

**INDUCTION MEETING - NEW CITY COUNCIL**

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May 10, 1943.

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, convened at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Monday, May 10, 1943, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of inducting into office the Mayor, City Council and four members of the Board of School Commissioners, who were elected to their respective offices by a vote of the people at an election held on May 4, 1943.

Retiring Mayor Currie presided and the following members of the outgoing Council were present: Messrs. Albea, Beasley, Baker, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward.

**INVOCATION DELIVERED BY DR. JOHN A. REDHEAD.**

The invocation was delivered by Dr. John A. Redhead, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, who made a stirring plea for Divine guidance at the beginning of a new term of government for Charlotte.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING OF OUTGOING COUNCIL READ AND APPROVED.**

The minutes of the meeting of May 5th were read by the Clerk, and on motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, were unanimously approved.

**REPORT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PRESENTED.**

The following report from the Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections was presented by the Clerk:

"The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections met in the County Commissioners' Room in the Court House of Mecklenburg County, N. C., at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 6th day of May 1943, in the presence of such electors as chose to attend, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the Election May 4, 1943 for Mayor, Councilmen and School Board of the City of Charlotte, N. C.

The results of said election, as canvassed and judicially determined by said board appear in the Duplicate Abstracts made by the said County Board of Elections, of which one is filed with the City Clerk of Charlotte and the votes for the various offices in said election are as follows:

FOR MAYOR

H. H. Baxter	received	5850 votes
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FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea	received	6169 votes
J. Murrey Atkins	"	6563 "
J. A. Baker	"	6670 "
C. D. Brady	"	621 "
W. Irving Bullard	"	6036 "
J. I. (Jimmie) Campbell	"	5349 "

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Joe Cope	received	6214	votes
Chas. H. Daughtry	"	6844	"
M. Luther Harkey	"	5520	"
Abraham Homsy	"	388	"
Ralph Hood	"	5734	"
W. N. (Bub) Hovis	"	5776	"
William (Ed) Norton	"	723	"
L. H. Painter	"	6893	"
A. Z. Price	"	6895	"
Joe S. Robinson	"	1018	"
Lester W. Slye	"	6491	"
J. B. Thomas	"	751	"
John Ward	"	6000	"

FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARD

J. E. Burnside	"	5790	"
Marshall E. Lake	"	5880	"
E. Lowell Mason	"	4619	"
Roy L. Smart	"	5569	"
Rev. Herbert Spaugh	"	8138	"

The persons elected to the various offices are as follows:

FOR MAYOR

H. H. Baxter

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea  
J. Murrey Atkins  
J. A. Baker  
W. Irving Bullard  
Joe Cope  
Chas. H. Daughtry  
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Lester W. Slye  
John Ward

FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Herbert Spaugh,	6 year term
Marshall E. Lake	6 " "
J. E. Burnside	4 " " balance of term to which Chas. E. Lambeth was elected.
Roy L. Smart	2 " " balance of term to which John C. Fletcher was elected.

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

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MAYOR CURRIE SPEAKS.

Mayor Currie spoke briefly at this time, thanking the citizens of Charlotte for their wholehearted support of the administration now ending, and expressed his confidence that the same support would be given to the new Council. He then called upon Councilmen Beasley and Ross, the two retiring members of the Council, for short talks.

SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE AT 10:20 A.M.

The four re-elected members of the Board of School Commissioners took the oath of office at 10:20 A.M.

COUNCIL SWORN IN AT 10:25 A.M.

Ten of the eleven newly elected members of the City Council: Messrs. Albea, Atkins~~on~~, Baker, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward, were administered the oath of office by Mayor Currie, at 10:25 A.M., enmasse.

MAYOR BAXTER TOOK OATH AT 10:30 A.M.

Mayor Currie then administered the oath of office to Mr. Herbert Hill Baxter, at 10:30 A.M., turning over to him at this time the official gavel and after congratulating him, withdrew from the Council rostrum, and the newly elected Mayor, assuming the Chair, called for any expressions from members of the audience.

A large number of relatives, friends and well-wishers were in the Council Chamber, and short talks were made by L. L. Caudle, Attorney, Chester Nixon, T. V. Griswold, former City Councilman, and John A. McRae, Attorney, after which each Council member was called upon for a brief speech.

Mayor Baxter, after paying tribute to Mr. Currie, the retiring Mayor, in his inaugural speech, pledged his efforts to the people of Charlotte to do all in his power to eliminate any faction or friction; to keep everything open and above board, never to have private meetings unless all of the Council are present or have been invited; and to present a united front at City Hall that cannot be questioned by the most critical. He pledged to work with the Council individually and collectively 100 per cent, stating that he would not appoint general operating committees, and that he proposed to ask that a private citizen be selected from each ward once each month to submit to the Council in writing a report of the governmental needs in that ward.

RECESS TAKEN TO SIGN OATHS.

After Mayor Baxter had completed his speech, Councilman Albea moved that a recess be taken to the Mayor's office to permit those just sworn in to sign their oaths. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye and carried.

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COUNCILMAN A. Z. PRICE ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM.

Before recessing to the Mayor's office, Councilman Albea placed in nomination as Mayor Pro Tem the name of Councilman A. Z. Price, who received the highest number of votes in the election of May 4th. This nomination was seconded by Councilman Baker.

Councilman Albea then moved that the nominations be closed, which was also seconded by Councilman Baker, and on being put to a vote, Mr. Price was unanimously elected Mayor Pro Tem, and was congratulated by Mayor Baxter.

TIME OF MEETING SET.

After returning from the Mayor's office, the meeting was again called to order, and Councilman Baker moved that the time of the regular weekly meeting of the City Council be set for 4 o'clock P. M., each Wednesday. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, the meeting then adjourned.

  
City Clerk