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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 May 25, 1959, at 4 o'clock p. m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Dellinger, Hitch, Myers, Smith and Whittington being present.

ABSENT: Councilman Babcock.

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 May 18th were approved as submitted.

INVITATION EXTENDED COUNCIL TO ATTEND OPENING GAME OF AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR BASEBALL SEASON AT GRIFFITH PARK ON JUNE 2ND AT 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Wilson Lewith, sponsor of American Legion Baseball 1959 Season, extended an invitation to the Council to attend the opening game at Griffith Park on Tuesday evening, June 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. at which Box seats will be reserved for them on request.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED TO PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION IN ANTICIPATION OF 1959-60 AD VALOREM TAX COLLECTIONS.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the necessary steps be taken to borrow \$60,000.00 to be advanced to the Park & Recreation Commission, at their request, in anticipation of the 1959-1960 ad valorem tax collections. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH LEE ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE JOB CLASSIFICATION PAY PLAN SCHEDULE IN ADDITION TO THE JOB EVALUATION SCHEDULE COMPLETED.

Councilman Dellinger stated that the Committee appointed by the Mayor has met with Lee Associates and recommend that they be retained under contract to prepare the second phase of the Job Classification Program, being the Pay Plan Schedule, at a cost of \$5,000.00, and that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the contract. He stated further that Mr. Lee has advised that the work will be completed by July 15th.

Mr. Geer of Lee Associates stated they will endeavor to complete the work by June 30th, and will set a firm date of July 15th. At the request of Council Mr. Geer then explained the details of the work that will be covered in the Pay Plan.

Councilman Dellinger then moved that the Job Evaluation Schedule completed by Lee Associates at a cost of \$6,000.00 be accepted, which was the first phase of the program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Lee Associates be employed to prepare the Pay Plan Schedule, or second phase of the Job Classification Program, at a price of \$5,000.00, as outlined by Mr. Geer, and that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, and unanimously carried.

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TRAVEL EXPENSES TO CHARLOTTE OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER AND OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS GOING TO AN APPLICANT'S HOME TOWN, BE PAID BY THE CITY FROM THE EMERGENCY FUND.

Councilman Smith advised that the Committee appointed by the Mayor to select a City Manager has met and reviewed the applications for the position, and recommends that they have personal interviews with several of the applicants. He moved that travel expenses of persons invited here for such interviews be paid by the City and also that travel expenses of the Committee members going to interview such persons in their home towns be paid by the City, from the Emergency Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

GRANT OFFER OF U. S. GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FAA BUILDING AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND FUNDS EARMARKED IN 1959-60 APPROPRIATION BUDGET TO COVER CITY'S SHARE OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS, AND CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

At the request of Councilman Whittington, Mr. Quinn, Airport Manager, explained that at the present time several agencies connected with the Federal Aviation Agency of the Federal Government are housed in the Airport Terminal and space is badly needed by the Airlines. That a Grant Offer of \$135,903.00 has been made by the Federal Government for the construction of a building on Airport property to house these agencies, of which amount they will pay 50% if the City will pay the remaining 50%, or \$67,951.50. That bids have been received for the construction of the building, and he urges that these contracts be awarded today as the Grant Offer expires on June 1st.

Councilman Whittington moved that the City agree to earmark \$67,951.50 in the 1959-60 Budget as the City's share in the construction cost of the FAA Building at Douglas Municipal Airport, and that contracts be awarded the following low bidders for the construction of the said building:

Contract awarded R. Marrett Wheeler Company, at a total price of \$98,519.00 for the General Building Construction.

Contract awarded Lawing Electric Company, at a total price of \$14,518.00 for the Electrical work.

Contract awarded A. Z. Price & Associates, at a total price of \$18,193.00 for the Heating & Ventilating work.

Contract awarded Toomey Brothers, at a total price of \$4,673.00 for the Plumbing work.

BILL TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO PERMIT AND AUTHORIZE THE ERECTION OF A BUILDING OR BUILDINGS OR OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WHICH SHALL EXTEND OVER HOWELL'S ARCADE AND CERTAIN ALLEYWAYS IN CHARLOTTE," APPROVED AND DIRECTED SENT TO MECKLENBURG DELEGATION FOR PRESENTATION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RATIFICATION.

Councilman Hitch moved that the Council approve a Bill authorizing the City of Charlotte to permit the erection of a building or buildings which would extend over Howell's Arcade and certain alleyways, and authorize the Bill being sent to the Mecklenburg Delegation in the General Assembly to be presented for ratification. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Amended 9-21-59 to show that contract for electrical installations at FAA Building Airport was awarded to Howard Electric Co. instead of Lawing Electric Co.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY SIGN ERECTED ON EAST FOURTH STREET BY EXCHANGE CLUB ACCEPTED BY CITY AS A GIFT, AND FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR ITS MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Hitch moved that the Traffic Safety Sign, which has been erected on East Fourth Street by the Exchange Club, be accepted as a gift to the City, and that \$55.00 be allocated from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) for its proper wiring. He stated that it is believed that the Sign will aid materially in reducing the traffic toll in Charlotte. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

ALLOCATION OF SPACE IN HEALTH BUILDING RECOMMENDED DEFERRED UNTIL PERMANENT CITY MANAGER APPOINTED.

Councilman Hitch advised that the Committee appointed by the Mayor relative to the disposition of the space in the Existing Health Building has conferred and recommend that no definite action as to the allocation of the space be made until the permanent City Manager is appointed. The recommendation was concurred in by Councilman Albea, member of the Committee.

COUNCILMEN COMMENDED BY MAYOR ON FINE WORK OF COMMITTEES.

Mayor Smith commended the Council members on the fine progress they have made relative to the Committee assignments.

REQUEST OF CHARLOTTE ENGINEERS CLUB THAT CITY COUNCIL GIVE THEIR SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER IN CHARLOTTE.

Mayor Smith presented a letter from the Charlotte Engineers Club requesting the Council's sympathetic consideration of their request contained in a resolution adopted by them urging the City School Board and the Board of County Commissioners to cooperate to make available funds and facilities necessary to assure the establishment of a Vocational Education Center in Charlotte and place such Center in operation by September 1959. Councilman Dellinger moved that the letter be received as information, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED MORRIS MACHINE WORKS FOR PUMPING EQUIPMENT AT MCMULLEN CREEK SEWAGE PUMPING STATION.

At the request of the City Manager, Mr. L. C. Cheek, City Engineer was present to discuss the advertisement for bids on the Pumping Equipment for McMullen Creek Sewage Pumping Station. Mr. Cheek stated that the specifications were so written that a number of companies could have submitted bids on the Pumping equipment; that they were not "closed" specifications in any sense of the word. That the work involves a very difficult hydraulic situation, and it is his opinion that the companies would rather pass it up than to bid on this kind of pump. Also, on the same day that bids were received, the City of Greensboro received bids on a two and a half million dollar plant, and the companies were probably more interested in the larger job.

Councilman Myers stated that he has looked into the matter, and in view of the fact that the bid of Morris Machine Works was submitted under threat of competition, he moves that the bid be accepted and contract awarded Morris Machine Works at a total price of \$9,495.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried.

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EMPLOYMENT OF TWO ENGINEERS IN WATER DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED.

At the request of Mayor Smith, Mr. W. M. Franklin, Superintendent of the Water Department was present, and explained that at the present time he is desparate for Engineer Inspectors on the installation of water lines in the perimeter area; that he now has ten to twelve crews working without sufficient inspection. He stated that he is requesting the employment of three Engineers in his 1959-60 budget, but will need only one of them permanently. That he can immediately employ the two engineers needed at this time on a temporary basis, and they will return to college in the fall.

Councilman Myers complimented Mr. Franklin on the manner in which he is operating the Water Department with so few personnel.

Councilman Albea moved that the employment of the two engineers be approved as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and un-animously carried.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE EXTENSION OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

A resolution entitled: Resolution with Respect to the Extension of Service with the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, of Certain Employees Sixty-Five Years Old or Older was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 368.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of sanitary sewer mains at the following locations:

- (a) Construction of 345 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main, on North Independence Boulevard from 400 feet south of Coliseum Drive, south 345 feet at request of Alfa Foods Corporation to serve one business unit already started, at estimated cost of \$900.00. All cost of construction to be borne by the City, and applicant's required deposit of \$600.00 not to be refunded.
- (b) Construction of 160 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main, on St. Mary Avenue, from Pinewood Avenue east 160 feet at request of Starnes & Craig Construction Company, to serve one business unit already started, at estimated cost of \$450.00. All costs of construction to be borne by the City, and applicant's required deposit of \$150.00 not to be refunded.
- (c) Construction of 1,525 feet of 8-inch sewer trunk and main, in Darby Acres #3, from Darwood Drive northeast to existing trunk Darwood Drive from proposed trunk south to near Birchcrest Drive at request of Griffin Realty Company, to serve 10 family units already built, at estimated cost of \$4,825.00. All costs of construction to be borne by the City, with applicant's required deposit of \$685.00 to be refunded as per terms of agreement.

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CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZED STARTED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS PROPERTY ON MERCER E. WILSON AND WIFE, FOR McMULLEN CREEK OUTFALL.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the City Attorney be directed to start condemnation proceedings for right-of-way across the property of Mercer E. Wilson and wife, Elizabeth E. Wilson, for McMullen Creek Outfall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, and unanimously carried.

CLAIM OF MISS ELIZABETH R. DAVIS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES DENIED DUE TO NOTICE NOT BEING GIVEN WITHIN THE 90 DAY PERIOD REQUIREMENT.

The City Manager advised that the claim of Miss Elizabeth R. Davis for personal injuries on November 11, 1958, was denied due to the notice of claim not being given within the 90-day period requirement.

SICK LEAVE EXTENDED TO LIEUTENANT C. L. SYKES, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Smith moved that the sick leave of Lieutenant C. L. Sykes, Charlotte Police Department, be extended to June 1, 1959, as recommended by the Chief of Police. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albae, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations:

- (a) Two 30-ft. entrances on Walnut Avenue and One 30-ft. entrance on Bryant Street, all for 2121 Walnut Avenue.
- (b) One 10-ft. entrance at 210 E. 8th. Street.
- (c) Two 30-ft. entrances on Providence Road and Two 35-ft. entrances on Middleton Street, all for 815 Providence Road.
- (d) One 26-ft. entrance on Perman Street for 1300 South Mint Street.
- (e) One 8-ft. entrance at 521-23 E. First Street.
- (f) One 35-ft. entrance on E. Fourth Street and One 30-ft. entrance on Independence Boulevard for 107 S. Independence Boulevard.
- (g) One 25-ft. entrance at 216 N. Brevard Street.
- (h) Two 30-ft. entrances at 2151 Hawkins Street.
- (i) Two 20-ft. entrances at 828 Seigle Avenue.
- (j) Two 30-ft. entrances at 3123 Cullman Avenue.
- (k) Two 22½-ft. entrances and one 26-ft. entrance at 2100-06 North Davidson Street.
- (l) One 16-ft. entrance at 522 W. 11th. Street.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO JOHN W. HUFFAKER.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized issued to John W. Huffaker, 2137 Briarwood Road, for use on the premises of the Public Library.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Smith, 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. Daisy E. Horton, for Lot No. 82, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$540.00
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Elizabeth B. Sickles, Admx., for Lot No. 353, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.

SICK LEAVE EXTENDED FOR 30 DAY PERIOD TO JAMES T. MARTIN, ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE.

Councilman Smith stated he has been advised that Mr. James T. Martin, Engineering Department employee, had a stroke about a year ago, and has been absent from duty since then and is requesting an extension of sick leave. That Mr. Martin's son has advised him that the Department Head is recommending that Mr. Martin take disability retirement instead of a further extension of sick leave, which will work a hardship on the family. Councilman Smith then moved that the Council extend the sick leave for an additional 30 days period and endeavor to work out a solution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

MR. WILSON LEWIS CONGRATULATED ON THE PROGRAM GOTTEN UP BY HIM RELATIVE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TEAM.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the Council congratulate Mr. Wilson Lewis on the very fine program he has gotten up on the American Legion Baseball Team. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, May 27, 1959.


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk