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A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL, CHARLOTTE, N. C., AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P. M., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1935, MAYOR DOUGLAS PRESIDING, AND COUNCILMEN: ALBEA, BAXTER, DURHAM, HUDSON, HUNTLEY, NANCE AND SIDES.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN HOVIS, BOYD, TIPTON AND WILKINSON.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR, WHO STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF SAME WAS FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AIRPORT PROPERTY.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE CITY ATTORNEYS WAS READ BY THE CITY MANAGER:

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MAYOR BEN E. DOUGLAS,  
MR. J. B. MARSHALL, CITY MANAGER,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL,  
CITY HALL, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

GENTLEMEN:

IN REFERENCE TO THE PURCHASE OF THE AIRPORT PROPERTY, THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED THE EXAMINATION OF THE TITLES TO THIS PROPERTY.

THE DUKE POWER COMPANY HAS AN EASEMENT OVER THE VARIOUS TRACTS OF LAND FOR POLE LINES FOR TRANSMITTING ELECTRICITY BY WIRE, WHICH LAND THE CITY IS PROPOSING TO PURCHASE AND WE ARE NOW NEGOTIATING WITH THE OFFICIALS OF THIS COMPANY IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET A RELEASE OF THESE EASEMENTS.

THERE IS ONE DEED THAT HAS TO BE MAILED TO CHAPEL HILL, N. C. TO BE SIGNED BY ONE OF THE BERRYHILL HEIRS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TRACT OF LAND WHICH WAS JUST DECIDED A FEW DAYS AGO TO PURCHASE.

IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAVE ADDRESSED A REQUEST TO MR. WAYNICK, CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION IN RALEIGH, TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO HAVE THE ROAD CLOSED WHICH GOES ACROSS PART OF THE PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE PURCHASED FOR THE AIRPORT.

THERE IS A DEED OF TRUST ON ONE OF THE TRACTS OF LAND TO JEFFERSON STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE PAID OFF AND ALSO A DEED OF TRUST OWNED BY THE FEDERAL LAND BANK OF COLUMBIA UPON ANOTHER TRACT, WHICH HAS TO BE PAID OFF IN ADDITION TO DEEDS OF TRUST ON OTHER TRACTS HELD BY LOCAL PEOPLE AND WE HAVE REQUESTED THE VARIOUS PARTIES TO HAVE THESE VARIOUS NOTES AND DEEDS OF TRUST MADE AVAILABLE AT ONCE FOR CANCELLATION.

WHEN THE MATTERS HERE IN REFERRED TO ARE CLEARED UP, WHICH WILL BE DONE JUST AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WE WILL THEN BE READY FOR THE CITY TO TAKE TITLE TO THIS PROPERTY.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AS A MATTER OF PRECAUTION AGAINST THE CITY PAYING FOR THIS LAND BEFORE WORK IS STARTED ON THE AIRPORT BY THE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION, THAT AN AGREEMENT BE DRAWN BETWEEN THE

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VARIOUS GRANTORS IN THE DEEDS AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND SOME DESIGNATED BANK BY WHICH AGREEMENT THE DEEDS TO THE PROPERTY WOULD BE RECORDED BUT THAT THE MONEY WOULD BE DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK TO BE HELD BY THE BANK IN ESCROW TO BE PAID TO THE RESPECTIVE PROPERTY OWNERS WHEN THE WORK IS STARTED ON THE AIRPORT. WE DO NOT KNOW OF COURSE WHETHER THE VARIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD CONSENT TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT OR NOT BUT SINCE THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED, WE WOULD LIKE FOR THE COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING TONIGHT TO GIVE US DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THIS SUGGESTED PROCEDURE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,  
SCARBOROUGH & BOYD  
BY B. M. BOYD.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS THEN PRESENTED BY MR. MARSHALL, CITY MANAGER:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ON THE 22ND. DAY OF OCTOBER 1935, THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AUTHORIZED THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID CITY TO ISSUE BONDS OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING REAL ESTATE UPON WHICH TO CONSTRUCT A MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BODY, HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN LAND FROM THE FOLLOWING OWNERS IN BERRYHILL TOWNSHIP, UPON WHICH LAND THE AIRPORT IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED, THE SAID OWNERS, THE NUMBER OF ACRES AND THE AMOUNTS AGREED UPON TO BE PAID TO EACH RESPECTIVE OWNER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- N. A. DEESE AND WIFE, 26-3/4 ACRES AT \$100.00 PER ACRES  
 NOLIE WELLS, ET AL., 35-9/10 ACRES AT \$100.00 PER ACRE.  
 W. R. WALLACE AND WIFE, 52-1/2 ACRES AT \$100.00 PER ACRE.  
 THE J. N. SLOAN HEIRS, 143-6/10 ACRES FOR THE TOTAL SUM  
 OF \$10,000.00.  
 E. R. MCCOY, ET AL., 131-1/2 ACRES AT \$105.00 PER ACRE.  
 S. R. BERRYHILL ESTATE, 20 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AT  
 \$210.00 PER ACRE.  
 THAD L. TATE, 27-1/2 ACRES AT \$57.25 PER ACRE.

THE EXACT ACREAGE OF EACH TRACT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY ENGINEER AND CERTIFIED BY HIM TO THE CITY TREASURER AND THE CITY ATTORNEYS, AND

WHEREAS, THE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION, THROUGH ITS DISTRICT MANAGER, MR. JOHN L. GRICE HAS BY LETTER DATED THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1935 AND ADDRESSED TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, ADVISED THAT \$200,000.00 HAS BEEN DEFINITELY SET ASIDE WITH WHICH TO BUILD OR CONSTRUCT THE SAID AIRPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED BY THE CITY ENGINEER AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AIR COMMERCE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND IN SAID LETTER FROM MR. GRICE, IT WAS DEFINITELY STATED THAT THE SUM OF \$200,000.00 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SPENT UPON THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAID AIRPORT WHEN THE

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TITLE TO THE SAID PROPERTY ABOVE REFERRED TO IS VESTED IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IN A SPECIAL SESSION DULY CALLED ACCORDING TO LAW, AND HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER IN THE CITY HALL AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P. M., NOVEMBER 15TH, 1935, THAT L. L. LEDBETTER, THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ISSUE THE CITY'S CHECKS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE SAID LAND ABOVE REFERRED TO WHEN THE TITLES TO THE SAID PROPERTY ARE APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEYS, SAID CHECKS FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE SAID PROPERTY TO BE DRAWN UPON THE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AS HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 1935.

WHEREUPON, COUNCILMAN BAXTER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALBEA, MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION.

DISCUSSION AS TO THE CLEARING UP OF TITLES AND EASEMENTS FOLLOWED. CITY ATTORNEY BOYD STATED THAT A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO MR. WAYNICK, OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ASKING THAT THE ROAD THROUGH THIS PROPERTY BE CLOSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND REQUESTING A REPLY TO SAME AT ONCE, IT BEING NECESSARY FOR THIS REQUEST TO COME FROM THE COUNTY BOARD.

THE MAYOR THEN CALLED FOR A VOTE ON THE ADOPTION OF THE ABOVE RESOLUTION AND SAME WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN ALBEA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NANCE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Alice B. M. Conwell  
CITY CLERK