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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, October 14, 1953, 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 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 October 7th were approved as submitted.

POLICE STUDY COMMITTEE ADVISES BELIEVE COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Councilman Smith stated that Dr. Snyder advises that he believes the complete report of the Police Study Committee will be in the hands of the Council not later than next Wednesday, and certainly a report will be filed by next Wednesday.

CITY ATTORNEY INSTRUCTED TO DRAW NECESSARY PAPERS TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING ON EAST 36TH STREET.

Mr. J. M. Trotter advised that on June 24th, the Council denied the request for a change in zoning on property on East 36th Street, which had been approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; that Mr. P. H. Freeman, one of the petitioners for the change was sick at the time and could not attend the hearing, and he requested that the matter be reheard. He advised that Mr. Freeman's property is located at 1100 through 1114 East 36th Street, being Lots 1 and 2 in Block 21. Councilman Dellinger moved that the City Attorney be directed to draw the necessary papers for another hearing on the matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

JOHN G. WHEELLOCK, RETIRED LEGAL SECRETARY TO SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS INTRODUCED.

Mayor Van Every introduced and welcomed to the Council Meeting, Mr. John G. Wheelock, Retired Legal Secretary to the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, who was the guest of Mr. L. L. Ledbetter, City Treasurer.

APPOINTMENT OF COLEMAN W. ROBERTS AS SPECIAL LICENSE CLERK TO SELL CITY TAGS.

Councilman Albea moved the appointment of Mr. Coleman W. Roberts as Special License Clerk to handle the sale of City Auto License Tags for 1954, for one year beginning December 1, 1953, at a fixed compensation of 10 cents per tag. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

TREE REMOVAL AT 1057 EAST MOREHEAD STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the removal of a tree from the planting strip at 1057 East Morehead Street which interferes with the driveway entrance to the new office building of Dr. Chalmers Hope.

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STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

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

- (a) Rachel Street, from Moretz Avenue north to dead-end.
- (b) Wolfberry Avenue, from Hutchinson Avenue to Bancroft St.
- (c) Bancroft Street, from Wolfberry Avenue to W. 24th St.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN RUSSELL, NORTH DOTGER AND MORETZ AVENUES.

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

- (a) 290 feet of 8-inch main in Russell Street, at an estimated cost of \$700.00, to serve two family units and seven vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City, and that applicant's required deposit of \$300.00 be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) 145 feet of 8-inch main in North Dotger Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$830.00, to serve six family units. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (c) 948 feet of 8-inch main in Moretz Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$2,650.00, to serve two family units and eighteen vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of \$2,250.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON EAST BOULEVARD PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, a supplemental contract to contract dated March 25, 1953, with Blythe Bros. Company for street improvements, East Boulevard Project, was authorized for additional work, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total supplemental contract amount of \$7,000.33.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, approving the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations:

- (a) One 14-ft. driveway at 241 East 36th Street.
- (b) One 12-ft. driveway at 1057 East Morehead Street.
- (c) One 12-ft. driveway at 325 East Boulevard.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO W. C. MULKEY AND CLAUDE C. MOORE.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the issuance of Special Officer permits was authorized to Mr. W. C. Mulkey on the premises of Reliance Fruit and Produce Company, and to Mr. Claude C. Moore on the premises of Southern Railway Company, Liddell Street and Yard.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. HOWARD P. STEIGER AND MR. H. M. WADE TO HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The City Manager reported that he had reappointed Dr. Howard P. Steiger and Mr. H. M. Wade to the Health Advisory Committee for a period of five years.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, 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 Mrs. Era Law, for Lot 259, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$104.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. J. F. Lowery, for Lot 88, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$104.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. T. S. Hasty, Sr. for the east-half of Lot 319, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$40.95.
- (d) Deed with Mrs. Carolyn P. Hasty, for the west-half of Lot 319, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$40.95.
- (e) Deed with Miss Mary E. Williams, Trustee, for Perpetual Care on Lot 103, in Section S, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00.
- (f) Duplicate deed to Mr. George P. Champion, for Lot 274, in Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF UNFIT HOUSING PROGRAM.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager submitted the following quarterly report of the Unfit Housing Program, for the period July to October, 1953:

Number of Housing Units brought up to standard	163
Number of Property Owners cited for Hearings	19
Number of Housing Units Condemned	18
Number of Bathing facilities installed	152
Number of Houses demolished	44

PROGRESS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF PROGRAM IN AUGUST, 1948

Number of Houses brought up to standard to date	9,788
Number of Houses demolished to date	1,074

CLAIM OF MRS. LILLIAN M. WHITNER FOR PERSONAL INJURIES REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the claim of Mrs. Lillian M. Whitner in the sum of \$1,000.00, for personal injuries sustained on July 28, 1953 from stepping into a hole in the parking strip on the southerly side of Mt. Vernon Avenue a short distance west of Dilworth Road, was referred to the City Attorney.

EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Superintendent of the Water Department to employ an additional assistant at a salary not exceeding \$6,500.00 per annum.

WIDENING AND IMPROVING SOUTH CALDWELL STREET, FROM INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD TO EAST MOREHEAD STREET, AND ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AUTHORIZED FROM STREET BOND FUND.

Councilman Smith moved that the City Engineer be authorized and directed to proceed with the detailed plans, and acquiring the right-of-way for the widening and improvement of South Caldwell Street from Independence Boulevard to East Morehead Street, for submission to the City Council, and that the cost thereof be charged against the Street Bond Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk