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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Monday, March 7, 1960, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding and Councilmen Albea, Babcock, Dellinger, Hitch, Myers, Smith and Whittington being present.

ABSENT: None

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on February 29th were approved as submitted.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AVIATION COMMITTEE REQUEST COUNCIL TO CONTACT FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY RELATIVE TO NEWS RELEASE THAT NO ALLOCATION OF FUNDS MADE FOR CHARLOTTE JET RUNWAY.

Mr. Donald Denton, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, advised the Committee had met with the Executive Committee and they are much perturbed at the News release by the Federal Aviation Agency that no allocation of funds will be made in their 1960-61 program for Charlotte's Jet runway. He urged that the Council contact the proper persons and endeavor to secure the badly needed funds. He offered the Committee's assistance. Mr. Denton stated that much interest has been expressed in the parallel runway at our Airport in recent weeks and the matter should be pursued.

Mayor Smith expressed appreciation for his interest, and requested the City Manager and City Attorney to confer as to a course of action that may be followed in the matter.

RETIRING ASSISTANCE CITY ENGINEER, R. T. JAMES, COMMENDED BY MAYOR ON YEARS OF SERVICE TO CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. R. T. James, Assistant City Engineer, who is retiring after thirty-three years of continuous service with the City of Charlotte was commended by Mayor Smith for the many years of capable and dedicated service he has rendered as Assistant City Engineer. Mayor Smith told Mr. James that his record of service as a public employee should serve as an inspiration to all persons in this field. The good wishes of the Mayor, the Council and his colleagues were extended Mr. James by the Mayor.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO DEATH OF FRANK THOMAS MILLER, CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR CHARLOTTE GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM, ADOPTED.

The following resolution of regret at the death of Mr. Frank Thomas Miller, Consulting Engineer for Charlotte's Grade Crossing Elimination Program, was introduced by Councilman Dellinger, and adopted:

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"WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom, has called from labor to rest, Frank Thomas Miller; and

WHEREAS, our grief at his passing is softened by the thoughts of our pleasant association with him; and

WHEREAS, he made work a noble and satisfying experience and the results of his labors are shown in Charlotte and many other North Carolina cities; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep appreciation of his splendid service to the City of Charlotte that we honor his memory and mourn his passing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family in their sorrow and pray God's blessings to rest upon them.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family of the deceased, and also to the newspapers in the City of Charlotte for publication, and that it be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting of the City Council."

RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOSPITAL FACT FINDING COMMITTEE THAT CITY ACCEPT LEGAL TITLE TO GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AND HOSPITAL FACILITY BE PLACED UNDER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY AND BOND ELECTIONS FOR RENOVATION OF GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL BUILDINGS AND FOR CONSTRUCTING WING AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ADOPTED.

Mr. Herbert Hitch, Chairman of the Hospital Future Requirements Fact Finding Committee, submitted the following Report and recommendations:

"1. On November 18, 1959 a Special Fact Finding Committee was appointed by Mayor Smith to survey the immediate needs for hospital beds in our community, particularly as this need applies to the Negro citizen. Members of this Committee are:

Mr. Herbert Hitch, Chairman
 Mr. R.S. Dickson, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Charlotte Memorial Hospital
 Mr. Ervin Laxton, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Good Samaritan Hospital
 Mr. J.J. Harris, Chairman, Executive Committee, Charlotte Memorial Hospital
 Mr. Marshall I. Pickens, Director, The Duke Endowment
 Mr. John M. McEwen, County Commissioner.
 Dr. J. K. MacDonald, Physician
 Dr. Chalmers R. Carr, Physician
 Mr. E. R. Frye, Administrator, Good Samaritan Hospital
 Mr. R. Z. Thomas, Jr., Administrator, Charlotte Memorial Hospital

2. This situation, while long recognized, was brought into sharp focus when Mr. Ervin Laxton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Good Samaritan Hospital, stated to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Charlotte Memorial Hospital that his Board was unable and unwilling to continue the operation of the Good Samaritan Hospital with inadequate funds and particularly uncertainty as to the future of its operation. It was also indicated that title to the Hospital property would be transferred to the City.

3. On December 7, 1959 at 2:00 p.m., the Fact Finding Committee came before the City Council with very hurriedly prepared "crash program" needs, based upon the fact that at the time it was indicated that immediate action was required. When it was ascertained that additional study time could be granted, the Fact Finding Committee consulted with the Medical Care Commission of Raleigh, N. C., the Duke Endowment, Mr. R. Edwin Wilson, Architect long familiar with present facilities of the Good Samaritan Hospital, and Mr. J. B. Norman, Hospital Consultant. Since its appointment, this Committee has worked long and diligently in an attempt to determine adequately but not wastefully the immediate needs for this community with respect to hospital beds for Negro citizens.

