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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, May 19, 1954, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Brown, Smith and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilmen Boyd and Dellinger.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on May 12th were approved as submitted.

MAYOR VAN EVERY CONGRATULATED ON SPEECH AT FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION.

Mr. John Renfrow, Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, expressed his congratulations to Mayor Van Every on the splendid speech that he made at the Freedom Day Celebration on May 18th; he stated he had attended many celebrations of the Signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, and heard many Mayors speak, and in his opinion, and those of many persons, Mayor Van Every's remarks were outstanding, and the entire program a credit to our city.

Mayor Van Every expressed his appreciation to Mr. Renfrow and stated he was happy to have the opportunity to represent Charlotte and that it was a great day for Charlotte and a memorable occasion.

ORDINANCE NO. 211-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CHARLOTTE BY ANNEXING THERETO TWO TRACTS OF LAND (11 ACRES AND 3,750 SQUARE FEET) IN CRAB ORCHARD TOWNSHIP NEAR EASTWAY PARK.

At the hearing on the petition of C. Morris Newell, Mary Bryant Newell, Samuel William Newell, Jr., Martha Daniel Newell, Julia Scott Newell Newton and John L. Newton, for the annexation of two tracts of land, containing 3,750 square feet and 11 acres, respectively, no opposition to the proposal was expressed. Whereupon, Councilman Albea moved the adoption of an ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 211-X Extending the Corporate Limits of Charlotte by Annexing Thereto 11 Acres and 3,750 square feet of property in Crab Orchard Township". The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 349.

ORDINANCE NO. 211 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONE AT 1714-16 PEGRAM STREET.

The hearing in connection with Ordinance No. 211 Amending the Zoning Ordinance, to change the zoning from R-2 to B-1 on property at 1714-16 Pegram Street, was held pursuant to notice in The Charlotte Observer. No objections were voiced to the proposed ordinance. Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 350.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE COMMITTEE AND ITS CHAIRMAN WHO PLANNED THE FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION.

The following resolution was presented by Councilman Baxter:

"R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Tuesday, May 18, 1954 will long be remembered by the citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County as a most significant day in the history of this great city and county; and

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WHEREAS, The honor that the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, brought to our city by his presence on this auspicious occasion will long be cherished in our hearts with grateful appreciation; and

WHEREAS, The tribute paid to the Signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence by the President, again writes into history that the import of this historic paper is still alive in our hearts and memories; and

WHEREAS, From the first strains of "America" that opened the Freedom Day Celebration, through the sermon by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the President's Address, the deft handling of the program by Warren Hull, the directing of the music by Fred Waring, the Armed Forces Program and Military Display and, at the end, the Military Ball, all bespoke a wonderful day for Charlotte and its visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

That this Body express to the Committee who planned this fine program, and its splendid Chairman, A. Grant Whitney, our sincere appreciation for their untiring efforts to bring this honor to Charlotte, and for the great success they achieved."

Councilman Baxter moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously adopted.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following subdivision plats were approved:

- (a) Plat of Atando Industries Subdivision, located northwest of the junction of Hutchinson and Atando Avenues.
- (b) Plat of Eastwood Acres Subdivision, located in the north-eastern area of the city.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following streets to be taken over for maintenance:

- (a) Annlin Avenue, from Hollis Road to Tyson Street.
- (b) Tyson Street, from Annlin Avenue to Belton Street.
- (c) Belton Street, from Hollis Road to Tyson Street.
- (d) Trent Street, from Hollis Road to Tyson Street.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER MAINS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewers at the following locations was authorized:

- (a) 36-feet of main extension in Oakhurst section, at an estimated cost of \$200.00, to serve one family unit and two vacant lots, with all costs to be borne by the City.
- (b) 385-feet of main in Gibbs Street, at an estimated cost of \$1,980.00, to serve ten family units and seven vacant lots, with all costs to be borne by the City.
- (c) 51-feet of main in Dilworth, north of Avondale Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$340.00, to serve three family units, with all costs to be borne by the City.

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- (d) 4,132-feet of main and trunk sewer in Biddleville section, at an estimated cost of \$15,550.00, to serve 47 school units and 80 vacant lots. All costs will be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of \$8,000.00 will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

CONTRACT AWARDED BADGER METER MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR WATER METERS.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded Badger Meter Manufacturing Company for 1500 - 5/8 inch and 75 - 1 inch Displacement Type Cold Water Meters, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$35,223.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED FORD METER BOX COMPANY, INC. FOR METER YOKES.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc., for 1,500 Meter Yokes #209-U and 500 Meter Yokes #101-U, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$6,810.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, SOUTH CALDWELL STREET PROJECT.

Councilman Brown moved that contract be awarded Blythe Bros. Company for the construction of Street Improvements, South Caldwell Street Project, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$17,928.20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Contract with E. W. Yates, 5122 Monroe Road, for the construction of 185 feet of mains in Monroe Road, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$275.00, to serve two residential lots. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, who will dedicate the mains to the City upon their completion.
- (b) Supplementary Contract with J. A. Jones Construction Company, for the construction of 400 feet of mains in Wilkinson Street, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$550.00, to serve residential property. All costs to be borne by the applicant, who will own the mains until the area is taken into the city.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of \$3,500.00 from the Water Department Emergency Fund (Code 613), \$1,800.00 of this amount to Water Department Building Repairs (Code 609-B-25) for repairs to the roof at Vest Station, and \$1,700.00 to Machinery & Equipment Account (Code 609-B-28) for repairs to a Centrifugal Pump at Vest Station.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, 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 Mr. Coy A. Yandell, for Lot 47, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Myrtle Lovelace, for the west-half of Lot 122, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$78.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Martha K. Kennedy, for Lot 135, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$104.00.

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RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE WIDENING OF EAST ELEVENTH STREET.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution with Respect to the Acquisition of Land for the Widening of East Eleventh Street" was introduced and read. Councilman Alba moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 206.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK A.M. ON MAY 20, 1954.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m., on May 20, 1954, in the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Court Room in the Mecklenburg County Court House, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Community College System tax supplement election held on May 18, 1954.

Leatrice R. Heyman
City Clerk