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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, convened at 10 o'clock a.m., on Monday, May 13, 1957, in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, for the purpose of inducting into office the Mayor and City Council, elected to their respective offices by a vote of the people at an election held on May 7, 1957.

Mayor Van Every presided, and Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Smith and Wilkinson being present.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Mr. Kenneth Ball, Associate Pastor of The Moravian Little Church on the Lane.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS ON MAY 8TH AND 9TH, 1957.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the Council Meetings on May 8th and 9th were approved as submitted.

REPORT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS TO RESULTS OF ELECTION.

Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk, presented the following report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections as to the results of the municipal election held on May 7, 1957:

"The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections met in the Domestic Relations Court Room of the Court House of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, at 10 o'clock A.M., on the 9th day of May, 1957, in the presence of such electors as chose to attend, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the City Election, May 7, 1957, for Mayor, Councilmen and Members of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Each Registrar in various precincts of the City of Charlotte delivered the respective returns of his or her precinct to the said Board of Elections, and the said board opened the returns, and immediately, canvassed and judicially determined the results of the voting in such election, stating the number of legal ballots cast in each precinct for each candidate, the name of each person voted for, and the total number of votes given to each person for each different office.

The said County Board of Elections made and signed duplicate abstracts thereof, and the Chairman of the said County Board of

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Elections signed an affidavit on each of said duplicate abstracts of the returns of the said municipal election that they were true and correct. On May 10, 1957, the County Board of Elections filed one set of the duplicate returns of the Registrars and Judges, and one of the duplicate abstracts of the County Board of Elections with the Clerk of the City of Charlotte. On the 10th day of May, 1957, the said County Board of Elections made and caused to be posted written notice of such results in the Court House of Mecklenburg County, at the place where notices are usually posted, and in the City Hall of Charlotte, North Carolina, at the place where notices are usually posted. On the 10th day of May, 1957, the said County Board of Elections made and caused to be published in the Charlotte News, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Charlotte, once, the results of said election.

The results of the City Election held in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, on May 7, 1957, as canvassed and judicially determined by the County Board of Elections appear in duplicate abstracts made by said Board, one of which is filed with the City Clerk of Charlotte and the votes for the various offices in said election are as follows:

FOR MAYOR

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| James S. Smith | 9,756 |
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FOR COUNCILMEN

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| Claude L. Albea | 6,827 |
| H. H. Baxter | 7,132 |
| Herman A. Brown | 8,193 |
| Bishop Dale | 2,884 |
| Steve W. Dellinger | 7,412 |
| Martha W. Evans | 7,799 |
| L. K. Farrar | 1,859 |
| Ernest C. Foard | 7,620 |
| Kenneth C. Gibbons | 4,581 |
| Don Hill | 4,193 |
| Frank W. Packard | 2,261 |
| Albert T. Pearson | 2,197 |
| Don Seymour | 1,656 |
| W. Everett Wilkinson | 7,072 |

FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

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|-----------------------|-------|
| Richard H. Brown | 7,051 |
| Carroll O. Dellinger | 5,379 |
| J. P. Hobson | 6,916 |
| Ben S. Horack | 6,476 |
| J. S. Nathaniel Tross | 2,422 |

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The following were declared elected:

FOR MAYOR

James S. Smith

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea
H. H. Baxter
Herman A. Brown
Steve W. Dellinger
Martha W. Evans
Ernest C. Foard
W. Everett Wilkinson

FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Richard H. Brown
J. P. Hobson
Ben S. Horack

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
By:

E. S. DeLaney, Chairman
Joseph F. Woodruff, Secretary
Wm. T. Alexander, Member"

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO CITY COUNCIL-ELECT.

The oath of office was administered by Mayor Van Every to Councilwoman-elect Martha W. Evans and Councilmen-elect Claude L. Albea, H. H. Baxter, Herman A. Brown, Steve W. Dellinger, Ernest C. Foard and W. Everett Wilkinson.

SPEECH BY RETIRING MAYOR VAN EVERY.

Retiring Mayor Van Every, holding the Gavel in his hand, addressed the assembly:

In turning this symbol of municipal authority over to Jim Smith, I do so with mixed emotions. Serving as your Mayor for the past four years has been a rewarding experience. It has been a challenge and a privilege to represent the finest people in the world. The citizens of our city have made my tenure in office most pleasant, and, whatever growth and progress we have realized during the past four years can be attributed to the combined efforts of the City Council and the support of the wonderful people of Charlotte. I am most deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as Mayor of Charlotte, and it is with faith and confidence that I relinquish my chair to Jim Smith, for I know he will maintain the dignity and honor that this high office deserves. My good wishes are with him and with the Council members - we have a common bond and a common interest, which is good, sound government for a great city and its peoples.

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OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR-ELECT JAMES SAXON SMITH.

The Oath of office of Mayor was administered to Mayor-elect James Saxon Smith by Mayor Van Every, who then presented him the Mayor's Gavel, and the City of Charlotte No. 1 Automobile License Plate from his car.

ELECTED MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SEATED.

Thereupon, Mr. Van Every left the Mayor's chair, and Mayor Smith and Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson were seated.

SPEECH BY MAYOR SMITH.

Mayor Smith addressing the assembly, said it is my earnest hope that during the coming months and two years I may be able to do as good a job as Phil Van Every has done. It has been an extreme pleasure to work with him as the Mayor and as my friend. I wish to include Mrs. Van Every, she has been a good friend and as the Mayor's wife has done a splendid job, we are happy to have her with us today. The past four years have been a challenge to us all and as Mayor, Phil has guided the Council through many tough spots and made the problems of the Council much lighter. I wish to express my deep appreciation to the citizens for electing me to the high office of Mayor, and I shall do everything within my power to merit your confidence. I feel that we have a good start towards a successful administration with the splendid Departmental Heads the City has - Henry Yancey as City Manager takes the knocks, Miss Burch, Executive Secretary handles our many phone calls and Mrs. Hoffman, City Clerk, reports our Council Meetings so as to keep us out of trouble.

Mayor Smith then, addressing Mr. Van Every, told him that the Gavel which he turned over to him earlier in the meeting is in fact a new one, and the Gavel he has used during his term as Mayor has been engraved-"Phil Van Every, Mayor of the City of Charlotte May 5, 1953- May 7, 1957", which it is his pleasure to present to him with the hope that he will keep it to remember the good times and the heart aches during his term of office.

Mr. Van Every accepted the Gavel with pleasure and said he would use it at home to keep peace and order.

Mayor Smith then presented Mr. Van Every with the name plate that marked his place at the Council dais during his term as Mayor.

ELECTION OF HERMAN A. BROWN AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Councilman Baxter moved the election of Councilman Herman A. Brown as Mayor pro tempore. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

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MAYOR PRO TEM PRESENTED CHARLOTTE NO. 2 AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATE BY
MAYOR SMITH.

Mayor Smith stated as the retiring Mayor pro tem, he wished to present to the new Mayor pro tem, Councilman Brown, Charlotte No. 2 Automobile License Plate. Mayor pro tem Brown said that he would feel honored to use the plate on his car. He in turn presented his License Plate to Councilman Ernest Foard, the newly elected Member.

INTRODUCTION OF FAMILY OF MAYOR SMITH.

The Mayor then presented his wife, his mother, his sister Laura and his son Jim; also, his two favorite aunts, Mrs. L. W. Thomas and Miss Daisy Smith, his mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bleeker and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bleeker, all of Fayetteville, N. C.

SPEECHES BY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mayor Smith introduced the members of the City Council and asked that they address the assembly and introduce their families:

Councilwoman Martha W. Evans said that in the two years since she repeated the Oath of Office of Council member in this room, that Oath has become to have a much richer, fuller meaning than she had dreamed it would have, and today it is just as important as it was two years ago. That the words "good government" are often used in campaigning and forgotten, but to her it is a fundamental principal by which the Council must function. Mrs. Evans said that she had take the Oath of office on the Bible given her by her sister, who is today critically ill; however, her sister is with her in thought. She then read a telegram from her sister, expressing congratulations and sincere wishes that the entire Council, with the help of God, will serve Charlotte well. Mrs. Evans then introduced her husband, Mr. Charles Evans, whom she said has always given her courage and support in her many activities. She also introduced her Godchild, little Edith Steiger.

Councilman Herbert H. Baxter expressed his pleasure at the privilege of continuing to serve Charlotte. He paid his respects to Mr. Van Every, whom he stated has lead the City Government most successfully for four years. He pledged his cooperation to Mayor Smith in every possible way. He then introduced two of his grandchildren, Robert, small son of his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Hill Baxter Dulin and Gina Hayes, small daughter of his daughter Mrs. Betty Baxter Hayes.

Councilman Steve W. Dellinger stated he is pleased to have the privilege of continuing to serve Charlotte and expressed his appreciation to the citizens for his reelection to the City Council. He stated he has enjoyed working with Mr. Van Every, who has been steadfast in his convictions and willing to work unceasingly to give his best to Charlotte. To Mayor Smith he promised his support and cooperation for a successful administration. Mr. Dellinger then introduced his son, Bill.

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Councilman W. E. Wilkinson stated it has been a pleasure to serve as a member of the Council for the past four years, which have been fruitful ones for the city. That the City has had a wise leader in Mr. Van Every, and he looks for the same wise leadership from Mayor Smith, with whom he will cooperate to the best of his ability. He then introduced his wife.

Councilman Claude L. Albea introduced his wife and their friend, Mrs. Estelle Helms. He expressed his appreciation for the support of the citizens over the many years he has served on the City Council and for the confidence displayed in him. He pledged his best efforts for the City of Charlotte and his support to Mayor Smith.

Councilman Ernest C. Foard stated he considered himself fortunate at being able to serve on the City Council and that he is grateful to the citizens for their support in the election. That he will lend his assistance and cooperation to Mayor Smith for a progressive government. He introduced his wife, his son Kenneth and son Richard and his wife and little boy.

Councilman Herman A. Brown, Mayor pro tem, introduced his pastor the Reverend J. L. Mayer, pastor of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church and expressed his pleasure at having him present. He presented his wife, and sisters Miss Edna Brown and Mrs. Ruth Smith. He expressed his appreciation for the honor of being elected Mayor pro tem and stated he will do all within his power to assist the Mayor and to fill his chair when he is absent, and to serve the people well as a member of the City Council. He expressed his pleasure at having worked with Mr. Van Every and pledged his full support to Mayor Smith. A warm welcome was extended by him to Mr. Foard, newly elected Councilman.

REMARKS BY MR. GEORGE C. POTTER.

Mr. George C. Potter, citizen and member of the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority, stated he would feel remiss in his duty as a citizen if he did not say to Mr. Van Every that he has been a wonderful Mayor and served Charlotte exceedingly well and made a big contribution to the City. That the operation of the City Government is a big job and the success of his administration has been aided by a fine City Council, whom he is happy to see continue in office.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and un-animously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk