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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 7, 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 Brown, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on September 30th, were approved as submitted.

REPORT OF MEMBERS OF POLICE STUDY COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO STATEMENTS BY COLUMNIST DREW PEARSON.

Mayor Van Every presented the following report from two members of the Police Study Committee:

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The Honorable Mayor Phil Van Every,
City Manager Henry Yancey, and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

Since the appointment of this Committee, a number of unfortunate and misleading statements by a columnist have been given national publicity. We the Committee in our studies have found nothing to substantiate these statements.

Further more, a complete written report will be in the hands of the Mayor within the next ten days or two weeks.

ss/ R. S. Snyder
Dr. R. S. Snyder, Chairman

Dan Marley

ss/ Lambert Schwartz
Lambert Schwartz "

Councilman Albea moved the acceptance of the report as information, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Boyd stated that in his opinion the Committee should bring in a full report immediately in the interest of the Police Department and the general community and stop this slanderous talk that is going around.

APPOINTMENT OF C. A. McKNIGHT AND GEORGE L. SIBLEY TO PLANNING BOARD.

Upon the nomination of Councilman Brown, which was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, Mr. C. A. McKnight and Mr. George L. Sibley were appointed to the Charlotte Planning Board, to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of Mr. R. L. Chapman and Mr. A. G. Odell.

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FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO DEFRAY COST OF CHANGING SYSTEM OF PAYING SALARIES OF CITY EMPLOYEES FROM BI-MONTHLY TO WEEKLY.

Councilman Smith moved that the payment of salaries to City Employees on a weekly basis rather than the present bi-monthly basis be authorized and that \$3,532.00 be allocated from the Emergency Fund to defray the cost of changing the payroll payment system. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTED TO HAVE RAILWAY COMPANIES IMMEDIATELY REPAIR CROSSINGS AT SEVENTH, EIGHT AND NINTH STREETS.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the City Manager be instructed to confer with the officials of the Railway Companies to have the crossing at Seventh, Eight and Ninth Streets repaired without delay, which are now in a rough condition and which will have increased traffic over them during the construction of the overhead bridge at Eleventh Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL GUARD AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved that the City Manager be authorized to employ an additional woman School Guard for service at Shuman Avenue and Coles Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF SALE OF \$9,225,000.00 BONDS ON OCTOBER 6th AT INTEREST RATE OF 2.6901

Mr. Yancey, City Manager reported that the \$9,225,000.00 City of Charlotte Water, Sanitary Sewer, Street Widening, General Improvement and Auditorium-Coliseum Bonds were sold by the Local Government Commission on October 6th to the high bidders, the National City Bank of New York Syndicate, composed of the American Trust Company of Charlotte and twenty-five national banking associates, at an interest rate of 2.6901 to maturity.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF HEARING ON OCTOBER 28th ON ORDINANCE NO. 190 TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE BY CHANGING FROM R-2 TO B-1 ZONING ON THREE LOTS AT INTERSECTION OF JEWELL AND ALEXANDER STREETS IN GRIERTOWN.

An ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 190 To Amend the Zoning Ordinance" by changing the Building Zone Map from R-2 to B-1 on three lots at the intersection of Jewell and Alexander Streets in Griertown, was introduced. Following the reading thereof, a Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on the Said Ordinance on October 28th was presented and read. Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 150.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO CIVIL DEFENSE.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, \$5,986.00 was authorized transferred from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to Special Appropriations (Code 109) for the Civil Defense organization, being 50% of the total budget for Civil Defense for the fiscal year 1953-54.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AS RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR WIDENING GOLD STREET AND ARGONNE DRIVE.

Councilman Dellinger moved that a strip of land off the front of lot at 113-15 Gold Street be purchased from Mr. William J. Brown, for the sum of \$2,325.00, as right-of-way for the widening of Gold Street and Argonne Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

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WIDENING OF MORAVIAN LANE AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, approving the widening of Moravian Lane from the present 18-foot width to 21-feet, at an estimated cost of \$3,925.00 to be paid from Bond Funds.

OPENING OF BLOCK OF GRIMES STREET FROM NORRIS AVENUE TO NEAR WINSTON STREET.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the opening of one block of Grimes Street from Norris Avenue to a point near Winston Street, at an estimated cost of \$7,090.00 to be paid from Bond Funds, to provide an entrance to the new school building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED LINK RADIO CORPORATION FOR RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Link Radio Corporation for One 110 AC Headquarters Receiver, Three 60 Watt Mobile Units and Two 30 Watt Mobile Units, all as specified, at a net delivered price of \$2,350.00.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

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

- (a) One 10-ft. driveway at 125 N. Cecil Street.
- (b) One 30-ft. driveway at 2520 South Boulevard.
- (c) One 10-ft. driveway at 1501 Kennon Street.
- (d) Three 30-ft. driveway at 201 W. Worthington Avenue.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF BELLAS HESS STORE FOR WATER DAMAGES.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the claim of National Bellas Hess Store was authorized settled in the amount of \$5,500.00, for damages by water from a broken 8-inch main.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman

City Clerk