interest in civilian aviation in Charlotte.

Councilman Jordan moved that the three buildings be leased to the Civil Air Patrol as requested. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN APPROPRIATION FOR VETERANS CENTERS BY COMMITTEE OF UNITED VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Mr. J. S. Bowser headed a Committee of the United Veterans Organizations of Mecklenburg County and requested information as to their participation in funds for a Veterans Center, which they stated was understood to have been appropriated by the City.

Following the discussion of the status of the appropriation by a former Council, Mayor Shaw advised that he, Mr. Richard, Chairman of the Veterans Recreation Authority, and the City Manager will meet next week with the Committee and discuss the matter.

APPOINTMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS.

Councilman Albea placed in nomination Mr. L. M. McEwen, Jr., Mr. C. Y. Conder and Mr. Chester Wheelchel for reappointment to the Park and Recreation Commission to succeed themselves. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and lost, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea and Jordan.

NAY: Councilmen Aitken, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, and  
Wilkinson.

Councilman Coddington moved the appointment of Mr. John N. Mills, Mr. L. R. Sides and Mr. J. A. Malcolm, for a term of three years each. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Aitken, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson.

NAY: None.

At which point Councilman Jordan moved that the vote be made unanimous. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and Messrs. Mills, Sides and Malcolm were unanimously appointed.

MAYOR PRO TEM PRESIDES FOR REMAINDER OF MEETING.

At this time Mayor Shaw left the meeting, and Mayor pro tem Aitken presided for the remainder of the meeting.

CONTRACT WITH STATE HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF N.C. ROUTE #27 TO WEST CITY LIMITS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing a contract with the State Highway & Public Works Commission for the relocation and construction of N. C. Route #27 from its intersection at Morehead Street and Thrift Road to Stewart's Creek, thence on a new location in a northwesterly direction to the west city limits. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 266.

BEACH STREET TAKEN OVER FOR LIMITED MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, authorizing taking over Beach Street, from East Trade Street one block north to a dead-end, for limited maintenance.

SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN GRIMES STREET.

Councilman Daughtry moved the authorization of the construction of a new sanitary sewer in Grimes Street, at the City's expense estimated at \$360.00, to serve four family units and two vacant lots. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH O. E. MATHIS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER MAINS IN ENDERLY PARK AREA.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with O. E. Mathis for the construction of 1835-feet of water mains and 1 fire hydrant in Enderly Park Area, at an estimated cost of \$2,886.00, to serve 25 residential lots abutting on Rogers Street and Mathis Drive. All costs to be borne by the applicant, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

CURB CUTS APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following curb cuts:

- (a) One 20-ft. cut at 1019 East Trade Street.
- (b) One 10-ft. cut at driveway at 1211 Euclid Avenue.
- (c) One 10-ft. cut at 677 ~~Llewelyn~~ Place.
- (d) One 10-ft. cut at 2114 Princeton Avenue.

## CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contracts were authorized executed for the following purchases:

- (a) Contract with Creech Motorcycle Company, Inc., for 2 Solo Motorcycles, as specified, at a net exchange delivered price of \$1,481.70.
- (b) Contract with Heath Motor Company, for 5 F-5, 6-cylinder trucks, complete with dump bodies and hoists, as specified, at a net exchange delivered price of \$9,662.05.
- (c) Contract with Crane Company, for 10,000 feet of Cast Iron Soil Pipe, and 1000 Cast Iron Bends, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$6,248.00, subject to 2% cast discount, amounting to \$125.96.
- (d) Contract with Electric Machinery Mfg. Company, for 27 Switch Gear Fuses, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$1,305.00.

## SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED TO JOHN WILLIAM KAY.

Councilman Coddington moved approval of the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to John William Kay, 419 South Church Street, for use on the premises of Domestic Laundry, Inc. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

## RENEWAL OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE POLICY WITH PILOT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, authorizing the renewal of Group Life Insurance Policy for City Employees, with the Pilot Life Insurance Company, for five years.

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

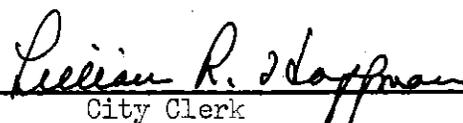
Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, the unanimous consent of Council was given the presentation of the following undocketed items.

## ORDINANCE (NO. 97) TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE INTRODUCED, AND RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF HEARING ON APRIL 5, 1950 ADOPTED.

An ordinance entitled, "Ordinance (No. 97) to Amend the Zoning Ordinance" to change the Building Zone Map from R-2 to B-1 district within the area of Wilmount and Remount Roads, was introduced and read. Following which a Resolution Fixing the Date of Hearing was presented and read, and upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 267.

## ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
City Clerk