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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, September 17, 1947, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, Jordan, Lambeth, McKee and White present.

Absent: Councilman DeLaney.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend J. B. Ficklin, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Westminister Branch.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, the minutes of the last meeting, on September 10, 1947, were approved as submitted.

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEGRO TO PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Mr. Kelly M. Alexander, representing the National Association for the advancement of Negroes, and the Reverend M. S. Dickeon, Pastor, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, addressed the Council to urge the appointment of a negro to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Baxter stated that a Committee of Council would be appointed to screen all recommended appointees to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of the Park and Recreation Commission, and advised the Speakers that any recommendations by them could be filed with the City Manager.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL BUILDING BONDS, AND RESOLUTION CALLING SPECIAL BOND ELECTION.

Councilman Childs introduced the following ordinance authorizing bonds, which was read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$2,500,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDING BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:

Section 1. That, pursuant to The Municipal Finance Act, 1921, as amended, bonds of the City of Charlotte be issued in an amount not exceeding \$2,500,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping a municipal building to be used as a place for public gatherings and meetings, and acquiring a site therefor.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 3. That a statement of the debt of the City has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect when approved by the voters of the City at an election as provided by law.

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And thereupon, the City Council, by unanimous vote, designated George B. Livingston, City Accountant, as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the City Clerk the sworn statement required by The Municipal Finance Act, 1921, as amended, as to debt and assessed valuation, and directed Lloyd McC. Ross, City Engineer, to furnish the City Accountant the City Engineer's estimate of the amount of special assessments to be levied on account of local improvements for which any part of the gross debt of the City was or is to be incurred and which will be applied, when collected, to the payment of some part of the gross debt.

Thereupon, George B. Livingston, City Accountant, filed with the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, such statement of debt and assessed valuation.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF DEBT AND ASSESSED VALUATION MADE
PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT, 1921,
AS AMENDED.

I, G. B. Livingston, being duly sworn, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly appointed and qualified City Accountant of the City of Charlotte and have been designated by the City Council to make and file with the City Clerk a statement pursuant to The Municipal Finance Act, 1921, as amended, and that the following is a true statement of the City of Charlotte as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

(a) GROSS DEBT

a(1) Outstanding debt, not evidenced by bonds - State Loans Payable.....		\$	6,250.00
a(2) Outstanding bonded debt:			
School Bonds	\$	768,000.00	
Electric Light Bonds		0.00	
Water Bonds		3,709,059.11	
Other Bonds		4,197,399.57	\$ 8,674,458.00
a(3) Bonded debt to be incurred under ordinances passed or introduced:			
Unissued bonds authorized by ordinance passed Mar. 11, 1946:			
Sanitary Sewer Bonds	\$	2,225,000.00	
Water Bonds		650,000.00	
Public Health Bonds		50,000.00	
Fire Station Bonds		112,500.00	
Fire Fighting Apparatus Bonds..		37,500.00	
Bonds authorized by ordinance introduced September 17, 1947:			
Municipal Building Bonds	\$	2,500,000.00	\$ 5,575,000.00
(a) GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2) and a(3)			\$14,255,708.68

(b) DEDUCTIONS

b(1) Unissued funding or refunding bonds	\$	None
b(2) Sinking funds or other funds held for the payment of any part of the gross debt, other than debt incurred for schools, water, gas, electric light or power purposes or two or more of said purposes	\$	329,883.60

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b(3) Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied on account of local improvements for which any part of the gross debt was or is to be incurred and which will be applied when collected to the payment of any part of the gross debt	\$	74,648.05
b(4) Special assessments to be levied on account of local improvements for which any part of the gross debt was or is to be incurred, and which, when collected, will be applied to the payment of any part of the gross debt	\$	None
b(5) Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred or to be incurred for water, gas, electric light or power purposes, or two or more of said purposes	\$	4,359,059.11
b(6) The amount which the City will be entitled to receive from any railroad or street railway company under contract heretofore made for payment by such company of all or a portion of the cost of eliminating a grade crossing or crossings within the City, which amount will be applied, when received, to the payment of any part of the gross debt	\$	19,819.26
b(7) Indebtedness included in Gross Debt and incurred for school purposes	\$	774,250.00
(b) Deductions, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7)	\$	5,557,660.02
(c) NET DEBT, being the difference between the Gross Debt (a) and the Deductions (b)	\$	8,698,048.66
(d) ASSESSED VALUATION		
(d) Assessed valuation of property as last fixed for municipal taxation, being the valuation fixed in 1947	\$	140,877,540.00
(e) DEBT RATIO		
(e) Percentage that the net debt bears to said assessed valuation		6.1742%

The foregoing statement is true.

G. B. Livingston
City Accountant of the City
of Charlotte, North Carolina

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 17th day of September, 1947.

Richard R. Hazman Notary Public

My commission expires: May 31, 1949.

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The undersigned, City Engineer of the City of Charlotte, hereby states that he has examined the foregoing statement and that the amount there stated of special assessments to be levied, item b(4), is in accordance with the undersigned's estimate.

Lloyd M. B. Rese
City Engineer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG)

The foregoing is a true copy of a statement filed with me as City Clerk of the City of Charlotte on September 17, 1947, at a meeting of the City Council of said City, which statement was filed after the introduction and before the passage of an ordinance authorizing \$2,500,000 Municipal Building Bonds of the City of Charlotte, and which statement is and has been since said filing open for public inspection in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said City, this 17th day of September, 1947.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk

Thereupon, upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance authorizing \$2,500,000 Municipal Building Bonds was passed by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Childs, Jordan, Lambeth, McKee and White.

NAYS: None

Thereupon, Councilman Lambeth introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION
AND PROVIDING FOR A NEW REGISTRATION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:

Section 1. That a special bond election is hereby called to be held on Tuesday, October 28, 1947, between 6:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Charlotte the following question:

Shall an ordinance passed September 17, 1947, authorizing not exceeding \$2,500,000 bonds of the City of Charlotte for the purpose of erecting and equipping a municipal building to be used as a place for public gatherings and meetings, and acquiring a site therefor, and a tax for said bonds, be approved?

Section 2. That there shall be a new registration of voters for said election, the books for such new registration to remain open in each precinct from 9 A.M. until sunset on each day, except Sundays and holidays, beginning Saturday, September 27, 1947, and closing Saturday, October 18, 1947.

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On each Saturday during said registration period said books shall remain open at the polling places. Saturday, October 25, 1947, shall be Challenge Day.

Section 3. That a notice of said election and new registration shall be published in The Charlotte News not later than September 18, 1947, and again not later than October 6, 1947, reading substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION
AND
NEW REGISTRATION
IN THE
CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

A special bond election will be held between 6:30 A.M., and 6:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, October 28, 1947, at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Charlotte the following question:

Shall an ordinance passed September 17, 1947, authorizing not exceeding \$2,500,000 bonds of the City of Charlotte for the purpose of erecting and equipping a municipal building to be used as a place for public gatherings and meetings, and acquiring a site therefor, and a tax for said bonds, be approved?

The question hereinabove set forth contains a statement of the purpose for which the bonds are authorized by the ordinance referred to in such question. If said bonds are issued, a tax will be levied for the payment of the principal and interest thereof on all taxable property in the City of Charlotte.

A new registration has been ordered and no one will be permitted to vote unless registered anew. The books for such new registration will remain open in each precinct from 9 A.M. until sunset on each day, except Sundays and holidays, beginning Saturday, September 27, 1947, and closing Saturday, October 18, 1947. On each Saturday during said registration period said books will remain open at the polling places. Saturday, October 25, 1947, is Challenge Day.

The polling places and the names of the election officers, subject to change as provided by law, are as follows:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>	<u>REGISTRAR</u>	<u>JUDGES</u>
<u>Ward</u> <u>Box</u>			
1 1	428 N. College St.	Mrs. J. B. Spillman 116 E. 8th St.	Mrs. W. S. Baskerville Mrs. T. H. Haughton, Jr.
1 2	122 N. Myers St.	Mrs. Olivia Tyson 122 N. Myers St.	Mrs. J. H. Wilson Fred T. Filler
1 3	First Ward School 401 E. 9th St.	Mrs. C. C. Richards 420 E. 11th St.	Mrs. Mattie Bennett Mrs. B.F. Williams
2 2	City Hall	B. H. Bayne 707 S. Tryon St.	Mrs. Bessie Matson Mrs. Joseph Ross
2 2	Court House	Mrs. Anne Edwards 120 S. Myers St.	Dr. Cara Collins Mrs. J.L. Lutz
3 1	Stonewall Hotel	Mrs. Fletcher Dorsett Stonewall Hotel	John McKey T.J. Witherspoon

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<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE</u>	<u>REGISTRAR</u>	<u>JUDGES</u>
<u>Ward</u> <u>Box</u>			
3 2	Zeb Vance School 825 Westbrook Drive	Mrs. L. F. Brown 811 W. 3rd St.	Mrs. L.J. Estep Mrs. W. M. Bell
4 1	126 West 7th St.	Mrs. N. L. Nabors 126 W. 7th St.	Miss Adell Templeton Mrs. E. C. Osborne
4 2	Bethune School 601 N. Graham St.	J. C. Booker 211 N. Sycamore St.	Miss Nell Tevepaugh Mrs. F. S. Henderson
4 3	312 W. 9th St.	Mrs. L. S. Boyd 312 W. 9th St.	Miss Flora Grady Mrs. R.F. Boyd
5 1	Villa Heights School 2000 N. Allen St.	Mrs. R.W. Strickland 1905 Pegram St.	Mrs. W.L. Hilton J. C. Grier
5 2	N. Charlotte Motor Co. 511 E. 36th St.	Rev. B. Frank Yandell 904 E. 36th St.	Mrs. E. L. Adkins J. C. Green
6 1	Charlotte Technical High School	Mrs. W. G. Bell 1114 E. 17th St.	Mrs. C. W. Ross Mrs. Glenn Dunaway
6 2	Piedmont Jr. High Sch. 1241 E. 10th St.	Mrs. E. E. Peele 819 Central Ave.	Mrs. Paul Hamilton Mrs. Jake Newell
6 3	Midwood School Central Ave.	Mrs. P. B. Moss 2001 Winter St.	Mrs. A. H. Harper Mrs. H.F. Stilwell
6 4	537 Lamar Ave.	Mrs. Howard Wolfe 537 Lamar Ave.	Mrs. M. S. Alberson J. W. Jackson
6 5	2539 Westmoreland Ave.	Mrs. W. T. Hodge 2539 Westmoreland Ave.	Mrs. W. J. Parker Mrs. T. H. Gallier
7 1	Elizabeth School	Mrs. M. S. Ward 1208 E. 5th St.	Mrs. H.J. Richardson Mrs. A. E. Sherrill
7 2	2108 Vail Ave.	Mrs. L. L. Clontz 2108 Vail Ave.	Mrs. Lucy R. Hill Mrs. J. H. Rigsbee
7 3	Eastover School	Mrs. C. S. Boger 240 Middleton Drive	Mrs. L. M. Walker Mrs. E. J. Presser
7 4	Myers Park School	Mrs. M. R. Kimbrell 2517 Sherwood Ave.	Mrs. J. A. Doar Mrs. H. A. Wells
8 1	Dilworth School	Mrs. Harvey E. Wilson 1111 S. Boulevard	Mrs. H. M. Carter Mrs. W. M. Lawing
8 2	512 E. Kingston Ave.	Mrs. Thomas P. Moore Jr 512 E. Kingston Ave.	Mrs. Robin Green Mrs. W. T. Rowland
8 3	1612 Kenilworth Ave.	Mrs. C. W. Alexander 1612 Kenilworth Ave.	Mrs. C. W. Johnson Mrs. R. F. Alexander
8 4	1927 Dilworth Rd. West	Mrs. Ina P. Bullock 1927 Dilworth Rd. W.	Mrs. R. H. Graham Mrs. Troy L. Brown
9 1	1101 Winnifred Place	Mrs. J. W. Latane 1101 Winnifred Place	Mrs. A. W. Thomas Mrs. C. S. Hedrick
9 2	Wilmore School	Mrs. J. A. Daly 1722 S. Tryon St.	Mrs. A. T. Smith Mrs. J. A. Rudisill

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<u>PRECINCT</u>		<u>POLLING PLACE</u>	<u>REGISTRAR</u>	<u>JUDGES</u>
<u>Ward</u>	<u>Box</u>			
10	1	Seversville School	Mrs. R. B. Graham 1607 Sumter Ave.	Mrs. C. M. Sloop Mrs. W. R. Richardson
10	2	Glenwood School	Mrs. W. F. Wilson 3025 Rush Ave.	Mrs. W. B. Whiteside Mrs. A. H. Mundy
10	3	Wesley Heights School	Mrs. R. O. Fortenbery 633 Grandin Road	Mrs. A. J. Turner Mrs. Ila A. Ingham
11	1	Hutchinson School	Mrs. T. W. Smith 509 Plymouth Ave.	Mrs. H. J. Harbin Mrs. Joe L. Miller
11	2	Assembly Room or Library, Fairview Homes, 1026 Oaklawn Ave.	Mrs. Novella Edwards 2309 Davis Ave.	Mrs. Margaret Beckwith Mrs. Janie B. Jordan

Lillian R. Huffman

City Clerk

Chas. Brantz

Chairman of County Board
of Elections.

Section 4. That the form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL BOND ELECTION
CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 28, 1947.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. To vote "Yes", make a cross (x) mark in the square to the right of the word "YES".
2. To vote "No", make a cross (x) mark in the square to the right of the word "NO".
3. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

YES Shall an ordinance passed September 17, 1947,
 authorizing not exceeding \$2,500,000 bonds of
 the City of Charlotte for the purpose of erecting
 and equipping a municipal building to be used
NO as a place for public gatherings and meetings,
 and acquiring a site therefor, and a tax for
 said bonds, be approved?

Facimile of signature of City Clerk

Facimile of signature of Chairman
of County Board of Elections.

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Section 5. That the polling places mentioned in the foregoing form of election notice have been fixed, and the registrars and judges of election named in said notice have been appointed by the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections.

Section 6. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to immediately certify a copy of this resolution to said Mecklenburg County Board of Elections.

Thereupon, upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the foregoing resolution entitled, "Resolution calling a special bond election and providing for a new registration", was passed by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Childs, Jordan, Lambeth, McKee and White.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF WATER MAINS IN ATANDO ROAD.

A resolution entitled, RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO PURCHASE OF WATER MAINS IN ATANDO ROAD, was presented and read. Councilman White moved the adoption of the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 56.

PLATS OF MOREBILT HOMES SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Childs that the plats of Morebilt Homes Subdivision, being property located on Magnolia Avenue between Avendale and McDonald Avenues, be approved as recommended by The Planning Board. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH W. W. IRVING FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION IN ANDERSON STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with W. W. Irving, 301 North Graham Street, for the construction of water mains in Anderson Street (Plaza Heights Subdivision) at an estimated cost of \$185.00, to be paid by the applicant.

CONTRACT WITH J. C. BROOKSHIRE FOR SANITARY SEWERS INSTALLATION IN DRUID CIRCLE SOUTH.

Councilman Jordan moved the authorization of contract with J. C. Brookshire for the construction of sanitary sewers in Druid Circle South (Druid Hills Subdivision) for a distance of 300 feet, at an estimated cost of \$999.90, and that the applicant's deposit of \$199.90 be refunded if and when one additional house are connected to the sewer. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following contracts, and the allocation of funds therefor if necessary, were authorized:

- (a) Contract with Belk Bros. Company for uniforms for the Police, Fire, Motor Transport and Street Departments, at a net delivered price of \$21,239.66.
- (b) Contract with Efirds Dept. Store, for uniforms for the Cemetery Department, at a net delivered price of \$301.96.
- (c) Contract with Federal Laboratories, Inc. for 275 Badges for the Police Department, at a net delivered price of \$796.25.

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- (d) Contract with The Sanborn Map Company, for One 3-volume set of Sanborn Maps, at a net delivered price of \$410.00, for the Inspection Department.
- (e) Contract with Monroe Calculating Machine Company, Inc. for One Electric Calculator, in the amount of \$405.00, for the Tax Department.
- (f) Contract with P. S. Avery, Atlanta, Ga., for Two Power Wrenches complete, at a net delivered price of \$603.00, for the Water Department.
- (g) Contract with Purser & London, Inc., for One Pump Rotar complete, less half couplings, in the amount of \$506.00, f.o.b. Trenton, N. J., for the Water Department.
- (h) Purchase of 23,000 Stamped Envelopes from the Charlotte Postmaster, in the amount of \$762.76, for the Health Department.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT.

Councilman Jordan moved that a Special Officer Permit be authorized issued to Roland Singletary for use on the premises of Barge Thompson Company, 202 North Caldwell Street, for a period of one year. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

The City Manager reported the leasing of the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE & TERM OF LEASE	
92	Sonny Service Oil Co.	30.00	9-1-47	5 years
47	R. G. Wilson Co.	25.00	9-1-47	2 years
99 & 203	Shields Oil Co.	30.00	9-15-47	1 year
291	American Air Service	231-56	9-1-47	5 years
	and royalties of 2¢ per gallon on gasoline, and 10¢ on motor oil.			

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Mayor and City Clerk were unanimously authorized to execute deeds for the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Howard L. Jones & wife, Lot 250, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$122.85.
- (b) Mrs. Frank L. Wall, Lot 287, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (c) Mrs. B. S. Mills, Sr., Lot 221, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.
- (d) Mrs. R. O. Alexander, Perpetual Care on Lot 16, Section W, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00.
- (e) Sam J. Dutton & wife, Lot 187, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from C. M. Kontos - cost of transfer \$1.00.
- (f) Mrs. Ida Wallace, east half Lot 41-Fraction, Section D-annex, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from John H. Tucker, cost of transfer deed \$1.00.
- (g) John H. Tucker, northwest half Lot 41-Fraction, Section D-annex Elmwood Cemetery, retained after transfer of portion - cost of new deed \$1.00.

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN THE PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEM.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McKee, the unanimous consent of Council was given the presentation of the resignation of the Park and Recreation Commission for consideration.

RESIGNATION OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACCEPTED.

Mayor Baxter presented and read the letter of resignation of the Park and Recreation Commission, which was signed by each member of said Commission, and became effective as of September 11, 1947.

Councilman White moved the acceptance of the resignation, as submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO SCREEN RECOMMENDED APPOINTEES TO THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

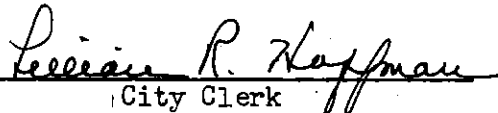
Mayor Baxter appointed a Special Committee, composed of Councilman Lambeth, Chairman, and Councilmen Childs and Jordan, to screen all persons recommended to fill the vacancies on the Park and Recreation Commission, created by the resignation of said Commission.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED SHORTAGE OF PARKING METER FUNDS TRANSMITTED TO DISTRICT SOLICITOR.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, reported he had concluded his investigation of the alleged shortage of Parking Meter funds, and had transmitted the information to the District Solicitor.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman McKee, the meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk