

An Adjourned Meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Wednesday, May 7, 1958, at 10 O'clock a.m., jointly with the Board of Commissioners for Mecklenburg County, with Mayor Smith presiding, and the following members being present:

Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

ABSENT: None

Commissioners McAden, Chairman, Brown, Garrison, McEwen and McNinch.

ABSENT: None

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Smith announced that the purpose of the meeting is to prepare the budget for the fiscal year 1958-59 of the jointly operated activities of the City and County Governments, and such other business as may come before the Joint Bodies by unanimous consent.

TAX LISTING DEPARTMENT BUDGET ADOPTED.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Commissioner McNinch, and unanimously carried, a total budget for 1958-59 for the Tax Listing Department in the amount of \$157,240.00 (exclusive of salaries of outside tax listers), on the basis of 35% by the City and 65% by the County, was adopted.

SALARY OF TAX SUPERVISOR FIXED.

Councilman Albea moved that the salary of the Tax Supervisor be fixed at \$7,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS BUDGET ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried, adopting a total budget for 1958-59 for the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Courts in the amount of \$200,901.67, on a 50-50 basis, which amount includes \$20,000.00 for the operational expenses of the Juvenile Diagnostic Center from December 1, 1958 to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 1959.

Mr. Busby, County Auditor, presented a schedule of the operational expenses which the \$20,000.00 will cover, namely: Furniture for 20 bedrooms, \$5,000.00; Furniture and equipment for reception room and offices

\$1,040.00; Operating expenses, including fuel, food, supplies etc. \$10,110.00; and Salaries of two employees for 7 months period at \$3,600.00 and \$3,000.00 per annum, \$3,850.00.

SALARIES OF JUDGE, JUDGE PRO TEM AND COUNSELOR OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS FIXED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner McNinch, and unanimously carried, the annual salary of the Judge of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court was fixed at \$10,000.00; salary of Judge pro tem during vacation of Judge on same basis as the salary of the Judge and salary of Counselor was fixed at \$6,240.00, all on a 50-50 basis.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE BUDGET ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried, the budget for the Mecklenburg County Veterans Service Office in the amount of \$12,261.00 was adopted, on a 50-50 basis by the City and County.

SERVICES RENDERED MECKLENBURG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REIMBURSED TO CITY.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Mecklenburg County reimburse the City of Charlotte an amount of \$22,180.00 for services rendered to patients outside the city limits, together with an estimated \$1,320.00 for telephone service by Mecklenburg County Health Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrison, and unanimously carried.

SALARY OF CITY-COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER PLUS CAR ALLOWANCE FIXED.

Upon motion of Commissioner McEwen, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the annual salary of the City-County Health Officer was fixed at \$15,000.00, plus \$900.00 car allowance, on the basis of 2/3 paid by the City and 1/3 by the County.

SALARY OF CHIEF SANITARY ENGINEER PLUS CAR ALLOWANCE FIXED.

Councilman Brown moved that the annual salary of the City-County Chief Sanitary Engineer be fixed at \$8,400.00, plus a \$1,260.00 car allowance, as recommended by the Health Officer, to be paid by the City and County on the basis of the quantity of work done for each of the two governments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrison, and unanimously carried.

SALARY OF CITY-COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES PLUS CAR ALLOWANCE FIXED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried the annual salary of the City-County Superintendent of Nurses was fixed at \$6,240.00, plus a \$1,170.00 car allowance, as recommended by the Health Officer, to be paid by the City and County on the basis of the quantity of work done for each of the two governments.

FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS PAID BY COUNTY TO CITY.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the County will pay to the City of Charlotte a \$200.00 monthly standby charge and \$50.00 per trip by the Fire Department for fire protection on property outside the city limits.

ELECTION BOARD BUDGET ADOPTED, AND A CITY-COUNTY COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED APPOINTED TO STUDY SALARIES OF ALL ELECTION PERSONNEL

Councilman Brown initiated a discussion of Election Board expenses, which have been shared on a 50-50 basis for the operation of the election office and registration expenses, with the City paying all expenses of its bond and municipal elections, and the County for its bond and county elections. He stated that the Election Board operation is a county function, and they should pay the bills, with the City taking care of only their own election expenses.

Councilman Brown then referred to the County Commissioners having reduced the bills submitted by the three election board members for conducting the April 26th City-County Bond Election, and asked what amount the Board Members have been paid in the past? Commissioner McNinch stated that what they have been paid in the past has nothing to do with it, that the bills submitted were excessive in comparison to the work done, as this was a small election, and it is ridiculous to pay one man \$1,200.00 for running an election. Commissioner Garrison stated he would like to have the City and County pay the bills on the basis as in the past and then get with the Election Board members and decide on a policy. Commissioner McNinch stated that he sees no reason why the City Council should discuss the amount the County pays, when the City will receive a bill for a like amount from the Election Board members. Mr. Livingston, City Accountant advised that the City's bills of \$600.00 for the Chairman and \$300.00 each for the two members have been received and paid.

Councilwoman Evans stated that it appears to her that the entire matter of salaries should be surveyed; that the clerks who work at the polling places only receive \$10.00 a day for working from 6:30 in the morning to all hours in the evening. Commissioner McNinch agreed with Councilwoman Evans that the difference in pay of the clerks and Board members is too great and stated he would like the City and County to request the Legislature to establish fixed salaries for Election Board members. Councilman Albea stated he thinks the entire bill of the Board members should be presented to either the City or County and when approved, the other government be billed for its half.

Councilwoman Evans moved that the Mayor and Chairman of the County Commissioners appoint a joint Committee to study the salary question. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrison, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Smith asked the City Attorney that if the City and County come to an agreement on the salary question, will they have the legal right to fix salaries? Mr. Shaw, City Attorney, replied that he thinks so.

Commissioner McNinch suggested that the Mayor and Chairman of the County Commissioners appoint a Committee of two members from each Body to get together before our joint meetings and iron out the little things that are to come up, in order to clear up any ill-feeling in meetings. Mayor Smith replied that he does not like permanent Committees and he would not care to appoint a Committee on that basis.

Councilman Dellinger moved the adoption of the Election Board Budget, in the amount of \$24,415.72 for the operation of the Election Board office and registration expenses, on a 50-50 basis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried.

PAUPER BURIALS PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Commissioner McNinch, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the present arrangement for pauper burials will

continue, whereby the City furnishes the lot and grave openings, at White Adults \$30.00, Colored Adults \$41.60 (ground and perpetual care \$21.60 and grave opening \$20.00 - total \$41.60) Infants \$15.00, and the County furnishes coffins at Adults \$60.00 and Infants \$25.00.

POLICING MORRIS FIELD.

Councilman Foard moved that the present arrangement for policing Morris Field by the City be approved, whereby the County pays the flat sum of \$6,000.00 per annum to the City of Charlotte. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNinch, and unanimously carried.

VITAL STATISTICS BUREAU.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried, the present arrangement was approved whereby the County will continue to pay to the City for vital statistics work during 1958-59 on the basis of 50 cents each for Births and Deaths certified by the N. C. State Board of Health, estimated at a total amount of \$4,000.00 per annum, and \$40.00 per month as a portion of the salary of the Statistician.

RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY EMPLOYER'S SHARE REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTY BY CITY.

Upon motion of Commissioner McNinch, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, the present arrangement was approved whereby the City will reimburse the County the City's pro-rate share of employer's contribution to Retirement and Social Security for employees in the jointly operated departments of the two governments, estimated at \$9,300.00.

CIVIL DEFENSE BUDGET ADOPTED.

Councilman Dellinger moved the adoption of the Civil Defense Budget in the amount of \$14,895.00, on the basis of 60% by the City and 40% by the County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McNinch, and unanimously carried. Councilman Brown asked if this is the figure requested by Mr. Ken Williams, Civil Defense Director, and Mr. Busby, County Auditor, stated that it is.

PLANNING BOARD BUDGET ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Foard, seconded by Commissioner Garrison, and unanimously carried, the budget for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Board in the amount of \$41,626.60 was adopted on the basis of 60% by the City and 40% by the County.

Mr. Busby, County Auditor, advised that this amount does not include the salary of a new planner, which was not approved by the County. Councilwoman Evans asked what was the amount requested for the new planner, and Mr. Busby stated that the salary for the new planner included in the Board's budget was \$5,656.80, which would have been paid on the basis of 60% by the City and 40% by the County.

Councilman Dellinger asked the City Manager if he does not think it should be included in the budget, as the work of the Board will be increased with the perimeter area being added? Mr. Yancey, City Manager, replied that he certainly does not think so, that the Planning Board office is overcrowded as it is, and he sees no need for additional personnel.

LAND-FILL GARBAGE DISPOSAL OPERATION REIMBURSEMENT TO CITY BY COUNTY.

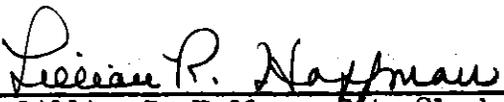
Commissioner McNinch moved that the present arrangement be approved whereby the County pays the City \$12,000.00 per annum for garbage dumping privileges at the City's Land-Fill Garbage Disposal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

TAX BILL FOR CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENTS REQUESTED ADOPTED IMMEDIATELY BY COUNTY TAX OFFICIALS.

Councilman Brown asked the City and County Attorneys if they have prepared a Tax Bill for use in the consolidation of the City and County Tax Departments? Councilman Baxter replied that the proposed Tax Bill has been prepared and it is now in the hands of Mr. W.R. Cuthbertson, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Study Committee, and that a meeting of the Tax Department Consolidation Committee will be arranged within the next few days, which will give the County Tax Department sufficient time to have the bill printed after it has been approved. Mr. Williams stated that the matter has been deferred for four weeks and they are running up against a dead-line now and he would recommend that the Committee meet immediately and give him the authority to proceed at once. Councilman Baxter stated they would complete the matter just as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk