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 Joint Meeting

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Present for the City:

Mayor Brookshire and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Thrower and Whittington.

Absent: Councilman Smith.

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Services of Health Department to Indigents \$ 22,180.00
paid by County to City

Telephone Expenses of Health Department 1,320.00
paid by County to City

That the \$10,000 formerly budgeted for rental and use of facilities in the Health Department paid by the County to the City has been eliminated

Policing Morris Field \$ 6,000.00
paid by County to City

Garbage Landfill Operation \$ 12,000.00
paid by County to City

Vital Statistics:
Birth records at .50¢ each, estimated \$ 5,700.00
paid by County to City

Portion of salary of Statistician 480.00
paid by County to City

Office Facilities \$ 20,800.00

He advised that the \$126,860.00 budgeted for Special Appropriations last year has been reduced \$20,280.00, making a total appropriation for 1962-63 of \$106,580.00, of which the County's share is \$58,651.00 and the City's share is \$47,929.00.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR JOINTLY FINANCED OPERATIONS.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of the following budget for the jointly financed operations as prepared by the City Manager and County Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrison, and unanimously carried:

BUDGET FOR JOINTLY FINANCED OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1962-63

<u>JOINT ACTIVITY</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>COUNTY'S SHARE</u>	<u>CITY'S SHARE</u>
Tax Supervisor	\$241,610.	\$158,097.	\$ 83,513.
Tax Collector	166,787.	105,609.	61,178.
Election Office	49,274.	33,841.	15,433.
Domestic Court	74,513.	37,257.	37,256.
Juvenile Court	170,150.	85,075.	85,075.
Veterans Service Office	17,616.	8,808.	8,808.
Planning Board	82,090.	41,045.	41,045.
Civil Defense	24,204.*	9,682.	14,522.
Payroll Taxes	72,638.	40,763.	31,875.
Total	<u>\$898,882.</u>	<u>\$520,177.</u>	<u>\$378,705.</u>
Special Appropriations	<u>106,580.</u>	<u>58,651.</u>	<u>47,929.</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,005,462.		
County's Share		\$578,828.	
CITY'S SHARE			<u>\$426,634</u>

* \$19,948 Federal Matching Funds Deducted

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COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE STUDY OF JOINT CITY-COUNTY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

Mayor Brookshire called attention that at the Joint Budget session last year a Committee was requested appointed to study the joint fiscal responsibilities of the City and County; that the Committee held several meetings and conferred with representatives of the Institute of Government at one of their meetings and made the recommendation that the Council and Commissioners go slowly and agree among themselves as to what their fiscal responsibilities are. The Mayor asked if the study should be pursued in view of the figures presented today by Mr. Veeder and Mr. Busby, which apparently are satisfactory to everyone.

Commissioner Garrison stated he thinks Mr. Busby and Mr. Veeder have done remarkably well.

Councilman Bryant stated he thinks they have done a very fine job, at the same time he thinks it would be a mistake not to give further study to the subject.

Councilman Albea moved that things remain status quo, which was seconded by Councilman Thrower, who stated he thinks the study should definitely be pursued and recommends that the Committee be continued.

Mayor Brookshire advised that without objections the Committee will be continued and if anything specific comes up, a special meeting can be called.

EXTRA ABC FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED BY CITY AND COUNTY.

Mr. Frank Sims, Chairman of the ABC Board, appeared before the Joint Session and advised that since their fiscal year ends on June 30th, they have spent yesterday and last night rechecking their figures and are pleased to advise an extra \$300,000 in ABC funds will be available to the City and County this year. That of this the City and County will receive approximately \$285,000 to split between them; the Public Library will receive 5% of the \$300,000 and of the City's share 5% must be given the Park & Recreation Commission and of the County's share 2% goes to each of the other five incorporated towns in the County and both the City and County must apply 25% to their Bonded Debt.

Mr. Sims advised the amount would be much larger if the State was not robbing the City and County of approximately \$450,000 a year they are not entitled to and that the ABC Board is highly incensed over the State's tax formula. He stated the State tax on whiskey is 12% of the total sale price but Mecklenburg County can charge the consumer only a 10% State tax.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, figured the City's share will be \$135,000 plus, and Mr. Busby advised the County's share will mean 1.7 cents on their tax rate.

Mayor Brookshire expressed his pleasure to Mr. Sims for this very good news, and stated his suggestion would be that the City's \$135,000 should be applied to the Contingency Fund, which has been trimmed down considerably.

Councilman Bryant asked Mr. Sims what the City and County can do to help rectify this situation with the State, and Mr. Sims replied there is nothing one can do at this stage, however, he gets very little recognition when he goes down to Raleigh on such matters, as he is only "hired help" and when the proper time comes he hopes the Council and Commissioners will lend their full support. Mr. Sims stated further that he believes the Legislature will give some relief on this tax situation.

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PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND SENATORS ERVIN AND JORDAN TO BE REQUESTED TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO SETTLE EASTERN AIRLINE ENGINEERS STRIKE.

Mayor Brookshire advised that Mr. Jeff Dishonah, District Manager, Eastern Airlines, has advised him that Mr. Malcolm MacIntyre, President of Eastern Airlines is requesting local Governing Bodies over the nation to write President Kennedy and their Senators requesting that every possible effort be made to settle the Airline Engineers strike. That in Charlotte the local economy is being seriously affected by 400 EAL employees being unemployed, Yellow Cab Company that serves the Airport and the Oil Companies are being affected and the Airport Caterers are being hurt.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the request be complied with and letters be sent by the City and County to the President and our Senators. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Garrison, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk