

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 7, 1951, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor pro tem Aitken presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on February 28th were approved as submitted.

REQUEST THAT CITY SPONSOR LEGISLATION TO PERMIT STREET WIDENING IN EXCHANGE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY BY PROPERTY OWNER.

Mr. H. B. McGill appeared before Council relative to the widening of East 7th Street; he advised that he is the owner of two lots on the street and has discussed with the City Manager the matter of the City widening the street if the property owners will donate the rights-of-way, and was informed that the City is without authority to provide paving in exchange for the right-of-way. He called attention to the congested condition of East 7th Street between McDowell and Tryon Streets and stated if something is not done so that cars may be parked along the street then the area will develop into a slum area, as small business concerns cannot continue to operate without parking being available to their customers, and the small business concerns cannot afford off-street parking lots.

Mr. McGill stated that the present street widening law is inadequate and too costly to the taxpayers. He requested the Council to present a bill to the Legislature to give the City authority to widen existing paved streets and sidewalks if a majority of the property owners will donate the right-of-way, and the City, State and Federal Governments pay the expenses of making an arterial, or through street to alleviate traffic to the entire traveling public; the City to have the right to condemn, pay damages and assess benefits where right-of-way is not given and to have the right to protect itself by buying the lot next to the corner, where the corner lot is damaged more than the price of the adjoining, or part of the adjoining lot, and to assess benefits if any.

Mayor pro tem Aitken advised Mr. McGill that the Council has under consideration the question of street widening in needed areas, and his request will also be considered.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the transfer of \$2,500.00 from the Water Department Emergency Fund (Code 613) to the following divisions within the said Department for Uniforms and Clothing, was authorized:

Division 607 (Code C-33)	\$ 270.00
Division 608 (Code C-33)	\$ 135.00
Division 609 (Code C-33)	\$ 225.00
Division 610 (Code C-33)	\$1,450.00
Division 623 (Code C-33)	\$ 210.00
Division 624 (Code C-33)	\$ 210.00

## SUBDIVISION PLAT OF WOODLAND ACRES APPROVED.

Councilman Daughtry moved approval of the plat of Woodland Acres Subdivision located on Tuckaseegee Road, Irene and Brown Avenues and being developed by Mr. E. G. Hayes; same having been recommended by the Planning Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

## NAME OF PORTLAND STREET AND CHERRY STREET CHANGED TO GRANT STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the names of Portland Street and Cherry Street, from Lander Street to Norwood Drive in the Hoskins section, were changed to Grant Street, as recommended by the City Engineer and Planning Board upon request of a majority of the property owners.

## AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY TO INSTALL WATER MAINS, OPEN PAVEMENT AND SUSPEND MAIN FROM BRIDGE IN PARK ROAD.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, authorizing an agreement with the State Highway and Public Works Commission for right-of-way to install water mains in Park Road between Selwyn Avenue and Tyvola Road and in Tyvola Road from Park Road to the Sugaw Creek Sewage Treatment Plant; to open the pavement at the intersection of Tyvola Road and Park Road and to suspend a water main from the bridge girders crossing Briar Creek.

## CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER TRUNK FROM SUGAW CREEK OUTFALL NEAR SELWYN PARK TO BELTON STREET.

Councilman Wilkinson moved approval of the construction of 15,227 feet of new sanitary sewer trunk from Sugaw Creek Outfall near Selwyn Park to Belton Street, at an estimated cost of \$59,665.00 to be borne by the City, to serve 149 family units and 50 vacant lots, at the request of Mr. W. M. Moore. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

## CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR COPPER TUBING.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, a contract was authorized with Blythe Bros. Company for 5,000 feet of 3/4-inch Copper Tubing, at a net delivered price of \$1,750.00.

## CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE AT 212 COLVILLE ROAD.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of a driveway entrance at 212 Colville Road.

## RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO E. C. SULLIVAN ON PREMISES OF LANCE, INC.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the renewal of the Special Officer Permit to E. C. Sullivan on the premises of Lance, Inc., was authorized.

## UNFIT HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT.

The City Manager presented the Unfit Housing Progress Report for period ending February 28th, as follows:

Number of inspections made	340	
Number of housing units brought up to standard	195	
Number of property owners cited for hearings	8	
Number of housing units condemned	29	
Total units brought up to standard since August 1948		5,414
Total units demolished since August 1948		634

CEMETERY LOTS TRANSFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of cemetery lots as follows:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Annie Henry, for southwest quarter of Lot 162 in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Lola S. Davis, for northwest quarter of Lot 164 in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.
- (c) Deed with J. H. Craddock and wife, for Lot 223, in Section 3 of Evergreen Cemetery, at \$208.00.
- (d) Deed with Mrs. Martha S. Roberts, for southwest quarter of Lot 48, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$40.95.
- (e) Deed with Mrs. Flora M. Middy, for southeast quarter of Lot 48, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$40.95.
- (f) Deed with Miss Ruth Gregory and Miss Bonnie Moore, for Lots A & B in front of Rows #15 and #16, in Section A, North Pinewood Cemetery, at \$204.75.

REPORT THAT DUKE POWER COMPANY UNWILLING TO CHANGE BUS ROUTE FROM INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD VIA EAST SEVENTH STREET AND HAWTHORNE LANE.

Mr. H. A. Yancey, City Manager, reported that Duke Power Company Officials have been interviewed relative to the replacement of the bus line along East 7th Street east of Independence Boulevard and along Hawthorne Lane; that the Power Company officials gave as one reason that if the change back is made they will then have to consider the several requests for return of former service on various streets, and, secondly, the time element involved in the service via the two routes.

NEED FOR OUT-PATIENT CLINIC FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOR AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS EXPLAINED BY MRS. H. P. MCALLISTER.

Mrs. H. P. McAllister appeared before Council to call attention to the need for an Out-patient Clinic, under the direction of a competent psychologist, to deal with the behavior and emotional problems of the exceptional child with physical or mental handicaps, and where mothers may be trained in the care and guidance of such children. She stated that such special training is available in Charlotte only in the Elizabeth School. She advised that the newly established Spastics Hospital is serving a great need to cerebral palsy patients. She advised that plans for the establishment of the Out-patient Clinic are being made with the Director of Special Education in the City Schools, and if far enough advanced when the City's budget is made up they will probably request an appropriation for the establishment of the Clinic.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Haysman*  
City Clerk