4. In making these recommendations your Committee was fully aware of the fact that in the time at its disposal no adequate or complete long range survey of either the Negro, or white beds to be needed in this community could be properly defined. For this reason a Committee Chairman was appointed by the Social Planning Council to study the full needs of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for the next 15 years. The Chairman, Col. Francis Beatty, has worked very closely with the Fact Finding Committee.

5. In the light of the above, your Committee respectfully submits the recommendations that:

- (a) The City accept legal title to the Good Samaritan Hospital in accordance with the resolution passed by the Good Samaritan Hospital Board of Trustees in this respect. (See Exhibit A.)
- (b) This Hospital facility be placed under the administration of the Charlotte Memorial Hospital Authority, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina.
- (c) A bond election be held for the purpose of raising approximately \$800,000, of which approximately \$700,000 would be used for the renovation of existing facilities of the Good Samaritan Hospital, the renovation of the Nurses Residence for patient use, and \$100,000 approximately for the acquisition of much needed equipment. Completed renovation will provide 142 beds. (See Exhibit B for full report of the Fact Finding Committee's Sub-Committee.)
- (d) A bond election be held for the purpose of constructing another 250 bed patient wing at Charlotte Memorial Hospital so as to permit adequate hospital beds at Charlotte Memorial Hospital for the care of the community's entire population, regardless of race. The cost of this wing is estimated to be approximately \$3,000,000, of which \$1,500,000 is expected to be made available through the Federal Hill-Burton Hospital Construction Program.
- (e) The cost of caring for the charity patient continue to be the joint responsibility of the City and County.

6. The above recommendations have been endorsed in principle by the Executive Committee of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Social Planning Council under Col. Francis Beatty.

7. The Medical Staff of Charlotte Memorial Hospital has endorsed the utilization of Good Samaritan Hospital as a temporary measure. (See Exhibit C.)

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In conclusion, your attention is invited to the fact that the renovation at the Good Samaritan Hospital is based upon the premise and the written assurance by the Board of Trustees of Good Samaritan Hospital that the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina will be requested at its next meeting to deed to the City of Charlotte for one dollar and other valuable considerations the present land and facilities of the Good Samaritan Hospital. The resolution to be presented to the Diocese is herewith attached.

While the need for improved health facilities for the Negro patient has been conclusively demonstrated to your Committee, it is also recognized that such facilities cannot, of themselves, provide the total answer to the question at hand. Skilled technical and professional personnel to man these facilities are vital. Plans to recruit and train these employees should be developed without delay.

It is also recognized that any program of this nature will have its opponents, whose opinions are based on genuine and honest appraisals of the situation. Careful study, nevertheless, on the part of your Committee dictates the above recommendations as representing the best and most workable program for the immediate future.

Exhibits placed on file in the office of the City Clerk, including the Wilson Report and Blue Prints."

Mr. Hitch introduced the following persons who spoke to the recommendations:

Dr. Chalmers R. Carr, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Memorial Hospital, stated the situation has been under consideration by the Medical Staff of Memorial Hospital for sometime and it is fair to state there is a variation of opinions as to how to accomplish the desired results. He stated / ^{the} Visiting Medical Staff adopted a resolution on Dec. 15, 1959 endorsing the immediate expenditure of funds to bring Good Samaritan Hospital up to the minimum standards of medical care, and reiterating the intent of the Professional Staff of Memorial to provide medical care and supervision at Good Samaritan until adequate facilities for this care are available at Memorial Hospital.

He advised they recommend that suitable plans be made to staff Good Samaritan so the Hospital may be used until adequate wings may be provided at Memorial.

Mr. Marshall Pickens, Director, Duke Endowment, emphasized the shortage of hospital beds in Charlotte, stating on Dec. 31, 1959 there were 1,217 beds and by 1965 the need will be for 545 additional. In his remarks he advised that Good Samaritan Hospital is ineligible for Hill-Burton funds because of the limited site and its location.

Colonel Francis Beatty, Chairman of the recently appointed Long Range Health Study Committee on the Social Planning Council, stated they will engage the services of a Health Consultant to learn Charlotte's immediate health needs. He advised they have studied the Fact Finding Committee's Report and approve it in principle and agree that the recommendations are the immediate solution to carry us over the next few years by which time his Committee hopes to have a permanent solution.

Mr. Herbert Wayne of the Chamber of Commerce Committee, stated they feel the report is high on Charlotte's priority needs and they recommend that the Council give it careful consideration.

Mr. Ervin Laxton, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Good Samaritan Hospital, stated the Resolution passed by the Board of Trustees speaks for itself. (Exhibit A of Fact Finding Committee Report.) That title to Good Samaritan

Hospital property is held by the Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of N. C. That they are primarily concerned with the indigent negro, and the Trust established states it is to serve the bodily and spiritual welfare of the indigent negro; that in recommending to the Diocese that Title be transferred, the Board recommended that the Trust also be transferred.

Mr. R. S. Dickson, Chairman, Memorial Hospital Authority, stated he wished to reiterate that the Authority is happy with what they have but at the same time they are responsive to the needs of Charlotte and they stand ready to carry out the will of the people to meet those needs.

Mr. Brodie Griffith, Mr. John M. McEwen, Mr. Zack Thomas and Mr. Ed Frye spoke in support of the recommendations of the Committee.

The Reverend James Wertz, member of the Executive Committee, advised the Report was reviewed by the Committee and is submitted to the Council with their blessing, and he is most happy to live in Charlotte where there is so much good will.

Councilman Hitch stated this is one of the most important matters the Council will be called on to consider during their tenure of office. He moved the adoption of the recommendations of the Hospital Fact Finding Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Smith stated as a layman he would prefer using the \$800,000 for a new hospital rather than for renovation purposes. He advised there are those who are opposed to this plan and he feels they should be given an opportunity to be heard. He offered a substitute motion that a hearing be held next Monday for anyone who would like to be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Councilman Hitch stated he would be perfectly willing to postpone action if any good purpose would be served. That it was generally known the Committee would present their recommendations today and there is no one present opposing it.

Councilman Whittington stated he is of the opinion that Good Samaritan will have to be counted on to help serve the needs for many years as long as the building will stand even if a Wing is built at Memorial. Mr. Pickens stated that is correct; that the process of building a hospital is lengthy, and 24 months from the date a contract is actually let to the date of completion is typical.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion by Councilman Smith and lost with the following votes cast:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Dellinger and Smith
NAYS: Councilmen Babcock, Hitch, Myers and Whittington.

The main motion by Councilman Hitch to adopt the recommendations of the Committee was then voted on and carried, the votes being cast as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hitch, Albea, Babcock, Dellinger, Myers and Whittington
NAYS: Councilman Smith

CONSIDERATION OF BRIDGE OVER 4TH STREET DEFERRED TO INVITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MEET WITH COUNCIL NEXT MONDAY FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT.

Mayor Smith advised the audience he has requested the Council to defer

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consideration of the Bridge over East 4th Street in order to invite the County Commissioners to meet with them on next Monday to discuss the proposal.

Mr. E. C. Griffith, who had previously opposed the construction of the bridge, stated he thinks this is a very gracious gesture and way to handle the matter.

PETITION FOR STREET LIGHT AT INTERSECTION OF SCALEYBARK AND MURRAYHILL ROADS REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Dellinger presented a petition for a street light at the intersection of Scaleybark and Murryhill Roads and referred it to the City Manager for proper handling.

ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO KEEP SHRUBBERY AT STREET INTERSECTIONS CUT SO NOT TO OBSTRUCT MOTORISTS' VIEW TO BE STUDIED BY CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Dellinger advised that the City Manager has reported that the shrubbery obstructing the view of motorists at Colville and Providence Roads is on private property. The City Manager was requested to write the property owner and ask that he remove the shrubbery.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, suggested that he secure copies of Ordinances effective in other cities requiring property owners to keep shrubbery at intersections at a certain height not to obstruct the view and if not conformed to the City, cut it back, and he and the City Attorney will review such ordinances.

SALARY OF RECORDER'S COURT STENOGRAPHER INCREASED.

Councilman Smith moved that the salary of Mrs. Eye Burns Kinsey, City Recorder's Court stenographer be increased from \$325.00 to \$350.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried.

TRAFFIC COUNT AT HAWTHORNE LANE EXTENSION AND PARKWOOD AVENUE REQUESTED.

Councilman Whittington stated the Traffic Engineer reported sometime ago that a traffic light was not required at the intersection of Hawthorne Lane Extension and Parkwood Avenue, and he would like the City Manager to have another count made at this time as traffic has increased at this point, and the residents feel the light is needed.

STREET MAINTENANCE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS COMMENDED FOR SNOW REMOVAL.

Councilman Whittington moved that the Council commend the Street Maintenance Department and any other Departments participating in the removal of last Wednesday's snow. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried.

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS PROPERTY OF PAUL BUCHANAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KISTLER AVENUE SANITARY SEWER.

Councilman Whittington moved that condemnation proceedings be authorized

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for 46.37 ft. by 10 ft. right-of-way across the property of Mr. Paul Buchanan for the construction of the Kistler Avenue sanitary sewer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Babcock and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE FORD METER BOX COMPANY FOR WATER METER YOKES, CONNECTIONS AND GASKETS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded to the only bidder, The Ford Meter Box Company, for 2,000 #209-U Water Meter Yokes, 200 #101-U Meter Yokes and 60 #104 Meter Yokes with 200 Connections and Gaskets, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$11,178.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED JONES CHEMICALS, INC. FOR LIQUID CHLORINE.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Jones Chemicals, Inc., for 90 tons of Liquid Chlorine, as specified, truck delivery, representing a net delivered price of \$8,622.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, and unanimously carried.

