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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, September 17, 1952, at 4 o'clock p. m., with Mayor pro tem Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger, and Jordan present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw and Councilman Baxter.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on September 3rd were approved as submitted.

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS PROTESTS THE CURTAILMENT OF BUS SERVICE.

Mrs. Isabelle Hart, representing the Charlotte Council of Women's Civic Organizations, appeared before Council and registered a protest against the curtailment of Bus Service by the Duke Power Company, which she advised will seriously jeopardize the work of the nineteen member clubs, representing several hundred women. Mrs. Hart stated that the meetings of these organizations are held at night and the curtailment of bus service in the eastern section of the city, and the limited schedules in other areas will greatly affect the attendance at meetings. She asked if the new arrangements are permanent. She was advised that the Council has agreed informally to a six months trial period of the new schedule plan; that the Council is endeavoring to see that the citizens are provided with bus service, at the same time they cannot expect the Company to operate at a great loss and the Power Company has stated their deficit for the past year was \$200,000.00. That the continuation of the full schedules would mean an increase in rates that would not be fair to the masses who ride the busses merely to provide frequent service to those areas in which it is not required. Mrs. Hart stated that the Charlotte Council of Women's Civic Organizations would bring their appeal back to the Council at the end of the trial period if the present hardships are still realized by its members.

APPEAL FOR CONTINUATION OF OPERATION OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Mr. T. W. Wilson, Mr. R. E. Suther and Mr. Vernon Patterson appeared before Council to appeal for the continuation of the operation of the Mecklenburg County Industrial Home, which has been operated jointly by the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. They advised that they have provided religious service to the inmates of the Home and feel that through this work they have been instrumental in converting many of these girls to the christian way of life and making worthwhile citizens of them. The testimony of a number of the girls who have been inmates of the Home was submitted to the Council by Mr. Wilson.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO AID IN FINANCING COUNTY-WIDE X-RAY SURVEY BY U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Dr. M. B. Bethel requested that \$7,500.00 be appropriated by the City to aid in financing a County-wide X-ray survey by the United States Public Health Service. He advised that the actual cost of the survey will be approximately \$25,000.00; that the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County have taken under advisement a request for a like amount; that the remaining portion of the actual cost will be raised locally by the T. B. Association and similar organizations. That the U. S. Public Health Service will contribute towards the Survey technicians, facilities and materials

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amounting to some \$100,000.00. That the eighteen mobile and portable units they will use in the mass survey can provide x-rays to some 140,000 persons, while the locally owned one mobile unit could provide service to a maximum of only 30,000 persons in one year, even if it were possible to reach these residents. He stated that it is their hope that 80% of the residents of Mecklenburg County will be x-rayed during the five weeks period in which the survey will be made. Dr. Bethel strongly recommended that the funds be provided; stating that such mass survey will prove of far-reaching value to Charlotte and the surrounding area and the opportunity to have the survey made through the facilities of the U. S. Public Health Service is one that we can ill afford to miss.

Councilman Coddington stated that this is a county-wide project and should be paid for by the County, that asking the City to contribute \$7,500.00 is actually asking for an appropriation of \$13,500 by the City and \$1,500.00 by the County, as 80 per cent of the county taxes are paid by Charlotte residents. The City Manager advised that the County appropriates \$5,000.00 annually for the maintenance of the local mobile X-ray unit with the distinct understanding that the full amount is to be spent outside the corporate limits of Charlotte. Councilman Boyd expressed the opinion that the survey could be considered an absolute necessity if it were not for the fact that we have the local mobile unit which provides an opportunity to every citizen to have a chest x-ray without any cost. He stated further that the position taken by the County Commissioners with regard to the expense of operating the local unit is not right and he would be inclined to vote against the City making the requested appropriation. Councilman Dellinger too expressed the opinion that the mobile unit should be used more widely and not be put aside. Mayor pro tem Van Every stated that the moral obligation in the matter rests solely with the County and he cannot see the justice of the City of Charlotte making one-half the required appropriation.

Councilman Alba moved that the requested appropriation of \$7,500.00 be authorized for the County-wide survey, provided that a like amount be appropriated by Mecklenburg County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and was lost, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Alba and Jordan.
NAY: Councilmen Coddington, Boyd and Dellinger.

Councilman Coddington moved that the City pay its proportionate share of the expense and the other towns in Mecklenburg County receiving ABC funds pay their pro-rata share. The motion did not receive a second, and was lost.

Councilman Dellinger recommended that the Council's decision be postponed for one week, and the request be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. The recommendation was concurred in by the remainder of the Council.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE ABANDONMENT AND RELINQUISHMENT OF ONE BLOCK OF PIERCE STREET, ONE BLOCK OF DUNCAN STREET, AND TWO BLOCKS OF TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Relative to the Abandonment and Relinquishment of one block of Pierce Street, between Louise Avenue and Pinckney Avenue, and one block of Duncan Street, between Louise Avenue and Wesley Avenue, and two blocks of Twenty-Eighth Street, between Pinckney Avenue and Yadkin Avenue", was introduced and read and upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Coddington, was unanimously adopted. The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Pages 19-20.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN NEW THRIFT ROAD.

Councilman Alba moved approval of the construction of 200 feet of 8" sanitary sewer main in New Thrift Road, at an estimated cost of \$300.00, to serve 5 business units and 4 vacant lots, at request of G. & H. Transit Company. All costs to be borne by the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACT AWARDED COLUMBIA PIPE COMPANY FOR VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Columbia Pipe Company, Columbia, S. C., for 30,000 lineal feet No. 1 Vitrified Clay Pipe, 8" diameter, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$12,600.00, subject to cash discount of \$630.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR ASPHALT RESURFACING ON 83 CITY STREETS.

Councilman Dellinger moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Blythe Brothers Company, for Asphalt Resurfacing on 83 various City Streets, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$193,538.06. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Boyd asked if the inclusion of additional streets in the Resurfacing Program will be precluded. He was advised by the City Manager that the 83 streets herein named are merely proposals and are subject to change.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances was approved at the following locations:

- (a) One 30 ft. driveway entrance at 2118 Hutchinson Avenue.
- (b) One 10 ft. driveway entrance at 500 Berryhill Street.
- (c) One 12 ft. driveway entrance at 700 Cherokee Road.
- (d) One 8 ft. driveway entrance at 1232 Providence Road.
- (e) Two 30 ft. driveway entrances in 200 block N. Pine Street.
- (f) One 10 ft. driveway entrance on N. Tryon St.
- (g) One 15 ft. driveway entrance on 27th Street.
- (h) Two 27 ft. driveway entrances on 27th Street for 2400 N. Tryon Street.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDING #217 TO THOMAS & ALLEN COMPANY, INC.

The City Manager reported that lease has been concluded on Building #217, at Douglas Municipal Airport, to Thomas & Allen Company, Inc., at a monthly rental of \$30.00, for a term of 5 years, effective date October 1, 1952.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following Cemetery Deeds:

- (a) Deed with David Bickett and wife for Lot 195, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Agatha Winston for Grave #6, in Lot 146, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.
- (c) Deed with M. W. Watson for Southwest quarter of Lot 170, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.
- (d) Deed with Albert W. Yoos for Lot 297, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$122.85.

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CONTRACT WITH THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER FOR PUBLICATION OF 1951 DELINQUENT CITY TAXES.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with The Charlotte Observer for the publication of 1951 Delinquent City Taxes, on dates of August 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 1952 amounting to 1,375-3/4 columnar inches, on basis of \$1.20 per columnar inch, representing a total price of \$1,650.90.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN STATE STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of 310 feet of 8" sanitary sewer main in State Street, at an estimated cost of \$950.00, to serve 4 business units and 3 vacant lots, at request of Builders Guaranty Corporation. All costs to be borne by the City and Applicant's deposit of \$150.00 to be refunded as per terms of contract.

MAYVIEW DRIVE FROM MONROE ROAD TO JUNE STREET TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, Mayview Drive from Monroe Road to June Street was taken over for maintenance.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS TO PAUL A. HOWELL AND CLAUDE C. MOORE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington and unanimously carried, authorizing the renewal of Special Officer Permits to Paul A. Howell and Claude C. Moore, for use on the premises of the Southern Railway Company.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Leatrice R. Haffner
City Clerk