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Induction Meeting- New City Council.
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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, convened at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, May 7, 1941, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of inducting into office the Mayor, City Council and three members of the Board of School Commissioners, who were elected to said offices by a vote of the people at an election held on May 6, 1941.

Retiring Mayor Ben E. Douglas presided and the following members of the outgoing Council were present: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance, Ward and Wilkinson.

PRAYER.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. R. L. Owenby, Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

SHORT TALKS BY MAYOR DOUGLAS AND MEMBERS OF OUTGOING COUNCIL.

The Council Chamber was filled to overflowing with relatives, friends and interested citizens of Charlotte, and at this time Mayor Douglas expressed to those present his pleasure in having served the City as Mayor for six years and made a stirring plea to the citizens and voters to cooperate with the new Mayor and Council, after which he called upon each member of the retiring Council to speak briefly.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF ELECTION RETURNS.

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

"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA :
MECKLENBURG :

We, the undersigned, the County Board of Elections for said County, having opened, canvassed and judicially determined the returns according to law, do hereby certify that the above is a true abstract of the original returns of the election, in the several precincts in the City of Charlotte, in said county, held as above stated, and contains the number of legal ballots cast in each precinct for each office named, the name of each person voted for and the number of votes given for each person for each different office.

This 6th day of May 1941.

Chase Brenizer, Chairman
Ernest O. Grady
Hiram P. Whitaker
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MAYOR:

No. of Votes

E. McA. Currie	8109
H. H. Baxter	2

CITY COUNCILMEN:

Claude L. Albea	9248
J. A. Baker	8156
C. C. Beasley	8413
Chas. H. Daughtry	8065
Manley R. Dunaway	1588
B. A. Hagler	1243
E. W. Haight	3544
W. N. (Bub) Hovis	3958
A. Parks Little	3999
Jake Martin	3333
Coy Muckle	1095
L. H. Painter	7556
Fred (Chuck) Pharr	3308
A. Z. Price	8095
Joe S. Robinson	884
C. B. Ross	7357
Mike Ross	834
Lester W. Slye	7498
John Ward	4069

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS:

Charles R. Delk	3331
Rev. Leslie F. Frerking	4262
L. P. Harris	1554
Marshall E. Lake	4077
Chas. E. Lambeth	6605
F. P. Summers	2403

The following having received the highest number of votes, are hereby declared elected to the various offices, as follows:

MAYOR:

E. McA. Currie

COUNCILMEN:

Claude L. Albea
J. A. Baker
C. C. Beasley
Chas. H. Daughtry
W. N. Hovis
A. Parks Little
L. H. Painter
A. Z. Price
C. B. Ross
Lester W. Slye
John Ward

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS:

Rev. Leslie F. Frerking
Marshall E. Lake
Chas. E. Lambeth

This the 7th day of May, 1941.

(Signed) Chase Brenizer, Chairman
Mecklenburg County Board of
Elections"

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OATHS ADMINISTERED.

Mayor Douglas then administered the oath of office to two members of the School Board, Chas. E. Lambeth and Rev. Leslie F. Frerking; Mr. Marshall E. Lake, the third member elected, being absent.

He then likewise administered the oath of office to the eleven members of the City Council, after which Mr. E. McA. Currie was sworn in by Mr. Douglas as Mayor and the gavel turned over to him at 10:40 o'clock.

TALKS BY NEW INCUMBENTS.

Mayor Currie in a brief speech expressed to the citizens of Charlotte his appreciation of the splendid support given him in electing him to this high office, and then called upon each member of the new City Council for short talks, also the two new members of the School Board.

Former City Councilmen Max Kahn and John Durham, former Mayors George E. Wilson and D. M. Abernathy and many others were called upon; the women being represented by Mesdames Evans, Wakefield, True and Williams.

Mrs. Ben E. Douglas stated that she was very happy to turn over the honor of being Charlotte's first lady to Mrs. Currie, with her sympathy.

The Mayor then thanked all who spoke for their expressions, and the Council recessed to the Mayor's office, where their written oaths were signed and turned over to the Clerk for filing.

They returned to the Council Chamber and took up the regular business of the Board.

ALL APPOINTIVE OFFICES TO REMAIN STATUS QUO UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Howis, seconded by Councilman Little and unanimously carried, all City officials holding appointive offices are to remain status quo until the next meeting.

HOUR OF MEETING SET.

Councilman Little moved that the day and hour of the regular weekly meeting be set at 4 o'clock P. M., each Wednesday, which motion was seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Little, suly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McCornell
City Clerk