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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 Wednesday, December 11, 1957, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Council members Albee, Baxter, Brown, Delling, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: None

Hearings on petitions to amend the Zoning Ordinance to change the Building Zone Maps of Charlotte and the Charlotte Perimeter Area were held jointly by the City Council and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, with Chairman Martin and Commissioners Craig, Hook, Marsh, McClure, Sibby Schwartz, Toy and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: Commissioner Hanks

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albee.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on December 4, 1957, were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 424 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE PERIMETER AREA BY CHANGING PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE CORNER OF PROVIDENCE AND SHARON-AMITY ROADS, FROM R-2 TO B-1.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 424 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map of the Perimeter Area by changing property located adjacent to the corner of Providence Road and Sharon-Amity Road, from R-2 to B-1, on appeal of Mr. Andrew M. Karres from the denial of the Planning Board.

Factual information as to the property and surrounding area was presented by the Planning Director, who stated the property is "L" shaped and is 300 ft x 300 ft. in area. That the area across Providence Road is residential with a church thereon; across Sharon-Amity Road the area is residential; to the east is business, being Providence Village, and to the south, across Oakdale Road, unopened, is residential. That all of the adjoining property is zoned R-1 with the exception of Providence Village.

Mr. Henry Fisher and Mr. Sol Levine, Attorneys representing the petitioner, Mr. Karres, were present, and Mr. Fisher stated that several weeks ago Mr. Levine presented a new petition to Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, in which it was stated they would not ask for the rezoning of the portion of the property fronting on Providence Road, and would only ask the Council to rezone the portion fronting 150-ft. on Sharon-Amity Road, which extends back 300 feet.
Mr. Fisher stated that he represented no one but Mr. Karres; that he had in his hand a letter signed Providence Share-owners Group which states that Mr. Karres is merely a front for three gentlemen, who are named in the letter, and the letter is an appeal to residents to do the work Mr. Fisher considers "stampede" the Council today. That Mr. Karres assures him that he does not have any tie-in with the three gentlemen named and they are not interested in this rezoning nor the property.

Mr. Fisher stated further that Mr. Karres has a petition, signed by 150 persons who live around the property in question, which states "we do not object and would like to have additional shopping facilities built on the vacant tract of land adjoining the present shopping center, and do not object to having the property rezoned from R-2 to B-1". He advised that the property across Sharon-Amity Road is owned by Mr. Oliver Rowe and the property at the rear is owned by Mr. W. Delbert Turner; he read a letter dated Dec. 4, 1957 from Mr. Rowe in which he stated "it is the purpose of this letter to express the feelings of myself and my family about the proposed rezoning of the property owned by Mr. Karres, fronting 150 feet on Sharon-Amity Road, that we have absolutely no objection to having it rezoned from R-2 to B-1", and a letter from Mr. Turner in which it was stated, "my residence is located on a piece of property fronting on Providence Road and adjoining a portion of Mr. Karres' property and I have no objection to his property being rezoned to B-1". Mr. Fisher stated further that the adjoining property, known as Providence Village, fronts approximately 400 feet on Sharon-Amity Road, and it would seem to him that the mere addition of the 150-feet of Mr. Karres' property for business purposes would in no way damage the area. He stated that Mr. Karres would develop the property with a business or businesses that would be entirely acceptable to the neighborhood, that a 5 and 10 cent Store is being considered; that there would definitely not be a beer joint built on the property; however, as it is now, no definite plans can be made without a change in zoning.

Mr. Fisher stated at this point that Mr. Karres is willing to consider a B-1-A zoning classification in lieu of B-I, if the Council so desires.

Mr. Grainger Pierce, Attorney, stated he represents numerous residents who own their homes on Providence and Sharon-Amity Roads. He advised that in 1953 they were in the Sharon Sanitary District and it provided for a vote of the residents as to the development of the district, and they voted 80% to have the property restricted to residences; then in 1955 the Planning Board came along and zoned the property Residential, and later the Council confirmed the Residential zoning; therefore, the Boards vested with the power of the law have spoken and all the people concerned have come up with the conclusion that the property shall be zoned as R-2. He stated that Mr. Karres comes along and purchases the property in question in October 1956 and he bought it knowing it was zoned R-2, and seven days later he sold the corner lot 150' x 150' at Providence and Sharon-Amity Roads to Esso Standard — the deed to which is dated October 26, 1956. That the Standard Oil Company bought the property knowing Mr. Karres would some day come before the Council concerning the rezoning of his property surrounding the corner lot, and once it is rezoned, then Standard Oil Company will be here asking for rezoning of their 150-feet of property. Then next Mr. Oliver Rowe will be down here asking for the rezoning of his property, which would make another corner lot zoned for Business on Providence Road, and so this highly restricted and beautiful residential area is eaten into lot by lot. Mr. Pierce stated that neither Mr. Karres nor Standard Oil will be hurt by the R-2 zone, as they purchased the property with their eyes wide open. He advised there is no necessity for further business in the area — that less than one-half mile away on Randolph Road, the Planning Board has designated an area for business, which will supplement the large Providence Village business area.
Mr. Pierce stated further that the Planning Board and the City Council have already rendered a decision when they zoned the area, including this property, as Residential, and that not a single factor has been presented that would change the opinion; therefore, he asks that the petition be denied and this area of Charlotte be permitted to continue to develop into a beautiful residential section.

Mr. Charles Knox, Attorney, stated that all of the residents of Randolph Road, on which he resides, are against the rezoning of the property in question. That the designated area on Randolph Road for business, will be sufficient, and they ask that no further change in zoning be permitted.

Mr. Ray Rankin, Mrs. J. B. Greenwood, Mr. A. W. Lawing, Mr. B. Merritt, all residents of Providence Road protested the proposed change in zoning. Mr. Lloyd Mumaw, resident of Sharon Lane, Mr. J. B. Walker, 1728 Shoreham Drive, Mr. T. N. Hamer, 2304 Andover Road, Mrs. Joe Elliott, Jr., Sanford Lane and Mr. Malcolm Glendenning, 419 Amity Road, all urged that the change in zoning not be allowed, and that the highly restricted area be permitted to continue to develop into one of Charlotte's finer residential sections.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 427 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING PROPERTY ON EAST SIDE OF STATESVILLE ROAD, BETWEEN KOHLER STREET AND MONA DRIVE, FROM R-2 TO B I-A.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 427 Amending the Zoning Ordinance by amending the Building Zone Map of Charlotte by changing property on the east side of Statesville Road, from Kohler Street and Mona Drive, from R-2 to B I-A, on appeal of Mr. Oscar Harris from the denial of the Planning Board.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, explained the location and surrounding area and stated the property is joined at the rear and north by residential property and across Statesville Road property is vacant with exception of a church and that there are two business areas nearby.

Mr. L. P. Harris, Attorney, representing the petitioner advised the property is in a semi-business area, and because of a nearby industrial area, it is conducive to business because of the heavy traffic on Statesville Road. That his client wishes to erect a Family Motel on the property so that people may have a place to live.

Mr. William Grisst, representing some of the property owners of the area, filed a petition signed by twenty-two residents and land owners fronting on Statesville Avenue opposite the property in question, expressing opposition to the proposed rezoning. He stated that down Statesville Avenue there is a very high type colored neighborhood and all of these people object to a change in zoning.

The decision of the Council was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 428 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING PROPERTY ALONG ORLANDO STREET IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION FROM MORETZ AVENUE, FROM R-2 TO INDUSTRIAL.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 428 Amending the Zoning Ordinance amending the Building Zone Map of Charlotte by changing property
along Olando Street in an easterly direction from Morets Avenue, from R-2 to Industrial, on petition of Mr. McCoy Morets et al.

Preliminary information as to the property and surrounding area was presented by the Planning Director, who stated the property is located two blocks off Statesville Avenue, and the area to the east is vacant and to the north and across Olando Street is the rear line of residential lots facing on Rachel Street.

Mr. Paul L. Mullenburg, Attorney, representing Mr. Dyer S. Moss, stated that Olando Street is not opened; that Mr. Moss owns lots at the corner of Lucena and Morets, and the area is highly industrial and that Mr. Moss would like to extend his business onto lots now vacant, which he owns; that the property is absolutely unsuitable for residential purposes.

Mr. John Dwellie stated his firm manages ten nice new duplexes on Olando Street, and they dislike seeing the area changed to Industrial.

Decision of the Council was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 429 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING PROPERTY AT THE SE CORNER OF NORTH CALDWELL AND 36TH STREETS, FROM B-1 TO INDUSTRIAL.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 429 Amending the Zoning Ordinance amending the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte, by changing the property at the SE corner of North Caldwell and 36th Streets, from B-1 to Industrial, on petition of Mr. C. H. Sears.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, presented a map of the area, and stated the property is located at the corner of N. Caldwell and 36th Streets.

No objections to the proposed rezoning were expressed.

The Council reserved its decision for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 430 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING PROPERTY IN THE 3100 BLOCK OF THE PLAZA, FROM R-2 TO B-1.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 430 Amending the Zoning Ordinance amending the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte by changing property in the 3100 block of The Plaza, from R-2 to B-1, on petition of John P. Marren et al.

Preliminary information as to the property and surrounding area was presented by the Planning Director, who advised that the property extends from The Plaza to an alley.

Mr. Marren, the petitioner, stated his are the only two residential lots in the area, that the area has changed in the last few years, and therefore, they request the change in zoning, and he knows of no one who objects.

No objection was filed to the proposed change.

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HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 431 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2
OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING
PROPERTY AT THE SW CORNER OF WASENA STREET AND INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD,
FROM R-1 TO B-1.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 431 Amending the Zoning
Ordinance by amending the Building Zone Map of Charlotte by changing
property at the SW corner of Wasena Street and Independence, from R-1
to B-1, on petition of Mr. Dwight L. Phillips.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, explained the property in question and
surrounding area, stating that the property is vacant, and adjoins
the Chantilly Shopping area. That the area approved by the Planning Board
lies within a mandatory corner lot.

Mr. Dwight Phillips, petitioner, stated he requested a change in zoning
on 228 feet fronting on Independence Boulevard, and he does not think
it is an undue request for vacant land. That he was of the opinion
that the change was mandatory on the entire area, but apparently he was
mistranscribed. That he would like all of the property rezoned as requested
or that the Council send his request back to the Planning Board for
reconsideration.

No objection was expressed to the change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 432 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2
OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING
THE PROPERTY AT 2601 EAST 7TH STREET FROM R-2 TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 432 Amending the Zoning
Ordinance amending the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte by
changing property at 2601 East 7th Street from R-2 to Light Industrial,
on request of the City of Charlotte, for the purpose of erecting thereon
a Fire Department Repair and Maintenance Shop.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated this is a portion of the Firemen’s
Hall property, that to the north of the property is the Seaboard Railway
tracks, on the west are several duplexes and surrounded on two sides by
industrial development.

Mr. Richard L. Walford, resident of 2719 East 5th Street, stated that
the area is generally residential and the erection of a Maintenance and
Repair Shop will create a nuisance for the very nearby residents because
of the noise and the general litter around such a shop.

Chief Charles stated the noise will be nominal and there will, of course,
be no work done at night, and the grounds around the Shop will be the
same as the remainder of the property. That the property was selected
for the Shop as it is owned by the City. That the Shop will serve the
needs of repairing the present trucks and also trucks serving the peri-
meter area.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 433 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2
OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING
PROPERTY AT 1521-23 CLIFFWOOD PLACE, FROM R-2 TO INDUSTRIAL.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 433 Amending the Zoning
Ordinance amending the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte by
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property at 1521-23 Cliffwood Place, from R-2 to Industrial, on petition of Mrs. Daisy W. Hicks.

The Planning Director presented a map of the area and stated the property is located one block off Dowd Road, and on two sides are Industrial developments, and across street and to rear are residences.

No objections were expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 434 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING PROPERTY ON WILMORE DRIVE, BETWEEN DOWD ROAD AND LARCH STREET, FROM R-2 TO INDUSTRIAL.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 434 Amending the Zoning Ordinance amending the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte by changing property on Wilmore Drive, between Dowd Road and Larch Street, from R-2 to Industrial, on petition of H. V. Lang and wife.

Factual information as to the property and surrounding area was presented by the Planning Director, who stated that of the area requested rezoned only Lot 8-B was recommended by the Planning Board for change in zoning, and not Lot 9. That along the side of Lot 8-B there is a small business office, and across Wilmore Drive is residential developments and the property is joined on the east by an industrial development.

Mr. H. V. Lang stated that he wishes to extend his Machine Shop on the property in question.

Mr. Wilhelm, 1514 Cliffwood Place, stated he thinks Mr. Lang is right in his request for a rezoning of the entire property, and it should all be zoned for business, as it is not suitable for residential purposes.

No objections to the proposed rezoning or rezoning of the entire area was expressed.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 435 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CODE, AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING PROPERTY AT THE NE CORNER OF CAMP GREEN STREET AND FREEDOM DRIVE, FROM R-2 TO B-1.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 435 Amending the Zoning Ordinance, amending the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte by changing property at the NE corner of Camp Green Street and Freedom Drive, from R-2 to B-1, on petition of P. B. Melton.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, advised this is a triangular piece of property, 300' x 500' in area and is partially vacant. That across Freedom Drive the property is zoned Industrial and the other two corner lots are vacant.

Mr. Mercer Blankenship, Attorney representing the petitioner, stated the area is principally industrial and that Mr. Melton's home is the only one involved.

No objections to the proposed change were registered.

Decision of the Council was deferred for one week.
HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 436 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 OF THE CITY CODE, AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE CHARLOTTE PERIMETER AREA BY CHANGING PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PLAZA ROAD, ABOUT TWO MILES BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS, FROM RURAL TO B-1.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 436 Amending the Zoning Ordinance by amending the Building Zone Map of the Charlotte Perimeter Area by changing property on the north side of Plaza Road, about two miles beyond the city limits, from Rural to B-1, on appeal of Trieco Construction Company, Inc. from the denial of the Planning Board.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director presented a map of the area and stated the property is 175' x 350' in area and is vacant and is presently zoned Rural.

Mr. Fred M. Trieco, Jr., the petitioner stated his Company is developing Briawood residential section, and they have erected about thirty homes to date. He stated if the change would injure anyone, it would be themselves, but the small piece of property involved is not suitable for residential purposes, and they ask to be allowed to develop it as a shopping center, as the nearest one is four miles distant.

Mr. Geo. A. Stevens, Plaza Road, filed a petition signed by 30 property owners who oppose the rezoning. Mr. Stevens stated if business is allowed on the property, it will devalue their property for sale. That the nearest shopping center is two miles away, instead of four miles as stated and there is no necessity for another one. That they would not object to Mr. Trieco putting a duplex or something like that on the property. He stated he speaks for a good many of his neighbors who are much opposed to the change.

Mr. Henry Teeter, who had signed the petition opposing the change, stated he owns the property adjacent to that in question and that he has 300 acres in the area, purchased by his father in 1937 and they are much interested in the right development of the area. That during the past several years, he and his brother have sold some of this property and it was all sold under residential restrictions. That he wishes to go on record as much opposed to the change.

Mr. John Auten, 5943 Plaza Road, stated he has recently moved here from Hickory and his home is on the same side of the road as the property in question, and he cannot see how a shopping center in so small an area can serve so many people, and he is opposed to the rezoning.

At this point, Mr. Teeter stated he is of the opinion that his property comes within the 20% restriction clause, and he filed with the City Manager a statement in writing to that effect.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 437 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE CHARLOTTE PERIMETER AREA, BY CHANGING PROPERTY ON BERTONLEY AVENUE, FROM R-1 TO R-2.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 437 Amending the Zoning Ordinance by amending the Building Zone Map of the Charlotte Perimeter Area by changing property on Bertonley Avenue, from R-1 to R-2, on petition of E. C. Selvey, J. B. Stegall, Jr. and E. C. Griffin.

Factual information as to the property and surrounding area was presented by the Planning Director, who stated the property is 125' x 150' fronting
on Bertonley Avenue and is vacant property and is adjoined by residential and vacant property at the rear.

Mr. Allen Bailey, Attorney, representing the petitioners spoke in the interest of the requested change.

No opposition was expressed.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 438 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 OF THE CITY CODE, AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE CHARLOTTE PERIMETER AREA BY CHANGING PROPERTY AT THE INTERSECTION OF YORK ROAD AND SHOPTON ROAD, FROM RURAL TO B-I.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 438 Amending the Zoning Ordinance by amending the Building Zone Map of the Charlotte Perimeter Area, by changing property at the intersection of York Road and Shopton Road, from Rural to B-I, on petition of J. M. Herron.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director advised that the property is 400'x600' and there is a small store and warehouse presently on the property; that across York Road from the property are single family residences and across Shopton Road are the same, and otherwise the area is zoned Rural.

Mr. Kenneth Whitsett, spoke for Mr. Herron, and stated the property is seven miles, from Charlotte. That Mr. Herron would like to erect a nice store building to serve the Dixie area and many others. That the property is at the intersection of the roads and a nice location for a store; that there is a colored cemetery nearby and, therefore, not suitable for residential purposes. Mr. Whitsett stated he does not think that anyone in the neighborhood objects to the change and a store in this location.

Mr. Whitsett stated further that he lives a short distance from the property, and would like to see the property rezoned to make it possible for Mr. Herron, who is an elderly gentlemen, to have a store here. At the question of Councilman Baxter if Mr. Herron would consider changing to a B I-A zone instead of B-I, Mr. Whitsett replied they would be glad to do so, as they only wish to erect the store building.

Mr. Johnny McDowell of the Steele Creek area spoke in favor of the change for Mr. Herron, and stated the B I-A zone is really what they want for Mr. Herron, and that he will not sell alcoholic beverages at the store.

Mr. H. I. McDougle asked that the rezoning be approved for Mr. Herron, and stated that the B I-A zone is what they actually want.

No opposition to the proposed change was voiced.

Council deferred action for one week.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON MORNINGSIDE DRIVE.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Morningside Drive" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the resolution passed on its first reading. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 154.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON LISTER DRIVE.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Lister Drive", was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, passed on its first reading. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 155.

EXPENDITURE OF $750.00 AUTHORIZED FOR PROMOTIONAL WORK IN SALE OF $4,750,000 CITY OF CHARLOTTE BONDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the expenditure of $750.00 by the City Treasurer for promotional work in the sale of $4,750,000 City of Charlotte Bonds, was unanimously authorized.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO POLICE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED FOR PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS AND BADGES FOR AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS.

Councilman Brown moved the transfer of $1,375.00 from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to the Police Department (Code 401 C-33) for the purchase of uniforms and badges for Auxiliary Police Officers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albee, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT FOR RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of the following funds as listed:

(a) $306.00 to the Engineering Department, Capital Outlay Account (Code 1512 G-44) for purchase of radio equipment.
(b) $765.00 to the Engineering Dept., Street Division, Capital Outlay Account (Code 1513 G-44) for purchase of radio equipment.
(c) $153.00 to the Engineering Dept., Sewer Lateral Division (Code 1621-A, G-44) for purchase of radio equipment.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PURCHASE OF INFLUENZA VACCINE.

Councilman Dellinger moved the transfer of $513.65 from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to the Health Department (Code 301 C-17) as reimbursement for the purchase of influenza vaccine, authorized on August 21, 1957. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CHANGE IN NAME OF CRESCENT AVENUE EXTENSION, FROM DURHAM DRIVE TO INTERSECTION WITH OLD SARDIS ROAD, TO "OLD SARDIS ROAD".

Councilman Albee moved approval of the signed petition by the residents of Crescent Avenue Extension for a change in the name of the street, to Old Sardis Road, from Durham Drive to its intersection with Old Sardis Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Foard, and unanimously carried.
CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the construction of sanitary sewer mains at various locations was authorized as follows:

(a) Construction of 515-ft. of sewer main in Hillcrest Avenue, to replace inadequate line causing serious trouble, at an estimated cost of $2,275.00, to be borne by the City.

(b) Construction of 1,815-ft. of sewer main in Hollis Road and South Boulevard, at request of C. M. Allen & Company, to serve eleven business units, at an estimated cost of $6,360.00. All cost to be borne by the City, and the deposit of $3,060.00 by the applicant to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

(c) Construction of 140-ft. of sewer main in Gardner Street, at request of Helms Construction Company, to serve two business units, at an estimated cost of $590.00. All costs to be borne by the City.

(d) Construction of 99-ft. of sewer main in Jennings Street, at request of Mr. John Archie, 1332 Jennings Street, to serve one family unit, at an estimated cost of $300.00, to be borne by the City.

CLAIM OF MRS. M. G. TOWNEND FOR PERSONAL INJURIES REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, referring to the City Attorney for handling the claim of Mrs. M. G. Townend, 2445 Croyden Road, filed by her attorney Mr. E. S. DeLaney, Jr., for injuries sustained on the night of Sept. 6, 1957 alleged to have been caused by stepping into a deep hole adjacent to the curb on the north side of Mecklenburg Avenue, approximately 120 feet west of its intersection with Belvedere Avenue.

CONTRACT AWARDED AUTOMATIC SIGNAL DIVISION, EASTERN INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR ONE TRAFFIC CONTROLLER.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Automatic Signal Division, Eastern Industries, Inc., for One Model 1826N Traffic Controller, in Type "G" Cabinet, complete as specified, at a total net delivered price of $1,095.15, to be used for correcting the traffic situation at Remount Avenue and Wilkinson Boulevard.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN ALONG PINEVILLE ROAD NORTH OF SCALEYBARK ROAD.

Councilman Baxter moved approval of a contract with John Crosland Company for the installation of 350-ft of water main along Pineville Road, north of Scaleybark Road, to serve business property on Pineville Road, at an estimated cost of $560.00. All costs to be paid by the Company, who will dedicate the main to the City upon acceptance by the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Foard, and unanimously carried.
ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS TO C.M. SHARPE AND J. B. DOBBS, FOR USE ON PREMISES OF CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, Special Officer Permits were authorized issued to Mr. C. M. Sharpe and Mr. J. B. Dobbs, for use on the premises of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed with Mrs. Anita Stewart-Brown, for Lot 99-A, Section DeMonte, Elmwood Cemetery, at a cost of $1.00 for transfer from Mrs. Ella Griffin Rhine (formerly Stewart).

HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Councilman Foard moved that a holiday be granted city employees on Wednesday, January 1st, in observance of New Year's Day. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST THAT STREET BE BLOCKED OFF AS SAFETY MEASURE WHEN TREES ARE CUT DOWN.

Councilman Dellinger stated that out on East 4th Street, and in other locations in the City, Tree Experts are cutting down trees and letting them fall into the street, which is a dangerous practice. He requested that the street be blocked off during work of this type, or some safety measures taken. Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated he would see that it is done.

INCREASE IN SALARY FOR LOWER INCOME EMPLOYEES NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Councilman Albes stated that some ten days ago he received a letter about Municipal Employees in the lower income bracket wanting a raise in salary, and he asked if there were funds available for such purpose now or in the near future? He stated further he would like very much to have a raise given those who are not making a living.

Councilman Baxter stated he does not think this would come under the Job Classification Committee. That such funds would have to come from the Emergency Fund and that he understands from the City Manager that those funds are about exhausted. Mr. Yancey stated he did not know the exact amount left in the Emergency Fund, he would guess about $25,000.00.

Councilman Baxter stated the job classification points might be increased for these employees in next year’s budget. Councilman Dellinger asked if we did not budget about $7,000.00 for border line cases? Mr. Yancey replied that we did and a good bit of it has been spent for that purpose.

Councilman Albes again stated he would like very much to provide an increase if possible and if funds were available; if they are not, then of course, there is nothing that can be done at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Councilman Foard, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk