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An adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Thursday, May 20, 1954, at 10 o'clock a.m., in the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court Room, in the Court House of Mecklenburg County, in Charlotte, North Carolina, with the Board of Elections of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Special Election held in the Charlotte Administrative School Unit on May 18, 1954, and for the purpose of receiving and opening the precinct returns, canvassing the votes and preparation of the abstracts for the election upon the question: "Shall an ad valorem tax of two cents (.02¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of real and personal property be levied and collected annually in the Charlotte Administrative School Unit for the maintenance, support and operation of the Community College System?"

Present for the City of Charlotte:

Mayor Van Every
Councilman Baxter
Councilman Brown
Councilman Smith
Councilman Wilkinson

Absent: Councilman Albea
Councilman Boyd
Councilman Dellinger

Present for the Board of Elections of Mecklenburg County:

W. C. Davis, Chairman
E. S. DeLaney
W. T. Alexander

Absent: None.

Present for the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County:

S. Y. McAden, Chairman
R. Craig Lawing
S. S. McNinch

Absent: John P. White
Ernest K. Brown

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Van Every, and the roll checked by the City Clerk, and the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina sat at the table at which the Board of Elections of Mecklenburg County and the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County were holding their meetings, as three separate bodies, and separately received from the registrars and judges of election in the various precincts in the Charlotte Administrative School Unit, the returns of the special election held on May 18, 1954.

After said returns had been canvassed by the City Council, being simultaneously with the canvassing thereof by the Board of Elections of Mecklenburg County and the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, in the same place, Councilman Smith introduced the following resolution:

" RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS
OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE
CHARLOTTE ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL UNIT
ON MAY 18, 1954, AND DETERMINING AND
DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:

Section 1. That the returns of the Special Election held in the Charlotte Administrative School Unit on May 18, 1954, having been received from the proper election officers, and the City Council having canvassed the same, the following facts are hereby found and determined:

(a) That each registrar and judge for the special Election held in the Charlotte Administrative School Unit on May 18, 1954, was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath..

(b) That the election officers had incorporated in their returns not only the number of votes cast for and against the question submitted but also the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in the elction. A special registration was held as required by law.

(c) That no complaint has been made to the City Council against the regularity of said election and that the said City Council believes that said election was conducted in full compliance with law and the orders of said Board of Elections.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Charlotte did then and there canvass said returns and that simultaneously and at the same place the Board of Elections of Mecklenburg County and the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County met and canvassed said returns.

Section 3. That from the canvass so made this Body has judicially determined the result of the voting in said election, and makes the following abstract of the returns of said election, which abstract correctly shows the designations of the precincts at which such election was held, the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in the election, the number of votes cast in each precinct in favor of the question submitted, the number cast against such question, and the totals of such numbers:

Pre- cinct	Polling Place	Voters reg- istered and qualified to vote	Two-cents on the \$100.00 valuation	
			Votes for	Votes against
1	Court House	....57.....	....29...	.....11...
2	2nd Ward School 501 S. Alexander St.	....55.....	....38...	.....00...
3	Zeb Vance School 825 Westbrook Dr.	....63.....	....24...	.....20...
4	Bethune School 601 N. Graham St.	....75.....	....23...	.....18...
5	First Ward School 401 E. 9th St.	....65.....	....35...	.....10...
6	Piedmont Jr. High Sch.... 1241 E. 10th St.	131.....60....38...
7	Elizabeth School 1601 Park Dr.	..225.....	...105....59...

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Pre- cinct	Polling Place	Voters reg- istered and qualified to vote	Two-cents on the \$100.00 valuation	
			Votes for	Votes against
8	Myers Park Elem.Sch. 2132 Radcliffe Ave.	....220....	....92....	....79.....
9	Dilworth School 405 E. Park Ave.	....256....	....104....	....75.....
10	2201 Springdale Ave. Recreation Room	....86.....	....43....	....16.....
11	Wesley Heights Sch.Cafe... 128 S. Summit Ave.	....91.....	....40....	....30.....
12	Seversville School 1701 Sumter Ave.	....67.....	....15....	....18.....
13	Villa Hgts. School 2000 N. Allen St.	....82.....	....15....	....33.....
14	Tech. High School 1400 Louise Ave.	....80.....	....16....	....35.....
15	Midwood School Central Ave.	....159.....	....73....	....45.....
16	Chantilly School 701 Briar Creek Rd.	....174.....	....82....	....47.....
17	Fireman's Hall 2601 E. 7th St.	....94.....	....34....	....32.....
18	Eastover School 500 Cherokee Rd.	....412.....	....168....	....107.....
19	Myers Park High Sch. 2400 Colony Rd.	....241.....	....115....	....47.....
20	Avondale Com. House Avondale & Lilac Rd.	....114.....	....42....	....49.....
21	2830 Dorchester Pl.	....95.....	....31....	....24.....
22	Wilmore School 428 W. Blvd.	....89.....	....44....	....23.....
23	Ashley Park School 3128 Belfast Dr.	....97.....	....30....	....21.....
24	Enderly Park School Parkway Ave.	....109.....	....15....	....42.....
25	West Charlotte High Sch.. Beatties Ford Rd.	....270.....	....178....	....42.....
26	Double Oaks School 1905 Earle St.	....111.....	....88....	....02.....
27	Hutchison School 1400 Hutchison Ave.	....54.....	....8....	....21.....
28	Plaza Rd. Sch.Cafe. 3501 Plaza Rd.	....78.....	....28....	....20.....
29	Merry Oaks School65.....18....18.....
Sharon Box 1	Sharon Sch. Gym4.....0....02.....
Totals	3719.....1593....984.....

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S/ W. C. Davis
Chairman

S/ E. S. DeLaney
Secretary

S/ W. T. Alexander
Member

Members of the County
Board of Elections

Dated this 20th day of May, 1954.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG)

This day personally appeared before me W. C. Davis, Chairman, County Board of Elections of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, who being duly sworn says that the abstract of votes herein contained is true and correct..

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal, this 20th day of May, 1954.

S/ Ruth W. Fortenberry
Notary Public

My commission expires January 29th, 1956

Section 4. That when duplicate copies of the foregoing abstract shall have been signed by the members of the County Board of Elections of Mecklenburg County, and the Chairman of said Board shall have signed an affidavit on each of said duplicate abstracts that they are true and correct, one of the duplicate abstracts shall be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, together with one set of the duplicate returns of the registrars and judges, such filing to be completed no later than May 21, 1954, and one duplicate abstract shall be filed with the Clerk of Superior Court.

Section 5. That the City Council does hereby make and does adopt the following statement of the result of the special Election held in the Charlotte Administrative School Unit on May 18, 1954:

STATEMENT OF RESULT
OF
SPECIAL ELECTION
CHARLOTTE ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL UNIT
MAY 18, 1954

At a special election held in the Charlotte Administrative School Unit, Charlotte, North Carolina, on May 18, 1954, 3,719 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said election 1,593 votes were cast for the question of authorizing an ad valorem tax of two-cents on the \$100.00 valuation of real and personal property to be levied and collected annually in the Charlotte Administrative School Unit for the maintenance, support and operation of the community college system and 984 votes were cast against said question, and said question was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

By order of the County Board of Elections and the County Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, and the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this 20th day of May, 1954.

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CITY COUNCIL:

P. L. Van Every
Mayor

W. E. Wilkinson

J. S. Smith

H. A. Brown

H. H. Baxter

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY:

S. Y. McAden
Chairman

S. S. McNinch

W. Craig Lawing

BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY:

W. C. Davis
Chairman

E. S. DeLaney

Wm. T. Alexander

Section 6. That when the foregoing statement shall have been signed by the members of these Boards it shall be published, not later than May 22, 1954, in the Charlotte Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Charlotte, at least once, and shall be posted at the Courthouse of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, at the place where notices are usually posted, and in the City Hall at Charlotte, North Carolina, at the place where notices are usually posted."

Councilman Smith moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CHARLOTTE ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL UNIT ON MAY 18, 1954, AND DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF", and Commissioner McAden, seconded the motion. After full discussion said resolution was voted on and declared passed, those voting for said resolution being Councilmen Baxter, Brown, Smith and Wilkinson, and for the County, Commissioners McAden, Lawing and McNinch, and for the Board of Elections, W. C. Davis, Chairman, E. S. DeLaney and W. T. Alexander, and those voting against said resolution being NONE.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Commissioner McAden, seconded by Councilman Brown, the meetings were adjourned.

Leatrice R. Huffman
City Clerk