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, January 29, 1958, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Council members Albee, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: None

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albee.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on January 22nd were approved as submitted.

S & R AUTO & WRECKER SERVICE REQUESTS THAT THEY BE GIVEN PORTION OF AUTOMOBILE TOW-IN AND WRECKED CAR BUSINESS.

Mr. Ernest DeLaney, Jr., Attorney appeared before Council representing S & R Auto & Wrecker Service and requested that a portion of the City's illegally parked automobile tow-in and wrecked car business be given them. He stated the City has been divided by the Police Department into four or five zones and one Wrecker Service has been designated in each zone to handle all the business. That S & R Auto & Wrecker Service are well equipped to do this type work and would like to know what steps should be taken to receive a portion of the business. Mr. DeLaney stated they have discussed the matter with the City Manager, Captain Henkie and Assistant Chief Ford of the Police Department without a satisfactory answer.

In the discussion the City Manager stated this business is now handled as an administrative matter; that they have attempted to provide a zone for those Companies giving 24 hour service; that if another zone is created for S & R Auto & Wrecker Service, another company will come in and request the same thing; that the assignment of zones was made to eliminate the impossible conditions created by all Wrecker Companies appearing at each wreck, as their cars were equipped with radios on which they picked up the Police calls to officers when a wreck occurred.

Mayor Smith advised Mr. DeLaney that a Committee has been appointed to study the matter and bring to the Council their recommendation as to how the car tow-in and wreck business should be handled. Councilman Baxter, Chairman of the Committee advised that an ordinance had been drawn to be presented today and then the question of zones came up and had to be considered, therefore the ordinance would not be presented until next week or as soon as possible.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO ENGINEERING AND STREET DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SHELTERS ON TRUCKS FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL BEING TRANSFERRED TO AND FROM WORK.

Councilman Dellinger moved that $1200.00 be transferred from the Emergency
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Fund (Code 110) to the Engineering and Street Department to provide shelters on trucks for the protection of personnel being transported to and from work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albee and unanimously carried.

CLERK-STENOGRAPHER AUTHORIZED EMPLOYED IN ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albee, and unanimously carried, the employment of an additional Clerk-Stenographer at the Job Classification level of 320 points, in the Engineering Department was authorized.

ORDINANCE NO. 446 AMENDING BUILDING CODE CONTROLLING THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROJECTING SIGNS ON TRYON STREET, FROM MOREHEAD STREET TO TENTH STREET AND ON TRADE STREET, FROM MCDOWELL STREET TO THE MAIN LINE TRACK OF THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Councilman Wilkinson stated that the ordinance to regulate projecting business signs in the uptown area has been prepared, and that it is acceptable to the Chamber of Commerce and the City’s Committee, both of whom have made a study of the question. He then introduced the ordinance, entitled: “Ordinance No. 446 Amending Building Code Controlling the Erection and Maintenance of Projecting Signs on Tryon Street, from Morehead Street to Tenth Street and on Trade Street, from McDowell Street to the main line track of the Southern Railway” and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 12, beginning at Page 213 and ending at Page 214.

CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON MORNINGSIDE DRIVE.

Councilman Brown moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, for street improvements on Morningside Drive, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of $41,927.49. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

Bids received were as follows:

Crowder Construction Company $41,927.49
Blythe Bros. Company $42,457.00
Rea Construction Company $44,808.00
Blankenship Brothers $44,974.00
Mecklenburg Engineers & Contractors $46,082.40

SICK LEAVE EXTENDED 30 DAYS TO E. T. BEATTY, PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Delligener, and unanimously carried, sick leave was extended for an additional 30 days from January 29th to Mr. E. T. Beatty, Plumbing Inspector.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF CLAUDE A. COCHRAN.

The following resolution relative to the passing of Mr. Claude A. Cochran Chairman of the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority was introduced and read by Mayor Smith, following which Councilman Brown moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried:
"RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE
DEATH OF CLAUDE A. COCHRAN.

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom, has called from Labor to
rest Claude A. Cochran; and
WHEREAS, our grief at his passing is softened by the thoughts
of our pleasant association with him; and
WHEREAS, it is with deep appreciation of his splendid service
to the City of Charlotte as a member of the Auditorium-Coliseum
Authority, that we honor his memory; and
WHEREAS, it is with the realization of the great loss to Charlotte,
that we mourn his passing.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the members of the City
Council of the City of Charlotte, extend our heartfelt sympathy
to the family in their sorrow and pray God’s blessings to rest
upon them.
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the
family of the deceased, and also to the newspapers in the City of
Charlotte for publication, and that it be spread upon the Minutes
of this Meeting of the City Council."

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
ON FEBRUARY 26, 1958 TO CONSIDER THE PETITION OF DARBY ACRES CORPORATION
FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE OF 45.63 ACRES OF PROPERTY,
LOCATED IN CRAB ORCHARD TOWNSHIP.

The City Manager reported that a Petition has been filed by Mr. Ray
Rankin, Attorney in behalf of Darby Acres Corporation for the annexation
to Charlotte of 45.63 acres of property, located in Crab Orchard Town-
ship, contiguous to the present corporate limits of Charlotte.

Thereupon, a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for Publication
of Notice of Session of City Council on February 26, 1958, to Consider
the Petition of Darby Acres Corporation for the Annexation to the City
of Charlotte of 45.63 Acres of Property, Located in Crab Orchard Township,"
was introduced and read. Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the re-
solution which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously
carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at
Page 182.

COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS IN CANTERBURY DRIVE AND MELCHOR AVE.
AUTHORIZED CHARGED TO EXCESS SURPLUS IN WATER & SEWER FUND FOR 1956-57.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and
unanimously carried, the cost of construction of sanitary sewer mains in
Canterbury Drive and Melchor Avenue, in the amount of $1,295.00, was
authorized charged to excess surplus in the Water & Sewer Fund for 1956-
57.

SICK LEAVE EXTENDED 30 DAYS TO ALLEN BLAIR, STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE.

Councilman Foard moved that sick leave be extended to Allen Blair, Street
Department employee for an additional 30 days from January 15th. The
motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and un-
animously carried, the construction of driveway entrances was authorized
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at the following locations:

(a) Two 35-ft. driveways at 1833 Thrift Road.
(b) One 20-ft. three 25-ft., one 33-ft., and one 35-ft. driveway
at 1936 Freedom Drive.
(c) Two 19-ft. driveways at 101 Independence Boulevard.

ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO E.D. BARTLETT AUTHORIZED ON PREMISES
OF CHARLOTTE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Brown,
and unanimously carried, authorizing the issuance of a Special Officer
Permit to Mr. E. D. Bartlett for use on the premises of Charlotte Park
and Recreation Commission.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albee, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and
unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to ex-
cute a deed with Mrs. Dale N. Hobbs for the transfer of Evergreen
Cemetery Lot 115, in Section 2, at a cost of $150.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

[Signature]
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk