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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, March 3, 1954, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem Smith presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Mayor Van Every

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

PROPOSED ZOO EXPLAINED BY PROMOTER.

Mr. Ralph Fleming appeared before Council to explain the project of a Zoo for Charlotte, being undertaken by the Charlotte Zoological Society, which he is heading. He advised a Charter has been issued by the State of North Carolina, and their By-laws have been drawn up. That the objective of the Society is to develop an interest in their non-profit organization by selling memberships at \$5.00 each. That every cent that has been raised through the sale of memberships, and by contributions, has been placed in a Bank, with the exception of the \$90.00 he has in his pocket. That they propose to support the Zoo by annual membership dues of \$10.00 for adults or \$15.00 per family, and by gate receipts. He stated he thinks the project can be financed by voluntary contributions, and memberships, and no taxes. That several architects in Charlotte have stated they would make the drawings for the enclosures without cost, and four contractors have stated they will assist with digging the pits for the animals with equipment they have idle at the time. He advised further that the immediate objective is to acquire a site; that Mr. Frank Flowers, Attorney, has a piece of property he will sell them, located about one and a half miles beyond the Coliseum on Independence Boulevard. Upon the inquiry of Councilman Brown as to the number of members on the Board of Directors, Mr. Fleming stated that ten members have been secured for the Board of Directors and they wish a total of 36 members; that Mr. E. B. Stone, a Mr. Barnhardt and three ladies from the Junior League will be added. Councilman Brown stated that the Council would be interested in knowing that the project will be able to pay its way and will not affect the tax rate.

Mr. Fleming stated that the Solicitation Commission advised him and Mr. Paul Erwin that a solicitation permit is not needed. He stated further that, too, they have a legal right to solicit memberships. That he had not requested a permit from the Solicitation Review Committee, from whom he had received a letter asking that he do so, as the Committee has no legal authority; however, he will probably explain the project to them. Councilman Boyd congratulated Mr. Fleming on the project, and stated he thinks it is fine for Charlotte and that he wishes Mr. Fleming well in this undertaking and wished he were able to contribute to it.

OPENING OF EAST SIXTH STREET FROM McDOWELL TO MYERS STREET AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with the opening of East Sixth Street from McDowell Street to Myers Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MESSRS. STEFFEY, MURNICK, LEFEVERS AND GRIER TO THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Brown moved the reappointment to the Park and Recreation Commission of Mr. Joe Grier, Jr. for a term of 5 years, of Mr. David LeFevers for a term of 5 years, of Mr. R. P. Steffey for a term of 4 years and of Mr. Joe Murnick for a term of 3 years, all effective upon the expiration of their present terms on March 21, 1954. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

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APPOINTMENT OF J. C. CHALMERS AND C. C. MCGINNIS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Dellinger moved the appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of Mr. J. C. Chalmers to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Walter W. Hock and appointment of Mr. C. C. McGinnis as an Alternate Member of the Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE E. WILKINSON TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

Councilman Brown moved the appointment of Mr. George E. Wilkinson to the Planning Board for the unexpired term, expiring on June 5, 1955, of Mr. Frank Thies, resigned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

EASEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY ACROSS SUGAW CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT PROPERTY.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute an easement in favor of the Duke Power Company across the Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant property, approximately 1190 feet in length, paralleling the line of the Kirkpatrick property, as shown on the Plat prepared by Duke Power Company dated December 21, 1953, and attached to the said Easement, for the sum of \$1,500.00.

PLAT OF PORTION OF MORNINGSIDE HILLS SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Councilman Boyd moved that the Plat of Portion of Morningside Hills Subdivision be approved, as recommended by the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, the transfer of \$965.30 was authorized from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to the Traffic Engineering Department (Code 552, 1518) for payment of the cost of the redesigned lighting improvement of North Tryon Street Underpass.

EXTENSION OF DREXEL PLACE APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, approving the extension of Drexel Place, as recommended by the Planning Board.

DRESDEN DRIVE WEST, WOODLAND DRIVE, NORLAND ROAD AND ROANOKE AVENUE TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for maintenance:

- (a) Dresden Drive West, from a point 580 ft. south of Woodland Drive to Norland Road, and from a point 980 ft. north of Woodland Drive to Norland Road.
- (b) Woodland Drive, from Dresden Drive West to a point 250-ft. east of Westchester Boulevard.
- (c) Norland Road, from Dresden Drive West to Dresden Drive East.
- (d) Roanoke Avenue, from Woodland Drive to Dresden Drive East.

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NAME OF HAMILTON AVENUE CHANGED TO PEPPERCORN LANE.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the name of Hamilton Avenue, from Belvedere Avenue to its present dead-end, be changed to Peppercorn Lane as requested by the property owners, and recommended by the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

REMOVAL OF TREE FROM PLANTING STRIP AT 1200 CENTRAL AVENUE APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the removal of a tree from the planting strip at the residence of Mr. J. J. Thomas, at 1200 Central Avenue, as requested.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the construction of sanitary sewer mains was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) 495-ft. of main in Burton Street, at an estimated cost of \$1,800.00, which will be borne by the City, to serve 20 family units and 6 vacant lots, at request of Helms Construction Company.
- (b) 141-ft. of main in East 16th Street, at an estimated cost of \$1,180.00, which will be borne by the City, to serve 11 business units being relocated, at request of Highland Park Mfg. Company.
- (c) 290-ft. of main in Myers Park, to serve 4 vacant lots on Bucknell Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$780.00, at request of Mr. W. R. James, 1417 Enderly Road West. All cost to be borne by the City and Applicant's deposit of the full amount to be refunded as per the contract.
- (d) 565-ft of main in Myers Park, to serve 8 vacant lots on Irby Drive, at an estimated cost of \$1,270.00, at request of Mr. W. R. James. All cost to be borne by the City, and Applicant's deposit of the full amount to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

CONTRACT AWARDED NEPTUNE METER COMPANY FOR WATER METERS.

Councilman Brown moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Neptune Meter Company, for 25, 2-inch Water Meters, displacement type, as specified, on a unit price basis, at a net delivered price of \$3,510.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED AMERICAN LAFRANCE FOAMITE CORP. FOR ONE 1,000 GALLON PUMPING ENGINE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, contract for a 1,000 Gallon per minute Triple Combination Pumping Engine and Hose Car with booster system, as specified, was awarded The American LaFrance Foamite Corp., at a net delivered price of \$23,998.50.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION FOR ONE 1,000 GALLON PUMPING ENGINE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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CONTRACT AWARDED THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION FOR ONE COMBINATION LADDER AND HOSE TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to The Seagrave Corporation for One Combination Ladder and Hose Truck complete with booster system, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$37,550.00.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT WITH JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL WATER MAINS AND FIRE HYDRANTS IN COLONIAL VILLAGE SUBDIVISION.

Councilman Brown moved that a Supplementary Contract be authorized with John Crosland Company (to contract dated February 25, 1953) for the construction of 15,000 feet of water mains and 15 fire hydrants, in Colonial Village Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$32,800.00. The City to finance all costs, and the applicant to guarantee a gross annual water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Louise E. Carraway, for Graves #2 and #3 in Lot 116, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$52.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Ann H. Bailey, for northwest quarter of Lot 134, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE AT 2333 STATESVILLE AVENUE APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of One 30-ft. driveway entrance at 2333 Statesville Avenue.

PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SOUTH CALDWELL STREET WIDENING FROM CLYDE D. RAY AND OTHERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the purchase of a strip of land on the southeasterly side of South Caldwell Street was authorized from Mr. Clyde D. Ray and others for the total sum of \$4,650.00, as right-of-way for the widening of South Caldwell Street.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF MRS. LILLIAN M. WHITNER FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the claim of Mrs. Lillian M. Whitner for personal injuries sustained by falling to the sidewalk near the corner of Dilworth Road and Mount Vernon Avenue on July 28, 1953, be settled in the amount of \$400.00, as recommended by the City Manager and City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO FRANK HAAS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the Special Officer Permit was renewed to Mr. Frank Haas, for use on the premises of the City's Cemeteries.

LEASE OF OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO U. S. NAVY AIR RESERVE AUXILIARY AIR UNITS 672 & 673.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the lease of the Old Administration Building at Douglas Municipal Airport to the U. S. Navy Air Reserve Auxiliary Air Units 672 & 673, for a term of 5 years, at a rental of \$1.00 per year, with the usual 60 days cancellation clause to be included in the lease, and they to pay the water charges.

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SALARY OF WILL BARNES, CEMETERY EMPLOYEE, INCREASED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the salary of Will Barnes, Employee in the Cemetery Department, was increased to \$220.00 per month, as recommended by the City Manager.

SALARY OF DENTIST IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT FIXED AT \$9,100.00 PER ANNUM.

Councilman Baxter moved that the salary of a Dentist in the Health Department be fixed at \$9,100.00 per annum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Rebecca R. Hoffman
City Clerk