The following net delivered bids were received:

Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 8,622.00
Solvay Process Division, Allied Chemical Corp.	\$ 8,802.00
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.	\$ 8,802.00

CONTRACT AWARDED THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR SODIUM SILICOFLUORIDE.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to The American Agricultural Chemical Company for 60 tons of Sodium Silicofluoride, Nile blue color as specified, truck delivery, at a net delivered price of \$9,828.00.

The net delivered bids received were as follows:

The American Agricultural Chemical Company	
"Blue Color" - truck delivery	\$ 9,828.00
ALTERNATE BID - "White Color"-truck delivery	\$ 9,228.00
General Chemical Div., Allied Chemical Corp.	
"White Color" - rail delivery	\$ 9,324.00
ALTERANTE BID -"White Color"-truck delivery	\$ 9,288.00

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contracts were authorized for the installation of water mains, as follows:

- (a) Contract with Trotter and Allen Construction Company for the installation of 1,640 feet of water mains in Eastwood Acres (inside the city limits) to serve a residential area, at an estimated cost of \$5,300.00. The City to finance all costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost.

- (b) Supplemental contract, to contract dated June 18, 1958, with Ervin Construction Company for the installation of 575 feet of mains in Starmount No. 2 Subdivision (outside the city limits) to serve residential property, at an estimated cost of \$2,700.00. The applicant to finance all costs and will dedicate the mains to the City without cost upon acceptance by the City for maintenance and operation.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Babcock and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed with John D. Elliott and wife, for the south half of Lot 47, Section Q, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from J. P. Irwin and wife, at \$1.00 for transfer.

ARCHITECT REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR CHANGE ORDERS IN CONTRACTS FOR ADDITION TO AIRPORT TERMINAL AND F.A.A. BUILDING.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he has requests for Change Orders in contracts for the addition to the Airport Terminal and the F.A.A. Building, one of which is that of R. H. Wheatly Company for extension of an additional 36 days of completion time. Mr. Veeder stated this is the second extension on this particular contract and he understands the Architect is reluctantly submitting the request.

Following the discussion, Councilman Dellinger moved that the Change Orders be disallowed. The motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Myers moved that the Architect, or a member of his firm, be requested to come down and discuss the matter with Council and give his recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Babcock and carried with votes cast as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Babcock, Hitch, Myers, Smith and Whittington
NAYS: Councilman Dellinger.

SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY CONDEMNATION SUITS AUTHORIZED SETTLED WITH RICHARD SMATHERS AND JOE L. PATTERSON.

Upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, payment of \$589.12 was authorized to Mr. Richard Smathers in settlement of condemnation suit for right-of-way for the Eastway Sanitary Sewer, and \$300.00 authorized paid to Mr. Joe L. Patterson in settlement of condemnation suit for right-of-way for the Baxter Road Sanitary Sewer, both as recommended by the City Attorney.

NAME OF EMBREE AVENUE CHANGED TO TERRYWOOD LANE ON PETITION OF RESIDENTS.

Councilman Whittington moved that the name of Embree Avenue be changed to Terrywood Lane as requested by the residents of the street and recommended by the Planning Board, and City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

BOND ATTORNEYS AUTHORIZED REQUESTED TO PREPARE NECESSARY PAPERS FOR CALLING SPECIAL BOND ELECTION FOR \$3,500,000 SEWAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, \$800,000 GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL RENOVATIONS AND \$1,500,000 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ADDITION.

Councilman Hitch moved that the City Attorney, City Manager and City Treasurer be instructed to request the City's Bond Attorneys to prepare the necessary papers for the Issuance of \$3,500,000 Sewer Improvements Bonds as outlined in the report of the City Manager today; and the Issuance of \$800,000 Hospital Bonds to be used for the renovation of the present quarters at Good Samaritan Hospital and \$1,500,000 Hospital Bonds to be used for constructing an additional wing at Memorial Hospital as outlined in the Report of the Hospital Fact Finding Committee today; the two hospital issues to be independent of each other, and that proper notice be given the Local Government Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

REQUESTED SALE OF VICTORY CAB 108 AND EQUIPMENT WITH OPERATING RIGHTS BY LEONARD E. CRUMP TO HERBERT L. JOHNSON AUTHORIZED, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried, the sale of Victory Cab No. 108 and equipment with operating rights by Mr. Leonard E. Crump to Mr. Herbert L. Johnson was authorized, subject to approval of the Chief of Police.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m., March 10th in the Mecklenburg County Courthouse with the Board of Elections to canvass the returns of the Special Tax Election, for the maintenance and support of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Recreation Commission.



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk