

July 26, 1937

A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 8:00 o'clock A. M., Monday, July 26, 1937, with Mayor Ben E. Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: None.

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PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Douglas stated that this special meeting was called for the purpose of adopting the 1937-38 Budget, and the Appropriation Budget for this fiscal year was read by the City Manager, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE  
RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE APPROPRIATION  
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR 1937-1938.

WHEREAS, the following appropriation budget has been prepared and submitted to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Charlotte, and has been considered and studied by the Mayor and each of the Councilmen, the City Manager and the Municipal Accountant, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that this appropriation budget be adopted by the governing body of the City of Charlotte not later than the fourth Monday in July,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte pursuant to a meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber at 8:00 o'clock A. M. on the 26th day of July 1937, said meeting held pursuant to proper notice to each member of the City Council;

Section 1. That there is hereby set aside and appropriated from the funds on hand and current revenues received and to be received during the fiscal year 1937-38, for the maintenance and operation of the general government of the City of Charlotte, and its various sub-divisions or departments, and for the payment of its bonded indebtedness, the following amount of money and the payment of said sums are hereby authorized for the items herein set out:

CITY OF CHARLOTTE  
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS  
JULY 1, 1937 TO JUNE 30, 1938

PURPOSE	FUND	EXPENDITURES		BUDGET	
		1935-1936	1936-1937	1937	1938
<u>OPERATING &amp; MAINTENANCE</u>					
General Fund		980,596.26	1,062,768.94	1,149,802.50	
Water & Sewer Fund		263,639.87	298,061.04	310,217.85	
TOTAL OPERATING & MAINTENANCE		<u>1,244,236.13</u>	<u>1,360,829.98</u>	<u>1,460,020.35</u>	

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<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>
		1935-1936	1936-1937	1937 - 1938
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>				
General Fund		36,167.39	65,552.81	83,776.65
Water & Sewer Fund		24,316.82	39,982.57	41,100.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		<b>60,484.21</b>	<b>105,535.38</b>	<b>124,876.65</b>
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>				
Municipal Debt Service Fund		410,090.79	403,773.85	396,584.56
Water & Sewer Debt Service Fund		284,304.03	295,758.70	285,479.91
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>		<b>694,394.82</b>	<b>699,532.55</b>	<b>682,064.47</b>
<u>DEFICIT</u>				
General Fund		88,437.34	-0-	3,710.57
Water Fund		-0-	-0-	18,352.29
Municipal Debt Service Fund		-0-	-0-	5,992.47
Sewer Debt Service Fund		1,272.67	11,193.39	-0-
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT</b>		<b>89,710.01</b>	<b>11,193.39</b>	<b>28,055.33</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,988,825.17</b>	<b>2,177,091.30</b>	<b>2,295,016.80</b>

CITY OF CHARLOTTE  
BUDGET REQUIREMENTS  
JULY 1, 1937 TO JUNE 30, 1938

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>REVENUES REALIZED</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>
	1935 - 1936	1936-1937	1937 - 1938
General Fund	1,152,378.43	1,120,430.89	1,235,914.72
Water & Sewer Fund	289,335.58	315,182.68	369,670.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,441,714.01</b>	<b>1,435,613.57</b>	<b>1,605,584.86</b>
Debt Service Fund -Municipal	419,657.14	396,222.67	402,577.03
Debt Service Fund -Water & Sewer	274,807.65	308,669.01	285,479.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>694,464.79</b>	<b>704,891.68</b>	<b>688,056.94</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,136,178.80</b>	<b>2,140,505.25</b>	<b>2,293,641.80</b>

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<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>REVENUES REALIZED</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>
	1935-1936	1936-1937	1937 - 1938
<u>SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS</u>			
General Fund	3,143.37	2,204.79	1,375.00
Water & Sewer Fund	27.50	62.50	.00
<b>TOTAL SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,170.87</b>	<b>2,267.29</b>	<b>1,375.00</b>

<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,139,349.67</b>	<b>2,142,772.54</b>	<b>2,295,016.80</b>
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Upon motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance together with the budget as submitted by the Municipal Accountant was read and passed upon its first reading. The votes cast upon its first reading were as follows:

Councilman Albea	vote	AYE
Councilman Baxter	vote	AYE
Councilman Durham	vote	AYE
Councilman Griswold	vote	AYE
Councilman Hovis	vote	AYE
Councilman Hudson	vote	AYE
Councilman Huntley	vote	AYE
Councilman Little	vote	AYE
Councilman Nance	vote	AYE
Councilman Sides	vote	AYE
Councilman Wilkinson	vote	AYE

Upon motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, the rules were suspended and the foregoing ordinance and budget as submitted by the Municipal Accountant was read and passed upon its second reading. The votes cast upon its second reading were as follows:

Councilman Albea	vote	AYE
Councilman Baxter	vote	AYE
Councilman Durham	vote	AYE
Councilman Griswold	vote	AYE
Councilman Hovis	vote	AYE
Councilman Hudson	vote	AYE
Councilman Huntley	vote	AYE
Councilman Little	vote	AYE
Councilman Nance	vote	AYE
Councilman Sides	vote	AYE
Councilman Wilkinson	vote	AYE

Upon motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, the rules were suspended and the foregoing ordinance and the budget as submitted by the Municipal Accountant was read and passed upon at its third and final reading, and the Mayor declared it passed and an ordinance of the City of Charlotte, and the votes cast upon its third and final reading were as follows:

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Councilman Albea	vote	AYE
Councilman Baxter	vote	AYE
Councilman Durham	vote	AYE
Councilman Griswold	vote	AYE
Councilman Hovis	vote	AYE
Councilman Hudson	vote	AYE
Councilman Huntley	vote	AYE
Councilman Little	vote	AYE
Councilman Nance	vote	AYE
Councilman Sides	vote	AYE
Councilman Wilkinson	vote	AYE

TAX RATE ORDINANCE.

The following ordinance fixing the tax of the City of Charlotte for the fiscal year 1937-38 was then presented and read by the City Manager, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE  
ENTITLED  
FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY  
OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
1937 - 1938.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte in special session:

Section 1. For the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the City of Charlotte for the fiscal year 1937-1938; for the paying of interest accrued and to accrue; the retirement of maturing bonds; additions to the sinking funds; for the partial operation of schools; for the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, there is hereby levied upon all real and personal property located within the limits of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, the following rates of taxation:

(a) For general government purposes .8502 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation on real and personal property and a tax on polls of \$1.00 each.

(b) For the payment of interest, the retirement of maturing bonds and additions to sinking funds of the general government debt and street bonds .2256 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of real and personal property.

(c) For the payment of interest, the retirement of maturing bonds and additions to sinking funds on sewerage bonds .0455 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of real and personal property, and 3¢ per lineal foot frontage of real estate of each respective owner having sewerage lines in front of the said property or which is being served by City sewerage.

(d) For the payment of interest, the retirement of maturing bonds, and additions to sinking funds, on school bonds .1087 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of real and personal property.

(e) For the partial operation of schools .25 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of real and personal property.

(f) For the use of Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission .02 on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of real and personal property.

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Section 2. The City Tax Collector or Collector of Revenue of the City of Charlotte is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed to collect taxes levied upon all real and personal property located within the City of Charlotte, based upon the foregoing rates; provided, that on all taxes paid there shall be added interest at the rate allowed by law.

Section 3. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to apportion the funds coming into his hands from taxes collected for the fiscal year 1937-1938, according to the rates and classifications fixed in Section 1 hereof.

Section 4. That all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Upon motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the foregoing Ordinance was placed upon its first reading and unanimously adopted.

The rules were suspended and the Ordinance was immediately placed upon its second and third readings and unanimously adopted, and declared to be an Ordinance of the City of Charlotte, effective ten days after its first publication.

Ratified this 26th day of July, 1937.

Alice B. McConnell  
City Clerk

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WAGE INCREASE FOR COLORED WORKERS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, moved that all negro employees of the City of Charlotte be given a wage increase of \$5.00 per month.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Griswold, offered as a substitute motion that this wage increase be \$3.00 per month.

After discussion, a vote was taken on the substitute motion and the motion was declared lost. A vote was then taken on the main motion and same was carried, with Councilman Hovis voting "No".

Councilman Sides then moved that this increase to the men serving in the various departments be taken from the Contingent Fund of that Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, Mrs. J. S. Hoffman was re-elected Assistant City Clerk.

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WEDNESDAY MEETING HOUR.

Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, moved that the regular meeting to be held Wednesday, July 28th. be changed from the regular meeting hour (4:00 P. M.) to 11 o'clock A.M. Motion carried.

However, after discussion as to matters which have been scheduled to come before the Council on Wednesday afternoon and the resulting inconvenience should the hour be changed, Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved to reconsider the above action, which motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Griswold then moved that the meeting be held at the regular hour, 4 o'clock P. M. Motion seconded by Councilman Nance and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CHARLOTTE BAGGING CO. LICENSE.

Councilman Durham reported that the matter of protest of license fee charged for bagging concerns, made by the Charlotte Bagging Co. two weeks previous to this date, had been investigated and he would move that this fee be changed from \$100.00 per year to \$50.00. Councilman Durham was advised that inasmuch as this would affect the Revenue Ordinance it would be necessary to have this change made by an amendment to that ordinance, and Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, moved that the City Manager see that proper amending ordinance is drawn for presentation at a later meeting.

APPROPRIATION TO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham, moved that an appropriation of \$25.00 be made from the Contingent Fund to the Municipal Airport, stating that the Airport is badly in need of funds. Motion carried with Councilman Griswold voting "No".

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, the special meeting then adjourned.

*Alice B. McConnell*  
City Clerk