

Organizational Meeting

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10 o'clock a.m., on May 12, 1947, at which time induction ceremonies for the 1947-49 Administration were held, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

Present for induction into office were Mr. H. H. Baxter, Mayor, Messrs. Claude L. Albea, T. A. Childs, E. S. DeLaney, Jr., S. R. Jordan, Chas. E. Lambeth, Nash D. McKee and John P. White, Councilmen; Messrs. J. Murrey Atkins, James H. Glenn and Frank O. Roberts, School Commissioners, all of whom were duly elected at a regular municipal election held on May 6, 1947.

Also present were the retiring members of the City Council of the 1945-47 administration.

INVOCATION.

The Reverend James Huggins, Pastor, Myers Park Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman J. S. Hinson moved the approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council for the 1945-47 administration, held on May 6, 1947. Motion was seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

The following report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections was presented by Mrs Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk:

"The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections met in the Criminal Court Room of the Court House of Mecklenburg County, N. C., at 11 o'clock a.m., on the 8th day of May, 1947, in the presence of such electors as chose to attend, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the election May 6, 1947, for Mayor, Councilmen and Members of the School Board of the City of Charlotte, N. C.

Each Registrar in the various precincts of the City of Charlotte delivered the respective returns of his or her precinct to the said Board of Elections, and the said Board opened the returns, and having taken a recess until 7 o'clock p.m., of the same day, canvassed and judicially determined the results of the voting in such election, stating the number of legal ballots cast in each precinct for each candidate, the name of each person voted for, and the total number of votes given to each person for each different office.

The said County Board of Elections made and signed duplicate abstracts thereof, and the Chairman of the said County Board of Elections signed an affidavit on each of said duplicate abstracts of the returns of the said municipal election that they were true and correct. On May 10, 1947, the County Board of Elections filed one set of the duplicate returns of the Registrars and Judges, and one of the duplicate abstracts of the County Board of Elections with the Clerk of the City of Charlotte. On the 10th day of May, 1947, the said County Board of Elections made and caused to be published in The Charlotte News, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Charlotte, once, the results of said election, and on May 10, 1947, also posted written notice of such results in the Court House of Mecklenburg County, at the place where notices are usually posted, and in the City Hall of Charlotte, N. C., at the place where notices are usually posted.

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

FOR MAYOR

Ben Douglas	1
Frank Pendleton	3
Frances O. Clarkson	1
John Ward	6
H. H. Baxter	3508

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea	3810
T. A. Childs	3897
Ernest S. DeLaney, Jr.	3728
Sandy R. Jordan	3637
Chas. E. Lambeth	3996
Wm. C. McIntire	1389
Nash D. McKee	3585
T. M. Shelton	2090
John P. White	3205

FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

J. Murrey Atkins	3554
Edson E. Blackman	2005
Leslie F. Frerking	1101
James H. Glenn	3197
Frank O. Roberts	3157

The following were declared elected:

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MECKLENEURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By - Chase Brenizer, Chairman
E. S. DeLaney, Sr., Secretary
Wm. T. Alexander

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE MAYOR.

The Oath of office of Mayor was administered to Mr. H. H. Baxter by the City Clerk, at 10:12 o'clock a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCILMEN.

Mayor Baxter then administered the Oath of office of City Council to Messrs. Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth, McKee and White, at 10:15 o'clock a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

The Oath of office was administered by Mayor Baxter to the three members of the Board of School Commissioners, Messrs. Atkins, Glenn and Roberts.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Councilman Childs placed in nomination Councilman Chas. E. Lambeth for the office of Mayor pro tempore. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and a unanimous ballot was cast for Councilman Lambeth as Mayor pro tempore.

TIME OF MEETING FIXED.

Councilman White moved that the regular meetings of the Council be held on Wednesday of each week, at 4 o'clock p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

MAYOR PRO TEM SPEAKS.

Councilman Lambeth expressed his appreciation to the voters for their generosity in support of his candidacy. He voiced his thanks to the Council for the honor of being selected Mayor pro tem and extended his good will to the Mayor.

SPEECHES BY NEW INCUMBENTS.

Brief talks were made by Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, McKee and White, in which were expressed their appreciation for the confidence evidenced by the voters; pledges of loyal service and good clean government were made, and the protection of the citizens interests assured.

SPEECH BY MAYOR.

Mayor Baxter expressed his appreciation to the voters for the fine vote he received in the election. He thanked the out-going Councilmen for their cooperative spirit and in their interest of better government, and for giving so unsparingly of their time and efforts far beyond their line of duty. He expressed his desires for the new administration as follows:

"It will be my ambition - and I hereby pledge myself - to push and promote the needed facilities to provide better living, business, and recreation facilities for our citizens, always keeping in mind the cost of these improvements, so that our tax rate may be held at a minimum.

It is my hope that new sources of income - as well as the increased valuation of property values - will provide almost enough income for these necessary improvements held back due to the long war.

I would like each one of us, citizens and Councilmen alike, to pledge ourselves to be an optimist instead of a pessimist; to be positive rather than negative; to try to push forward rather than to hold back to attain

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these goals so necessary for a better life in our City.

Let us always listen to the organized minority who try to run things and impede progress, but let us not be swayed by their argument. Let us urge the great majority of progressive thinkers to assist us in our program for a better Charlotte by their endorsement of our efforts.

Today Charlotte is at the cross-road - "to be or not to be" the City it should be - the great City our citizens want it to be. It will take courage and foresight to build for the future, but with the firm foundation given us by Charlotteans who have pointed the way, our task should be easy.

So, as the ball is passed from the voters to you new Councilmen, let's not fumble it, let us not simply hold it, let's carry the ball across the goal line for the benefit of the greatest number of people whom we represent."

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman DeLaney, the meeting was adjourned.

Leevin R. Hoffman
City Clerk