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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 Monday, May 9, 1960, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Councilmen Albee, Babcock, Dellinger, Hitch, Myers, Smith and Whittington being present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albee.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Babcock, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on May 2nd were approved as submitted.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH CHARLOTTE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL FOR SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION TO CITY’S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Mr. James Cannon appeared before Council to request approval of the petition of Charlotte Country Day School to connect to the City’s Sanitary Sewerage System.

The City Manager stated that the City Engineer advises the school is situated outside the city limits on Carmel Road within the McMullen Creek Drainage area now being served by a lift station at Sharon View Road, whose daily contribution of sewage is small and the requested connection will pose no difficult treatment problem and if the request is granted the city will ultimately acquire from the School a major trunk facility some 2,700 feet long; that the contract should limit future extension of the service and should require the School to install trunk lines sized to accommodate the entire drainage area, and should stipulate that all sewer lines constructed to serve the School shall automatically become the property of the city upon annexation in part or in whole without compensation to the School. Mr. Cannon stated they will accept these terms.

Councilman Hitch moved that a contract be authorized with the School for the City to accept and treat their sewage upon the terms as outlined. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Albee stated he is approving the contract with the understanding that it is not setting a precedent for future connections outside the city limits.

REQUEST FOR SEWER LINES TO SERVE 5000 BLOCK OF PLAZA ROAD.

Mr. J. H. Fisher, 5042 Plaza Road, stated that although he came into the city in January, his property is not being served by the City’s sewerage system and he is advised by the Engineering Department that the line has not been extended to serve the 5000 block of Plaza Road.
due to the gravity. Mr. Cheek, City Engineer, advised the trunk line is in an area where it will be necessary to construct a lift station, for which funds are not available but have been included in the bond funds to be voted on May 28th.

Mayor Smith advised Mr. Fisher if the Sewer Bonds are voted favorably the necessary facilities will be constructed to serve his property.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE REQUEST FOR REPAIRS TO BRIDGE OVER BRANCH TO LAKEVIEW AVENUE AREA.

Councilman Dellinger requested the City Manager to check into the request of Mrs. Bruce Wright, 528 Lakeview Avenue, that repairs be made to the bridge over the branch to the Lakeview Avenue Area.

CHANGE IN HOUSE NUMBERS ON HASSEL PLACE, WEST OF SELWYN AVENUE, MADE NECESSARY TO CONFORM WITH NUMBERS ON HASSEL PLACE, EAST OF SELWYN AVENUE, FORMERLY CALLED SELWYN LANE.

At the inquiry of Councilman Dellinger as to the reason for changing the house numbers on Hassel Place, about which he has received complaints, the City Manager advised that when Selwyn Lane, east of Selwyn Avenue was renamed Hassel Place in the Street Renaming Program, in order to have a continuity in the house numbering system, it was necessary to revise the numbering on Hassel Place, west of Selwyn Avenue since the existing numbers began with 100; therefore, the revised numbering was begun at the 2000 block of Brandywine Road and was carried through old Hassel Place to conform with the first block of new Hassel Place, which was numbered 2400.

JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE TWO TAX DEPARTMENTS.

Councilman Dellinger advised that the Tax Study Committee is ready to submit its report and recommendations for the consolidation of the City and County Tax Departments. The time for the joint meeting was temporarily fixed for 3 p.m., on Tuesday, May 10th, with Councilman Dellinger to advise if the time is suitable to the County Commissioners.

ARTICLE FROM THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER MAY 10, 1959 READ INTO THE MINUTES RELATIVE TO COUNCILMEN SPONSORED BY THE CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Dellinger presented Councilmen Babcock, Hitch, Myers and Smith with copies of a statement by the Chairman of the Citizens for Better Government in The Charlotte Observer on May 10, 1959, to which he had referred at the Council Meeting on May 2nd when the four Councilmen expressed resentment at statements relative to the support of candidates for County Commissioners by the Citizens for Better Government and disclaimed that the same Group, who had sponsored their candidacies for the City Council in 1959, had exerted influence on them since their election.

Councilman Dellinger then read the article into the Minutes as follows:

"THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1959

No Strings Tied To the New Majority.

In behalf of the entire Citizens for Better Government Group
I want to thank you for your fair-minded attitude toward the candidates presented by our group. Your final endorsement of all of them and your fair appraisal of their respective capabilities left nothing further to be desired.

It is believed that these four men along with other successful candidates will provide the necessary new blood to cope with a rapidly-expanding city, keeping its progress unimpeded consistent with the ability of the governing body to provide revenues to cover requirements.

The FACT THAT our candidates have been told that they are to feel under no-obligation to any of their sponsors releases them and their capabilities to represent the entire population to the very best of their respective abilities.

R.S. DICKERSON  
Acting Chairman  
Citizens for Better Government - Charlotte."

Councilman Babcock stated the article bears out his statement at last week's meeting that they were under no obligation to the Group nor anyone. Councilman Dellinger stated he has put the article in the record simply because the four Councilmen stated last week they had no knowledge of such article having appeared in the newspaper.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH AMBULANCE SERVICE OF CHARLOTTE, INC. TO FURNISH AMBULANCE SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, a contract was authorized with Ambulance Service of Charlotte, Inc., Roddy A. Brandes, President.

Councilman Myers commended the Ambulance Study Committee on their very tedious work and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

STREETS IN ANNEXED PERIMETER AREA RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UNTIL JULY 1, 1960.

Councilman Smith expressed concern over the condition of the streets both in the city proper and annexed area and in particular that the residents of the annexed area do not realize that their streets are the responsibility of the State Highway Department until July 1st. He requested the City Engineer to do everything possible to see that the Highway Department pushes the work.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR PARKING & STREET SYSTEM SURVEY IN DOWNTOWN AREA DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Councilman Whittington recommended that the Traffic Engineer be permitted to go ahead with the Parking and Street System Survey in the downtown area for which he has requested $25,000 in the 1960-61 budget. Mr. Hoose stated that no detail study of the downtown area was made in the Thoroughfare Plan and it is essential that it be made to tie in with the overall Plan.

Councilman Myers stated he thinks the Parking Survey and the Street System Survey are two different subjects and should be considered separately; that he can support the Street System Survey but feels
the downtown parking is a matter for private enterprise and he will have to hear what the Merchants and independent parking lot owners think before taking any action on this phase of the survey. Councilman Babcock expressed agreement with Councilman Myers, and stated that many cities have used Boy Scouts to make their parking survey, which can be done here instead of paying $10,000 to $15,000 to a Consultant to make it. Mr. Hose stated that Boy Scouts could only make a small inventory, but not a survey, and the survey he contemplated making is a long range plan to 1980 to tie in with the Thoroughfare Plan.

Councilman Smith moved that the matter be deferred for one week, which was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

OPERATING COST OF PET DEPARTMENT REQUESTED FOR PERIOD, JULY 1, 1959 TO MAY 1, 1960 AND FOR SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1960-61.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to give him the operating cost of the Pet Department for the period July 1, 1959 to May 1, 1960 and for the same period in 1960-61.

CLARIFICATION OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF POSITION ON GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL BOND ELECTION URGED.

Councilman Whittington expressed the opinion that it is urgent that the press be asked to clarify the position of the Medical Staff of Memorial Hospital on the Good Samaritan Hospital Bond Election, as the public is confused and the Bonds can fail to be voted favorably unless the citizens are informed as to just what is needed and what the city is trying to do.

Councilman Hitch stated the Hospital Study Committee and the Editorial Staff of the Charlotte Observer and Charlotte News have discussed the matter, and without their continued aid in informing the public as to the facts in the matter, the bonds will not go over and people who need care will not get it. He advised further that the Long Range Health Study Committee, of which Colonel Beatty is Chairman, will study the hospital question first and none of the bond funds will be spent on Good Samaritan Hospital until a report and recommendations are received from the Beatty Committee. He stated further that the controversy actually involves a small minority of the Medical Staff, and the position of the Hospital Study Committee, of which he was Chairman, remains the same.

OPERATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS DISCUSSED.

Councilman Hitch stated there appears to be some question as to the operation of the Volunteer Fire Departments and of Woodlawn in particular; that they are located inside the city limits but take care of fires outside the city, and it would appear to him that it would be well for Chief Charles and the Volunteer Departments to appear before Council and lines be established in which each will operate. Councilman Babcock stated he thinks the Council should consider that Woodlawn and other Volunteer Departments are still soliciting contributions for support from people inside the city limits and telling the people they cannot depend on the City Fire Department.

The City Manager advised that he and Chief Charles met with the Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Department last Thursday night and he is of the
impression that everything was ironed out; that he is sure they had a
meeting of the minds, and he does not think there is actually any
difference now.

Mayor Smith stated he certainly commends the Volunteer Fire Departments
on the marvelous work they are doing as a public service and he under-
stand Chief Charles welcomes their services to the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION AS TO CITY ADOPTING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

Councilman Hitch stated that several people have asked that the City
go on Daylight Saving Time; he asked the City Attorney if it could
legally be done if the public generally favors it. Mr. Shaw stated
the City has no specific authority to decree that the people shall
go to work at any certain time; that the matter was discussed during
the last session of the Legislature and the State of M. C. does not
want to do it, and his information is that the Charlotte Merchants
Association does not want it.

WORKING HOURS OF CITY EMPLOYEES CHANGED FROM 8:15 AM-5:15PM TO 8AM-5PM.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Babcock, and
unanimously carried, working hours for city employees were changed
from 8:15 AM-5:15 PM to 8 AM - 5 PM, effective May 16th, upon the
recommendation of the City Manager and Departmental Heads.

RESOLUTION DIRECTED DRAWN TO ESTABLISH SETBACK LINES ON FOURTH STREET TO PERMIT TRAFFIC LANES AND SIDEWALKS AS STATED.

The question of the establishment of setback lines on Fourth Street
from the Underpass west was discussed by the Council, City Manager,
City Engineer and Traffic Engineer, and an agreement of the needs
was reached, and Councilman Myers moved that the Council direct the
City Attorney and City Engineer to formulate a resolution authorizing
the establishment of lines between College and Church Streets to permit
three 11-ft. traffic lanes and two 8-ft. sidewalks and one additional
lane in the first block of West 4th Street for left turns into Church
Street; from the Underpass to College Street four lanes and two 8-ft
sidewalks and from Church Street west to Mint Street three 11-ft.
lanes and two 8-ft. sidewalks, and that property be taken off each
side of the street evenly as possible, avoiding the American-Commercial
Bank property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and
unanimously carried.

PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL ORDINANCE REQUESTED DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL.

Councilman Babcock requested the City Manager to have copies of the
proposed swimming pool ordinance mailed the Council.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON TUCKASEEGEE ROAD, FROM NEAR WESTBROOK DRIVE TO THRIFT ROAD, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington,
and unanimously carried, a Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improve-
ments on Tuckaseegee Road, from near Westbrook Drive to Thrift Road
was unanimously adopted on its final reading. The resolution is
recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 3.
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HEARING ON JUNE 20TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 674 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

A Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on June 20th on Ordinance No. 674 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change zoning from R-2 to R-1, on property on the SW side of East 36th Street at Alexander Street, on petition of W. J. Lowder, et al, was adopted upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 4.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HEARING ON JUNE 20TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 675 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

A Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on June 20th on Ordinance No. 675 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change zoning from R-2 to B-1 on property at 1215-1233 East Boulevard, on petition of East Boulevard Corp. et al, was adopted upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 5.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HEARING ON JUNE 20TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 676 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

A Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on June 20th on Ordinance No. 676 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change zoning from R-2 to Industrial on property located south of the SAL Railway near Marvin Road, on petition of Mrs. W. H. Bank, was adopted upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 6.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 20TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 677 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

A Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on June 20th on Ordinance No. 677 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change zoning from R-1 to Industrial on property on the east side of Pineville Road, adjoining Selwyn Park No. 9, on petition of Atlas Drive-in Theatre, Inc., was adopted upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 7.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 20TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 678 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

A Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on June 20th on Ordinance No. 678 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change zoning from R-2 and R-1 to Office Institution on property on the west side of Park Road, between Woodlawn Road and Drexel Place, on petition of W. W. Lineberger, L. L. Reitzel and W. H. Straughn, was adopted upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 8.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 20TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 679 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

A Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on June 20th on Ordinance
No. 679 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change zoning from R-2 to B-1-A on property adjoining Providence Village Shopping Center fronting on Providence and Sharon Amity Roads, on petition of Dunnaway, Harry, Jenkins, Lee & Williams Company, was adopted upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 9.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 20TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 680 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

A Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on June 20th on Ordinance No. 680 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change zoning from Rural to B-1 on property at the SW corner of Sharon and Fairview Roads, upon petition of Esso Standard Division of Humble Oil & Refining Company, was adopted upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 10.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF ROBERT W. FLACK.

A Resolution Relative to the Death of Robert W. Flack, former City Manager of Charlotte, was introduced and upon motion of Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Albee, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 11.

PAYMENT OF SANITARY SEWER RIGHTS-OF-WAY AUTHORIZED FROM SEWER BOND FUND.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the payment of sanitary sewer rights-of-way from the Sewer Bond Fund was authorized to the following persons:

- Charles Ross Kerr & wife, Betty L. $ 151.48
- Lindsey T. Byrum & wife, Carolynne M. 116.97
- J. A. Jones Construction Company 563.88
- Katherine Myers 97.00
- Mrs. Ethel M. Arrington Bowman & husband, Grady Lee 137.85
- Sarah Louise Hinson 317.60
- B. Z. Furr & wife, Queenie M. 277.58
- H. Eugene Funderburk & wife, Constance W. 117.54
- L. R. Furr & wife, Isabelle 52.05
- Johnny G. Bigham & wife, Carrie 100.00
- J. S. Phifer & wife, Maude Biggers 122.84
- L. P. Evans & wife, Mary F. 49.35
- John E. Chapman Jr. & wife, Mary Frances 44.54
- Cecil W. Floyd & wife, Daisy Amanda 115.55
- D. G. Williams & wife, Belinda J. 73.10
- Dovie Myrtle Cupp 53.49
- Robert Odell Burroughs 27.30
- Beatrice H. Burroughs 27.30
- Marion H. Monson & wife, Mary Fisher 75.00
- Vernon Stephenson 53.57
- Ernest Lee Kennedy 67.25
- Edgar C. Austin & wife, Faye 34.04
- George Lefler & wife, Roberta B. 65.18
- David L. Butler & wife, Betty Lou D. 32.88
- John Chonis 521.61

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CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

(a) One 25-ft. entrance at 215 Ideal Way.
(b) One 12-ft. entrance on W. 7th Street for 307 N. Graham Street.
(c) One 30-ft. entrance at 2301 Central Avenue.
(d) Two 30-ft. entrances on Foster Street and Two 20-ft. entrances on S. Tryon Street, all for 3100 S. Tryon Street.
(e) One 30-ft. entrance at 1215 South Boulevard.
(f) One 18-ft. and One 24-ft. entrance at 2519 S. Tryon Street.
(g) One 30-ft. entrance at 1116 Clement Avenue.
(h) Two 35-ft. entrances on Sharon-Amity Road and Two 35-ft. entrances on Randolph Road, all for 4474 Randolph Road.
(i) One 30-ft. entrance on W. Myers Street for 800 E. 5th Street.
(j) Two 36.5 entrances at 2201 Hawkins Street.

CONTRACT AWARDED PARNELL-MARTIN SUPPLY COMPANY FOR PIPE FITTINGS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Parnell-Martin Supply Company for 14,844 Pipe Fittings as specified, on a unit price basis, at a total price of $3,021.12, subject to 2% cash discount, representing a net delivered price of $2,980.70.

The following net delivered bids were received:

- Parnell-Martin Supply Co. $ 2,960.70
- Parnell Tool Supply Co. $ 2,969.64
- Atlas Supply Company $ 3,097.42
- Horne-Wilson, Inc. $ 3,127.80
- McJunkin Corporation $ 3,211.95
- Hajoca Corporation $ 3,220.65
- Crane Company $ 3,250.85
- Dillon Supply Company $ 3,256.78
- Baker-Mitchell Company $ 3,259.22
- Noland Company $ 3,354.39
- Grinnell Company $ 3,413.45
- Union Supply Company $ 3,509.58
CONTRACT AWARDED PRISMO SAFETY CORPORATION FOR TRAFFIC PAINT.

Upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Prismo Safety Corporation for 1,000 Gallons of white Traffic Paint, as specified, representing a net delivered price of $3,260.00; the contract was awarded on the basis that the Prismo Premix material is the cheapest per mile cost of the bids received.

The following net delivered bids were received:

- Baltimore Paint & Chemical Corp. $2,800.00
- William Armstrong Smith Co. $3,029.40
- Prismo Safety Corp. $3,260.00
- Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co. $3,850.00

ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED TO OTIS MCDANIEL AND C. O. HALL FOR USE ON PREMISES OF CHARLOTTETOWN MALL.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the issuance of Special Officer Permits to Mr. Otis McDaniel and Mr. C. O. Hall for use on the premises of Charloettown Mall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried.

CLAIM OF MISS TRINA RICE FOR PERSONAL INJURIES REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the claim of Miss Trina Rice for personal injuries sustained on August 25, 1959 at the Coliseum was referred to the City Attorney for recommendation.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Babcock, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mrs. Gladys Freeman for the transfer of Graves #7 and #8 in Lot 106, Section 3 of Evergreen Cemetery, at $80.00.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF MRS JANIE BOGANS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried, the claim of Mrs. Janie Bogans in the amount of $3,000.00 for personal injuries from falling at night in a hole on Linden Lane on September 21, 1958, was authorized settled in the amount of $400.00, by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilman Babcock, Dellinger, Hitch, Myers and Whittington.
NAYS: Councilmen Albee and Smith.

Councilman Smith expressed strong opposition to the settlement of the claim out of court.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF MRS HUGH A MCLEAN FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried, the claim of Mrs. Hugh McLean, in the amount of $10,000.00,
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for personal injuries from falling on the sidewalk at 628 South Tryon Street on July 28, 1959, was authorized settled in the amount of $250.00 by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Babcock, Dellinger, Hitch, Myers and Whittington.
NAYS: Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith expressed opposition to the settlement of claims out of court.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

[Signature]
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk