

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10 o'clock a.m., on Monday, May 14, 1951, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Election as to the results of the Municipal Election held on the 8th day of May, 1951, and to induct into office the duly elected Mayor, City Councilmen and Members of the School Board, who were present.

INVOCATION.

The meeting was opened with the invocation by Dr. Claude U. Broach, President of the Mecklenburg Ministerial Association.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting on May 9, 1951 and the Special Meeting on May 10, 1951, were approved as submitted.

REPORT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

The following report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections was read by the City Clerk:

"At a Special Meeting of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections held at 11 o'clock a.m., on May 10, 1951, in the Court House of Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, North Carolina, the returns of the General Municipal Election held in the City of Charlotte on May 8, 1951, were received and canvassed.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. E. S. DeLaney, and read:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY
OF CHARLOTTE ON MAY 8, 1951 AND DECLARING
THE RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. That the County Board of Elections did at this time and place receive from the registrars and judges of election in the various precincts in the City of Charlotte, the returns of the General Municipal Election.

Section 2. That the following facts are hereby found and determined:

(a) That each of the registrars and judges for the said election held in the City of Charlotte on May 8, 1951, was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) That no complaints have been made to this Board against the regularity of said Election, and that this Board believes that said election was conducted in full compliance with law, and with the orders of this Board.

(c) That this Board proceeded to canvass the said returns for the selection of officers in the City of Charlotte Municipal Election, and from the canvass so made after adjournment to 7 o'clock p.m., at the Court House, this Board has judicially determined the results of the voting in said General Municipal Election and the votes received in said election by the Candidates hereinafter set forth for the respective offices stated are as follows:

FOR MAYOR

Victor Shaw 10,498 votes

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea 8,202 votes
 Kelly M. Alexander 4,153 votes
 H. H. Baxter 7,316 votes
 Basil M. Boyd 8,813 votes
 Wm. I. Coddington 7,723 votes
 Steve W. Dellinger 6,986 votes
 Sandy R. Jordan 7,842 votes
 Y. P. King 2,917 votes
 Samuel H. Payne 1,051 votes
 Alonzo G. Squires 5,904 votes
 Philip L. Van Every 10,261 votes
 Emmett M. Wilkinson 5,794 votes
 Parks A. Yandle 1,147 votes
 William J. Yates 2,233 votes

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Emily H. Bellows 7,541 votes
 J. Gordan Christian, Jr 8,704 votes
 Louis Duval 6,097 votes
 J. P. Hobson 7,587 votes
 R. M. Mauldin 8,095 votes
 J.S. Nathaniel Tross 1,834 votes
 James F. Wertz 4,365 votes

Section 3. It was judicially determined and duly declared that the following nominees were duly elected to the following offices, and that the abstracts, return, and findings of the Board should be duly posted and advertised as is required by law:

FOR MAYOR

Victor Shaw

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea
 H. H. Baxter
 Basil M. Boyd
 William I. Coddington
 Steve W. Dellinger
 Sandy R. Jordan
 Philip L. Van Every

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

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Mr. E. S. DeLaney moved the passage of the foregoing resolution and Mr. W. T. Alexander seconded the motion, and after full discussion the said resolution was voted on and declared passed, those voting for said resolution being, E. S. DeLaney, W. T. Alexander, and John C. Newitt, and those voting against said resolution being none.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By: John G. Newitt, Chairman
 E. S. DeLaney, Secretary
 W. T. Alexander, Board Member

Whereupon, Councilman Aitken moved that the Report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections be accepted and placed upon the Minutes of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE MAYOR.

Mayor Victor Shaw was administered the oath of office by Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

The oath of office was then administered by the City Clerk to Messrs. Claude L. Albea, H. H. Baxter, Basil M. Boyd, William I. Coddington, Steve W. Dellinger, Sandy R. Jordan and Philip L. Van Every, Councilmen.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

The oath of office was next administered by the City Clerk to Mrs. Emily H. Bellows, and Messrs. J. Gordon Christian, Jr., J. P. Hobson and R. M. Mauldin, School Board Members.

ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN ARE SEATED.

Whereupon, the members of the 1949-1951 Council retired, and the elected Mayor and Councilmen, namely: Mayor Victor Shaw and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, H. H. Baxter, Basil M. Boyd, William I. Coddington, Steve W. Dellinger, Sandy R. Jordan and Philip L. Van Every, were seated.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY MAYOR SHAW.

Mayor Shaw delivered the following address:

"Citizens of Charlotte:

You have extended for a period of two years my opportunity to work for a cleaner and a better Charlotte. You have elected a fine Council; men of experience, character and wisdom. You have every right to expect much of your governing body. You have every right to expect the improvement program initiated during the past years to be carried forward with all speed possible consistent with good judgment. You have every right to expect the best of health and sanitary conditions for all of our people. You have the right to expect security in your homes, as well as on our public streets. You have every right to expect that organized crime shall not exist here. We are glad that you do expect much of us, and with your continuing counsel and aid we pray that we may not disappoint you.

I am grateful to you for the honor of being your Mayor. I am, however, fully aware of the duties this position places upon me. I promise you the best I have."

BRIEF SPEECHES MADE BY COUNCILMEN.

Mayor Shaw introduced each member of the City Council and the School Commissioners, who in turn made brief speeches, expressing their public thanks for the electoral support they received, and pledging their loyal service to the City of Charlotte. The Mayor and Councilmen introduced the members of their families present.

TRIBUTE PAID TO THREE RETIRING COUNCILMEN.

Mayor Shaw paid tribute to Messrs. Douglas Aitken, J. H. Daughtry and Emmett M. Wilkinson, the retiring Councilmen. He expressed appreciation for the splendid service each has rendered to the City during his two year term on the City Council.

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED BY AUDIENCE.

Expressions of good wishes to the new administration, congratulations upon their election and statements of confidence in their ability to carry out the affairs of the city in a manner that will benefit the citizens, were voiced by Mr. L. L. Caudle, Dr. E. H. Garinger, Mr. Floyd Kay, and Mr. John White, a former Councilman.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Councilman Coddington moved the nomination of Councilman Philip L. Van Every as Mayor pro tempore. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Van Every expressed his appreciation for the honor of being selected for the office, and pledged his best efforts to the fulfillment of his duties.

DAY AND HOUR FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FIXED BY COUNCIL.

Councilman Boyd moved that the regular Council meetings be held at 4 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday of each week until changed by further action of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Mayor Shaw urged that the regular meetings be held at 11 o'clock in the morning, as at the present time. That he believes it will be for the best interest of everyone for the meetings to be held at this hour. He further stated that he holds no brief for either newspaper concerning the first publication of meetings, but for the past two years the morning hour has proved popular for both the Council and citizens. That the duties of the Mayor are strenuous and by midafternoon he would like to be able to go home for a needed rest.

Councilman Albea offered a substitute motion that the regular meetings be held at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday of each week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and was lost, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea and Coddington.

NAY: Councilmen Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every.

The vote was then taken on the main motion that the meetings be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon until changed by further action of the Council, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every.

NAY: Councilmen Albea and Coddington.

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION AT MEETING ON MAY 16th.

Councilman Coddington congratulated the eleven officials appointed by the City Council on the fine work they have rendered the City during the past two years, and moved their reappointment. The motion did not receive a second, and was lost.

Councilman Jordan moved that the appointment of this personnel be deferred for consideration at the next meeting on Wednesday, May 16th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
 City Clerk