A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, on Wednesday, December 28, 1955, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem Smith presiding, and Council members Albee, Baxter, Dellinger, Evans and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Mayor Van Every and Councilman Brown.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albee.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on December 21st were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE NO. 285-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY ANNEXING THERETO TWO TRACTS OF LAND IN CRAB ORCHARD TOWNSHIP, CONSISTING OF 1,724 ACRES AND 4.20 ACRES, RESPECTIVELY, UPON PETITION OF R. T. ALLEN, JR. AND WIFE.

The scheduled hearing was held in connection with the petition of R. T. Allen, Jr. and wife that the corporate limits of the City of Charlotte be extended by annexing thereto two tracts of land in Crab Orchard Township, consisting of 1,724 acres and 4.20 acres, respectively. No objections were expressed to the proposed annexation. Councilman Albee moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 285-X Extending the Corporate Limits of the City of Charlotte By Annexing the two tracts of land. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Pages 464-465.

ORDINANCE NO. 286 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-1 TO R-2 ON LOTS 6, 7, 8 AND 9 IN BLOCK 8 OF MIMOSA AVENUE, ADOPTED.

The hearing was held in connection with the proposed Ordinance No. 286 to Amend the Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning from R-1 to R-2 on Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Block 8 of Mimosa Avenue, upon petition of Mrs. Jim Armstrong.

No objections were expressed to the proposed change.

Councilman Dellinger moved the adoption of the ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 466.

PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTED TO REVIEW REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-1 AND R-2 TO B-1-A OF PROPERTY IN 2500, 2600 AND 2700 BLOCKS OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL.

Mr. Robert Perry, Attorney for the petitioner for a change in zoning from R-1 and R-2 to B-1-A of property in the 2500, 2600 and 2700 blocks of Independence Boulevard, stated that when he appeared before Council on November 30th for his clients, the Council referred the requested zoning change to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for recommendation. That he understands the Board has not yet made their recommendation; however, at their meeting on December 13th they discussed the matter with the Board of School Commissioners as to the effect of the requested zoning on Chantilly School, but they did not hold a public hearing nor did they give him, his clients or the opponents the chance to express an opportunity to be present; however, the Board advised him that the request was denied. Mr. Perry stated he wishes to be heard on the matter, and he requested that the Council refer the matter to the Planning Commission, whom he understands will in the future hear requests for zoning changes, and request that they hold a full hearing and notify all concerned the date of the hearing, and then make their recommendation to the City Council.
Councilwoman Evans asked Councilman Dellinger to clarify his motion on November 30th that the matter be referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Councilman Dellinger stated he made the motion that it be sent to the Board for them to hold a public hearing.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the Council request the Planning Commission to review the case, and if necessary hold a hearing and thereafter make their recommendation to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER LINE AUTHORIZED IN BELVEDERE AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the construction of 585 feet of sanitary sewer main in Belvedere Avenue was authorized to replace an old, inadequate line, at an estimated cost of $1,550.00, to be paid by the city.

ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO CONNECT SANITARY SEWER LINES TO CITY’S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN EASTWAY PARK SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Albee, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, authorizing Ervin Construction Company to connect 2,445 feet of sanitary sewer lines to the City’s Sanitary Sewerage System in Eastway Park Subdivision, provided they comply with all laws, rules and regulations now in effect, or which may hereafter become effective relative to property similarly situated.

CONTRACT AWARDED CONCRETE PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR WATER METER BOXES.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that contract be awarded Concrete Products Company for 1,000 concrete meter boxes with covers, City of Charlotte accepted standard pattern, as specified, on a unit price basis of $4.50 each, representing a net delivered price of $4,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances were authorized as follows:

(a) Two 35-ft. driveway entrances at 1121-29 West 5th Street.
(b) Two 35-ft. driveway entrances at 1505 East 4th Street.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO JOHN P. BRUDENELL FOR USE ON PREMISES OF SOUTHERN KNITWEAR MILLS, INC.

Motion was made by Councilman Albee, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, authorizing the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to John P. Brudenell for use on the premises of Southern Knitwear Mills, Inc., 622 East 28th Street.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a deed with Miss Jessie C. Pickens for the transfer of Lot 65, Section 2, in Evergreen Cemetery, at a price of $240.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

APPLICATION OF L. B. JACKSON AND R. H. EDNEY FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT LAUNDRY IN INDUSTRIAL ZONE AT 365 DALTON AVENUE APPROVED.

Councilman Albee moved approval of the application of Messrs. L. B. Jackson and R. H. Edney for permit to construct a laundry at 365 Dalton Avenue, in an industrial zone. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, 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