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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 9, 1955, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson present.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was delivered by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on March 2nd were approved as submitted.

COUNCIL ASSURES CHAIRMAN SPECIAL HOSPITAL STUDY COMMITTEE THEY WILL EXPEDITE PASSAGE OF BILL PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOND ISSUE IN MAY 3RD ELECTION.

Mr. Frank Snepp, Chairman of the Special Hospital Study Committee of the Social Planning Council, United Services, requested the Council to do everything possible to expedite the passage of the Bill by the General Assembly providing for the inclusion of the Memorial Hospital Planning Bonds in the May 3rd election, now that the City's Bond Attorneys have approved the legislation. Mr. Snepp stated that it is possible that it will not require the full amount of \$250,000 to plan the addition to the Hospital, that it is possible the plans and specifications can be drawn for \$50,000 or \$75,000.

Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, advised that the Bill will have to be statewide, as it amends the Municipal Finance Act. He advised that the Notice of Intention to file an application with the Local Government Commission has been published.

At the request of the Mayor that the Council comply with Mr. Snepp's request, the Council unanimously agreed to expedite the passage of the Bill.

OVERALL MASTER PLAN FOR AIRPORT BY PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT REQUESTED BY AVIATION COMMITTEE OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DEFERRED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Members of the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce appeared before Council and Mr. McAlister Carson, Jr., Chairman, presented their request that the Council take immediate action to establish a long range master plan for the development of Douglas Municipal Airport and to employ a competent professional consultant to accomplish this end.

Mr. Carson stated that the Aviation Committee is composed of representative citizens who are vitally interested in aviation affairs for our city; that they are men actively using airline facilities both domestically and abroad, ex-service pilots and aircrewmembers, private pilots, airport facility contractors, representatives of our airlines and business and professional lay leaders. That the Committee last July undertook the details and mechanics of the dedication of the new air terminal, and again in August aided in the negotiations with the U. S. Post Office Department lease arrangements pursuant to the establishment at our Airport of an air mail field, which was accomplished.

He stated further that at the meeting of the Committee on March 4th, at which 19 of the 25 members were present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted; that it was then taken to the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, who together with the Board of Directors in meeting today passed upon the resolution as an official action for presentation to the City Council by the Committee:

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"WHEREAS, the rapid growth of aviation in Charlotte makes it more imperative daily that an Overall Master Plan for the Airport be made, we hereby respectfully submit the following resolution to the City Council:

1. That the City Council take immediate action to establish a Long Range Master Plan for the development of the Airport.
2. That this be accomplished by employing a competent professional Consultant at the earliest possible date."

Mr. Carson then discussed the question as to why Charlotte needs an Airport Master Plan, stating the City plans for it's business, our schools, water, sewerage, streets and other such facilities. That our Airport represents a multi-million dollar investment and can only be developed and protected by application of a master plan. That additional millions of dollars of invested capital is represented by planes, technical buildings and equipment.

That in 1953 the City employed Mr. Albert Gotch, Aviation Consultant of Washington, D. C. to survey and analyze the air transportation facilities in Charlotte. That his report indicated that in 1952, while Charlotte was 97th in population, it was 25th in airline passengers enplaned and all indications since have been that our position continues to improve. That Charlotte is only outranked in terms of passengers enplaned per 1,000 population by Dallas, Texas. That another vivid example of Charlotte's growth in aviation is the analysis of statistics by the Chamber of Commerce indicating increases through November 1954 over the same period of time in 1953: Bank Clearings up 9.2%; Telephones up 6.4%; electric meters up 7.5%; water meters up 6.1% and air passengers boarded, up 15.2%.

That the Consultant employed in October 1954 to advise relative to the request to the City to lease space at the Airport, recommended that a Master Plan be made before the leasing of space was gone into; too, that the Aero Club urges the adoption of such plan.

He referred to the fact that the City has before it requests to lease space for a Motel, the request of the Air National Guard Bureau to lease additional land for the construction of buildings, as well as other similar requests, and these matters can be settled much easier if a Master Plan is in existence.

That it is estimated that within 5 years we shall have in Charlotte commercial helicopter service, pure jet commercial airliners and military planes - that the City cannot possibly keep pace with these things without a Master Overall Plan. Mr. Carson called attention to sections of a publication by the U. S. Department of Commerce, C.A.A., copies of which he presented to the Council, "that the airport plan should provide positive separation of civil, military and/or manufacturing areas to minimize operational conflicts. That most airports are developed in stages to meet the current and anticipated aeronautical requirements, which suggests the Master Plan layout should depict the various stages from the initial through the ultimate development. That the Master Plan layout of the entire Airport, particularly the building area, must allow for expansion of all facilities, in addition to being flexible to permit accomodation of the continually changing pattern of airport activities".

Mr. Carson ended his remarks by urging the Council to adopt and establish a Master Long Range Plan for the development of our Airport.

Councilman Baxter stated if this and former Councils were not air-minded, Charlotte would not have the aviation facilities it has today. He then moved that the report of the Committee be accepted as information and agree to take definite action on it in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

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Councilman Smith offered a substitute motion that the Council request the City's Airport Advisory Committee and the City Manager to confer together and to employ a professional consultant to proceed with the recommendation presented and make a Master Plan for the Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Brown spoke in support of the motion by Councilman Baxter, stating that he thinks the mechanics of the program will have to be given time to be worked out.

Councilman Boyd pointed out that the Airport Advisory Committee has consulted with the Council twice and indicated they did not think the plan was wise.

Councilman Dellinger stated he believes the Council is in accord with the recommendations presented but in his opinion to go ahead would be issuing an ultimatum to the Advisory Committee to do something with which they are not in accord.

Upon the inquiry of Councilman Smith if the members of the Advisory Committee are not members of the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, Mr. Carson stated they are but were not present at the meeting of the Committee at which the resolution was adopted.

Mayor Van Every stated the City has three things immediately confronting them, namely: (1) the request to construct a Motel at the Airport, (2) the request of Colonel Payne for additional space for the Air National Guard and (3) that a large concern wants to locate at the Airport but will not do so until a Plan is worked out. He recommended that the Council go forward with the program and permit the Advisory Committee and the City Manager to employ a Planning Consultant.

The vote was taken on the Substitute Motion by Councilman Smith, and lost, with the votes cast as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea and Smith.

NAYS: Councilmen Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger and Wilkinson.

The vote was then taken on the main motion by Councilman Baxter, and carried, with the following votes cast:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger and Wilkinson.

NAYS: Councilman Smith.

Mayor Van Every again stated he hopes the Council will go forward with the program when it is brought up two weeks from today and he asked if the Council agrees to work out a Master Plan at that time? Councilman Baxter replied that his motion was to receive the report as information and prepare something definite and bring it up in two weeks time.

Mr. Carson offered the services of the Committee in getting together detail data, plot data, etc. to be ready when the Planning Consultant arrives.

APPOINTMENT OF FRED McPHAIL AND JERRY TUTTLE TO INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Smith moved the appointment of Mr. Fred McPhail and Mr. Jerry Tuttle to the Insurance Advisory Committee to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Mr. Don Kelleher and death of Mr. Walter Lambeth. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

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SCHEDULE FOR STARTING SALARIES IN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS ADOPTED.

Councilman Boyd stated it has been learned that the same situation applies to the starting pay in the Fire Department as was found to exist in the Police Department, which was reduced under Job Classification from the schedule adopted by the Council last July, and he moved that the salary schedule for the starting pay in the Police and Fire Departments, including the first two years, be the same, and the schedule of salaries for both the Police and Fire Departments for the first two years be as follows:

Salary for first 6 months	\$282.00
Salary for second 6 months	\$292.00
Salary for third 6 months	\$304.00
Salary for fourth 6 months	\$312.00

and after the end of the fourth 6 months (or two years) the schedule will work into the Job Classification schedule of salaries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Smith stated he does not like to tie the departments together in this fashion; that he feels each department should be considered independently of the others.

SCHEDULE OF SALARIES OF OUTSIDE TAX COLLECTORS REQUESTED.

Councilman Dellinger requested that the City Manager advise as to the salary schedule of the outside tax collectors, which he stated he has requested several times before. Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated he will be glad to furnish the information and was not aware that it had been requested previously.

Mayor Van Every stated the morale of the department heads and employees is going to be ruined unless these matters are discussed with the department heads. He urged that a policy be established whereby all similar matters affecting employees be discussed with the department head informally in the Mayor's office. He suggested that in this instance the matter be discussed next week with the Collector of Revenue.

Councilman Boyd expressed the opinion that the Council is at liberty to bring up and discuss any matter it desires at any time in the formal Council Meetings.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT INTEGRATED WITH JOB CLASSIFICATION RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 1954.

Councilman Brown moved that the Health Department be integrated with the Job Classification Program and the salary schedule be retroactive to July 1, 1954, the cost of which will amount to approximately \$19,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS NOT IN LINE OF DUTY, INCLUDED IN FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM PROPOSAL TO LEGISLATURE.

Councilman Brown moved that the proposed legislation adopted by the Council concerning the retirement of Firemen, fixing the retirement age at 60 and the contribution of 6.48% by both the City and Firemen, have added thereto the following with regard to disability retirement benefits not in the line of duty, if legal:

"Disability Retirement Benefit - NOT IN LINE OF DUTY.

After 10 years Service: 25% of pay at time of retirement plus $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ of pay for each year of service in excess of 10 years. Maximum Benefit - 50% after 30 years' service. And that retirement be permitted at age 55 and 30 years of service, at reduced benefit."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

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REQUEST OF AIR NATIONAL GUARD FOR LEASE OF LAND AT AIRPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS INFORMALLY APPROVED.

Councilman Baxter advised Colonel W. J. Payne, Commander of the local Air National Guard, who was present, that his request for the lease of land at the Airport for the construction of additional buildings has been informally approved and will be acted upon when presented in written form.

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPRAISERS OF BENEFITS AND/OR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY IN THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ON PLAZA ROAD, FROM PARKWOOD AVENUE TO CITY LIMITS.

The City Clerk reported that the Board of Appraisers filed with her on March 1, 1955, their report of the benefits and/or damages to property in the improvement district on Plaza Road, from Parkwood Avenue to the city limits, with no damages or benefits resulting from the widening and improvement.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS ON PLAZA FROM PARKWOOD AVENUE TO THE CITY LIMITS.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution with Respect to the Cost of Improvements on Plaza Road from Parkwood Avenue to the City Limits", was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted as read. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 278.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF MRS. SUE STOKES.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, authorizing the settlement of claim of Mrs. Sue Stokes, in the amount of \$42.33, for injuries sustained on October 29, 1954, in the 900 block of South McDowell Street.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for City maintenance:

- (a) Ellen Avenue, from Ventosa Street to Airlie Street.
- (b) Cheryl Street, from Anne Street to Libeth Street.
- (c) Cheryl Street, from Ventosa Street west 150 feet to end of present maintenance.
- (d) Ventosa Street, from Airlie Street to Ellen Avenue.
- (e) Airlie Street, from Hillside Drive to Country Club Drive.
- (f) Jeff Street, from Hillside Drive to Airlie Street.
- (g) Benson Place, from Shamrock Drive to Hillside Drive.
- (h) Globe Court, from Shamrock Drive to dead-end.

TREE REMOVALS AUTHORIZED IN WESTOVER STREET AND THE PLAZA.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following tree removals:

- (a) Removal of a tree from street right-of-way in the 1300 block of Westover Street, that interferes with sidewalk construction in front of the new ORC Armory, at request of C. D. Spangler Construction Company.
- (b) Removal of two trees from planting strip in the 1300 block of The Plaza, that are unsightly and interfere with the operation of business establishments, at request of Mr. Robert A. Hovis.

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CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN BEVERLY DRIVE.

Councilman Wilkinson moved approval of the construction of 341-ft. of sanitary sewer main in Beverly Drive, at an estimated cost of \$1,450.00, to be borne by the City, to replace a 30-year old 6-inch line. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS WITH MASSIE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, AND CHARLOTTE LUMBER & MFG. COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS INSTALLATION.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following contracts for the installation of water mains:

- (a) Contract with Massie Construction Company for the installation of 1,670-feet of main in Black Dairy Farm Subdivision, outside the city limits, to serve property abutting on Commercial Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$2,600.00. The applicant will pay all cost and will own the mains until the territory is taken into the city.
- (b) Contract with Charlotte Lumber & Mfg. Company for the installation of 1,300-ft. of main and 2 hydrants in Foster Street, inside the city limits, to serve industrial property, at an estimated cost of \$3,700.00. The City to finance all costs and applicant will guarantee a gross annual water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) One 35-ft. driveway at 1414 West Morehead Street.
- (b) One 35-ft. driveway at 1027 Kings Drive.

RENEWAL OF LEASE OF OLD INCINERATOR PROPERTY ON SHUMAN AVENUE TO HALL TEXTILE MACHINERY COMPANY.

Councilman Wilkinson moved approval of the renewal of lease of the old incinerator property on Shuman Avenue to Hall Textile Machinery Company, for a period of two years from March 14, 1957. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

RENEWAL AND ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the following Special Officer Permits were authorized renewed and/or issued:

Arthur L. Sides	Thomas L. Query
Francis M. Lindsay	W. T. Alexander
Earl E. Carter	Lester Gibbard
C. D. Christopher	
C. M. Sharpe	
Alfred G. Travis, Sr.	
J. D. Fulton	

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed for the transfer of Lot 260, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery to Waverly G. Jones, at \$160.00.
- (b) Deed for the transfer of Lot 321, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery to D. V. Walker & wife, at \$160.00.
- (c) Deed to J. A. Connell for Perpetual Care on Lot 236, Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$50.40.

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INCREASE IN SALARY OF OFFICER CARL G. HOLLIMAN, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the salary of Officer Carl G. Holliman in the Police Department was increased from \$367.75 to \$383.50, being a change from 420 to 440 points under Job Classification, as recommended by the Chief of Police.

REQUEST OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CONCURRENCE IN PRESENTATION OF BILL FOR HOME RULE FOR COUNTY COLLECTOR OF REVENUE AND COUNTY TAX SUPERVISOR TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ADOPTED.

Councilman Brown moved that the Council concur in the request of the Board of Mecklenburg County Commissioners for approval of a Bill for Home Rule for the County Collector of Revenue and County Tax Supervisor, to be presented to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

PETITION TO STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR MAINTENANCE ON WOODLAND DRIVE APPROVED.

Councilman Smith moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute a petition to the State Highway & Public Works Commission for state maintenance on Woodland Drive, which will also be signed by the Board of School Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF CLAUDE ALLEY FOR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, payment of \$200.00 in full settlement of claim of Claude Alley for damages to property in the State of Iowa by a Charlotte Police car, was authorized.

PASSAGE OF H.B. 418 BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A NEW STATE PERSONNEL COUNCIL AND THE TRANSFER OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL, OPPOSED BY COUNCIL.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Council opposed the passage by the General Assembly of H.B. 418 relative to establishing a new State Personnel Council and transferring thereto the functions of the Merit System Council. The City Manager had advised that Dr. Bethel urges that action be taken opposing the Bill as it would be detrimental to the City and Health Department in that it would, among other things, take from the City the privilege of appointing the personnel of the Department.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffmann

City Clerk