

Regular Meeting
City Council - Fayetteville, N. C.
September 12, 1960

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Courtroom of the City Hall at 8:00 P.M. on September 12, 1960.

Present: Mayor George B. Herndon

G. W. Ray, City Manager

J. O. Tally, Jr., City Attorney

Councilmen: Eugene Plummer

Sol C. Rose

Ernest L. Massei

Public hearing having been duly advertised and there being no opposition present, on motion of Councilman Plummer, seconded by Councilman Rose, the Zoning Ordinance was unanimously amended as follows:

Rezoned from R-10 to Local Business:

Beginning at a point which is ten feet to the west of the western margin of Emeline Avenue and 375.11' north of the northern margin of Raeford Road and running thence south 85 degrees 56.6 minutes west 277.82 feet to a point in the eastern margin of a proposed street; thence with the eastern margin of the proposed street N. 4 degrees 3.5 minutes E. .5' to a point; thence N. 85 degrees 56.6 minutes E. 277.92 feet to a point; thence S. 4 degrees 3.5 minutes E. 5' to the beginning and being a 5' strip of land adjacent to a portion of the Tally property which was rezoned to local Business on January 11, 1960.

Such rezoning to continue only so long as the applicants maintain a five foot planting or screening strip adjacent to and to the north of the area requested to be rezoned in accordance with the agreement stated in the application bearing the signatures of J. O. Tally and Mary E. Tally said agreement becoming in the files of the City Planning Board.

A group of citizens and businessmen of the downtown area were present to voice their opposition to the traffic and parking plan in the business section.

Mr. George Purvis of the LaFayette Motor Sales, acting as spokesman for the merchants on the west end of Franklin Street was the first to be heard. He stated that they feel that the system in effect at the present time is working a hardship and they would like to request that the Council restore Franklin Street to the way it was before any changes were made, that is; dual traffic and dual parking.

A member of the 1st Baptist Church at the corner of Franklin and Maxwell Streets stated they have a parking problem on Sunday mornings. He requested that parking be restored as a regular thing or that special parking privileges be provided for them on Sunday mornings.

Mr. Denny Shaffer of the One-Hour Martinizing Dry Cleaners stated that he has waited to the effect of the new system and now he has seen and he is in trouble as his business has decreased considerably. He thinks it is the unanimous feeling of everyone on Franklin Street that traffic and parking should be reverted to the original pattern.

Mrs. Rose Bsbeer reported that the business of her grocery store has decreased by at least 30%.

Mr. Walker Bender also requested that the old system of traffic and parking be restored.

Dr. O. L. McFayden representing all business and professional men on Anderson Street presented a petition containing 90% of the names on that street requesting that the system revert back to the way it was. They do not feel there was any problem before this system was put into effect.

Mr. Thomas E. Adair, private citizen, stated that he likes to shop in Fayetteville but he feels that the present system is making it impossible for him to do so. He stated there is no way a person can go around any one block with driving at least six in order to pick up or drop a passenger and since parking spaces have been eliminated it is virtually impossible to find a space.

Mr. J. L. Hatch of the Home Bakery stated that the parallel parking in the 500 block of Hay Street has ruined his business. He presented financial statements for 1959 showing that he made money and statements for 1960 showing that he lost money.

Mr. Dan Tyson, of the Associated Transport Company, stated that there is no way for them to deliver freight to the merchants on Franklin Street as their trucks cannot get in the narrow alleyways and there are no loading or unloading zones.

Mr. D. P. Russ, attorney, stated that The Scottish Bank asked him to state that they are not looking for any argument or hard feelings with the Council or city but they would like their position known. They have invested a very large sum of money and a very nice building at their present location so they would have a drive-in window and now before they are open, the drive-in is blocked because of the use of the streets. They, therefore, request that Donaldson Street be restored to two way traffic.

The manager of Tyler News and Camera Shop presented petitions requesting that Maxwell Street be reverted back to the old system.

Alex McBryde requested that Old Street be reverted back.

Mr. Maurice Fleishman voiced his objection to the whole system. He stated that he has investigated and finds that all these people are absolutely right. He did not have a traffic problem before but we do not.

Councilman Rose stated that he hopes the people realize the Council has tried this system to better the situation downtown for the merchants. He suggested that before he votes to go back to the old system that the traffic engineer be given an opportunity to explain his recommendations.

Mr. Purvis stated that a committee has already discussed the matter with Mr. Davis, the traffic engineer, and they still do not agree with the plan.

Mr. Charles Davis, Traffic Engineer passed copies of his original recommendation and told those present that he would guarantee that his original plan would have worked but it has been changed by small groups from time to time. His efforts were made to take some of the traffic off Hay Street and work towards a safer faster way for the pedestrians and help circulation of the downtown traffic. He recommended to the Council that the plan be put in as originally recommended or taken out completely.

Councilman Massei moved that the Council direct the Police Department to revert back to the original parking and traffic plan with the following exceptions: (a) leave Hay Street as it is now; (b) leave the light at Green and Bow Streets but return parking and traffic to original pattern; (c) leave Gillespie Street as it is; (d) return all other parking and traffic to the pattern it was; (e) The Planning Director, Traffic Bureau and City Manager be requested to make a study of the situation on Hay Street from Pittman Street to Robeson Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Rose and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Harrington, resident of Deal Street in Massey Hill, reported that water stands on Fair and Deal Streets, to the axles of cars and by the time they get to Camden Road the brakes are wet and in a very unsafe condition. She asked for some immediate relief for this condition. She stated that she has been told that necessary right-of-way is being obtained for paving Fair Street and when that has been done she will start necessary steps to obtain necessary right-of-way for Deal Street to be accepted to the City system and for it to be paved but in the meantime, any relief that can be given will be appreciated.

Mr. Tom Hunter requested that three twelve minute parking meters and three thirty-six minute meters be installed in front of his business on Winslow Street. This matter was discussed at length after which Councilman Rose moved that the three 12 minute meters and three 36 minute meters be installed as requested by Mr. Hunter. Motion seconded by Councilman Massei, Voting "Aye; Councilman Massei, Rose, and Mayor Herndon; "Nay" Councilman Plummer.

Mr. Mason Hicks, architect, Mrs. Blanch Dugan, and Mr. Ed Hope of the Recreation Advisory Commission, presented plans for remodeling and new building at the Honeycutt Recreation Center. The plans were explained in detail by Mr. Hicks and an estimate of \$21,500 was given as to the cost. After some discussion, Councilman Rose moved that Mr. Hicks be authorized to proceed with the plans and the letting of bids on this proposal. Motion seconded by Councilman Massei, and unanimously carried.

The City Manager reported that bids were received and open on September 2nd for furnishing equipment for a new fire truck. The bid of W. S. Darley Company was low but it did not include some side compartments at the rear and rear installation for a reel or an electric rotary primer that was included in the other bids and will be needed as part of the equipment for the truck. They have since submitted their bid for this equipment with will increase their original bid by \$350.00.

In view of the fact that all bids had been opened and the others did understand that this equipment was needed, and the W. S. Darley Company would have had the benefit of this knowledge in submitting their additional bid, Councilman Rose did not think it would be fair to the other bidders to accept their equipment and, therefore, moved that the bid of W. S. Darley be rejected. Motion seconded by Councilman Massei and unanimously carried.

Councilman Rose moved that the equipment for the fire truck be purchased from the next low bidder, Howe Fire Apparatus Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Plummer and unanimously carried.

Mr. Charles Davis, Traffic Engineer, presented a letter in which he recommended that the old Central School property at the south east corner of Ray Avenue and Menden Lane be used immediately for metered off street parking. It is understood that the school building cannot be removed for some time however, the remainder of the lot could be used immediately for two hour parking.

Mr. Charles Davis of Traffic Associates, stated that in view of the action of the Council earlier this evening, he does not feel that his services are needed or that the money is being spent wisely, therefore, he presented his resignation as traffic consultant.