

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, March 21, 1951, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Albea.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Mr. Walter J. Miller, Pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

RESTORATION OF BUS SERVICE ON HAWTHORNE LANE REQUESTED BY RESIDENTS.

Mrs. R. E. Evans and the Reverend Walter J. Miller, Pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, again urged that every effort be made to restore bus service on Hawthorne Lane. They spoke of the weekly activities for children at the church and at Hawthorne Recreational Center to which adequate bus accommodations to various sections of the city are a necessity. Mr. Miller stated that the lack of bus service could result in a decrease in church membership over a period of years.

Mayor Shaw and Councilmen Jordan and Daughtry advised they had each discussed the situation with Duke Power Officials and were unable to secure the return of service on Hawthorne Lane; that the Power Company Officials advised service is available within two blocks of Hawthorne Lane and the Independence Boulevard bus line will soon be operating on a six minute schedule; too, that route changes in other areas of the city have caused greater hardships than those to residents of this area; that it was necessary to remove the Hawthorne Lane bus in order to extend the route to provide service to a larger number of residents where no service was available.

Mrs. Mable Morris, 1715 Sunnyside Avenue, requested that the Bus Routes re-established by the Duke Power Company not be approved unless the Hawthorne Lane route is restored.

Mayor Shaw expressed regret that the City is unable to secure the return of the service.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT OFFER OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, BY CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION, TO RELOCATE RUNWAY MARKER LIGHTS AND HIGH INTENSITY LIGHTING SYSTEM AT AIRPORT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, and seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the unanimous consent of Council was given the presentation of the following resolution for consideration:

The resolution was introduced and read whereby the City accepts a Grant Offer of \$8,600.00 made by the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics on behalf of the United States Government to the City of Charlotte for the development of Douglas Municipal Airport in relocating the medium intensity runway marker lights on the N/S runway and relocating of lights comprising high intensity runway lighting system along the NE/SW designated instrument landing runway.

Councilman Coddington moved the acceptance of the Grant Offer and the adoption of the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, beginning at Page 379.

CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY GRANTED A. W. KILPATRICK FOR OPERATION OF TAXICAB UNDER BAKER CAB COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, a certificate of convenience and necessity was authorized issued to Mr. A. W. Kilpatrick to operate the 1946 Plymouth, which he is purchasing from Mr. R. C. Brown for the sum of \$1,300.00, as a taxicab under the Baker Cab Company, as requested by Mr. Kilpatrick and recommended by Mr. H. G. Cleveland, Taxicab Inspector.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF HEARING ON ORDINANCE REVISING THE ZONING ORDINANCE DEFERRED.

An Ordinance Revising the Zoning Ordinance and the Resolution Fixing the Date of Public Hearing Thereon on April 11th were introduced and read. Councilman Daughtry moved the adoption of the resolution to fix the date of hearing on April 11th, which was seconded by Councilman Aitken.

A substitute motion was made by Councilman Jordan that the date of the hearing be set for May 16th instead of April 11th, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and lost with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Jordan, Wilkinson and Boyd.

NAY: Councilmen Aitken, Coddington, Daughtry and Mayor Shaw.

The vote was then taken on the original motion and lost with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Aitken, Coddington and Daughtry.

NAY: Councilmen Jordan and Wilkinson.

Councilman Boyd recorded as not voting.

Councilman Daughtry then requested that the ordinance and resolution be placed upon the Docket for the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Coddington expressed objections to Councilman Boyd blocking the question before the house by not voting, and moved that the City Attorney be directed to draft an amendment to the Charter to prevent such occurrence. The motion did not receive a second and was lost.

Councilman Jordan stated he had requested that the hearing be set for a later date than April 11th as he had been contacted by a number of interested citizens who requested the postponement of the matter until they could discuss the ordinance changes with the Council.

RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING STREET BUS ROUTES IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, ADOPTED.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Re-establishing Street Bus Routes in the City of Charlotte" was introduced and read. Councilman Aitken moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

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

Councilman Boyd stated he wished to be recorded as voting for the extended routes as outlined in the resolution and voting against taking the bus service off of Hawthorne Lane, and refusing service on Hawthorne Lane, and protesting the refusal of Duke Power Company to extend the bus line out Central Avenue to the city limits.

The resolution setting forth all bus routes in the City of Charlotte is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, beginning at Page 372 and ending at Page 378.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR EXTENSION OF HILLSIDE AVENUE DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Action was again deferred for one week, at the request of the City Attorney, on the acquisition of property from Mr. Harry P. Murray which is necessary for the extension of Hillside Avenue.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 1717-19 AND 1721-23 NORTH DAVIDSON STREET TO JAMES A. WILEY AND W. V. WILEY, JR.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the sale of tax foreclosed property at 1717-19 and 1721-23 North Davidson Street, at public auction on March 5, 1951, to Messrs. James A. Wiley and W. V. Wiley, Jr., at \$900.00 was confirmed.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN WEST BOULEVARD, AND IN CLAY STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of sanitary sewers as follows:

- (a) 320 feet of sewer main in West Boulevard, at an estimated cost of \$760.00, to serve Calvary M. E. Church and four family units and three vacant lots, at request of Calvary M. E. Church.
- (b) 150 feet of sewer main in Clay Street, at an estimated cost of \$200.00, to serve one family unit and three vacant lots, at request of Mrs. H. U. Barringer.

CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR COPPER TUBING.

Councilman Jordan moved that contract be authorized with Blythe Bros. Company for the purchase of 5,240 feet of 3/4 inch Copper Tubing, at a net delivered price of \$1,834.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES.

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

- (a) One 30 foot driveway entrance at 2317 South Boulevard.
- (b) One 12 foot driveway entrance at 1927 The Plaza.
- (c) One 8 foot driveway entrance at 1107 Jensen Street.
- (d) One 8 foot driveway entrance at 1111 Jensen Street.
- (e) One 8 foot driveway entrance at 1115 Jensen Street.
- (f) One 8 foot driveway entrance at 2609 Hampton Avenue.

NAME OF ALABAMA AVENUE CHANGED TO SIMPSON AVENUE.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the change of the name of Alabama Avenue to Simpson Avenue, as recommended by the City Engineer and Planning Board.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 1951 CHANGED TO SHOW NAME OF COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT BUILDING ON GESCO STREET AS "THE CLOROX CHEMICAL COMPANY".

Councilman Aitken moved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting on February 28, 1951 be changed to show the name of The Clorox Manufacturing Company, who was authorized to construct a building on Gesco Street, to The Clorox Chemical Company, as requested by Mr. Grainger Pierce, Attorney for said Company. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, Special Officer Permits were authorized issued as follows:

- (a) Permit to John W. Kay for use on the premises of Domestic Laundry, Inc.
- (b) Permit to Thomas Tanner for use on the premises of Southern Bell Telephone Company.

SALE OF AIRPORT BUILDING NO. 314 TO CLEARVIEW AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES AND BUILDING NO. 275 TO MCQUAY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, the unanimous consent of Council was given the City Manager to present for consideration the request of Mr. E. E. Webb, owner of Clearview Aircraft Industries, to purchase Airport Building No. 314 at \$200.00, and the request of the Reverend Walter Baker, Pastor of McQuay Memorial Presbyterian Church for the purchase of Airport Building No. 275, on behalf of the Church, at a price of \$400.00. Councilman Wilkinson moved that the buildings be sold at the stated prices. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED MADE TO GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR OPERATION OF EMERGENCY CLINIC IF SIMILAR DONATION MADE BY MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated he had discussed with the Chairman of the County Commissioners the request of Good Samaritan Hospital for an appropriation for the operation of the Emergency Clinic, which will be closed April 3rd because of lack of funds. That he was advised the County has made no appropriation for this purpose. Mr. Yancey stated he then suggested to the Hospital Officials that their request for funds be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. He recommended that the Council authorize the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Clinic Deficit Account to the Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Clinic, Out-patient and Emergency Clinic (Code 107), and that payment of the said amount be made to the Hospital if and when a like amount is appropriated for this purpose by Mecklenburg County.

Councilman Aitken moved that the transfer and payment be authorized as recommended by the City Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF TRACT OF LAND AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON WHICH PINOCA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCATED.

The City Manager reported that the Pinoca Volunteer Fire Department wishes to purchase the tract of Water Works property in Hoskins area on which their fire station is located, consisting of 0.20 acres more or less, which they have been leasing from the City since 1949. He advised that the sale of this small tract will in no way hamper the development of the City's water facilities, and recommended that the request be granted. Councilman Jordan moved that the property be sold and the sale be advertised subject to all existing right-of-way agreements and leases, and the City Treasurer be directed to begin the usual advertisement of sale. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

TRAFFIC SURVEY OF SYLVANIA AVENUE AND NORTH TRYON STREET INTERSECTION.

Mayor Shaw presented a report from the Traffic Engineer of the survey of the Sylvania Avenue and North Tryon Street intersection, where a traffic light was requested installed by Mr. S. C. Vaughn. The survey indicated that the pedestrian volumes are not sufficiently large at this intersection to warrant additional controls to that 300 feet south at Dalton

Avenue and North Tryon Street. The City Manager advised that a traffic light will soon be installed at Dalton Avenue, which will be a material aid to pedestrian travel.

The Mayor recommended that the report be accepted and no further control be installed at this time. No action was taken by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk