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A Special 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 29, 1957, 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:

FOR THE CITY: Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

ABSENT: NONE

FOR THE COUNTY: Chairman McAden, and Commissioners Brown, Garrison and McEwen.

ABSENT: Commissioner McNinch.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Mr. John M. McEwen, County Commissioner.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Smith announced that the purpose of the meeting is to prepare the budget for 1957-58 for 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.

Chairman McAden advised that the increase in the Tax Listing Department over last year is for the purchase of Business Machines required in the department and the salaries of personnel to operate them. Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the recommended total budget of \$161,835.00 for the Tax Listing Department, on a basis of 35% by the City and 65% by the County; the City's share being \$55,417.25, which was seconded by Chairman McAden, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF RUFUS GRIER AS TAX SUPERVISOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner McEwen, and unanimously carried, Mr. Rufus Grier was reappointed as Tax Supervisor for a term of two years, to expire on December 1, 1959, at a salary of \$7,000.00 per annum, on a basis of 35% by the City and 65% by the County; the City's share being \$2,450.00. Chairman McAden stated this is the maximum salary for the position as fixed by the Legislature.

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Councilwoman Evans asked if it is a fair salary as he is responsible for the entire listings for both the City and County, and the City pays its Tax Collector a larger salary.

Chairman McAden stated that any change in the salary would have to be made by the State Legislature.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS

Councilman Brown moved the adoption of the recommended total budget of \$164,051.25 for the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, on a 50-50 basis, the City's share being \$82,025.63. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLARD I. GATLING AS JUDGE OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS.

Commissioner Garrison moved the reappointment of Mr. Willard Gatling as Judge of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, at a salary of \$9,750.00 per annum, on a 50-50 basis, the city's share being \$4,875.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Councilwoman Evans stated this is a full time job and the Judge is not permitted to do private practice and it appears to her there is an inequity in the salary, and she would like to see the salary increased to \$10,000.00 as the City pays the Judge of the City Recorder's Court a higher salary and allows him to do private practice.

Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, stated that the Judge of Domestic Relations & Juvenile Court is not prohibited by law from doing private practice.

Commissioner McEwen stated he would like to see the salary increased, and offered a substitute motion that Judge Gatling be reappointed and his salary be fixed at \$10,000.00 per annum. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans.

The following votes were then cast on the substitute motion which lost:

YEAS: Commissioner McEwen, Councilwoman Evans, Commissioner Brown and Chairman McAden.

NAYS: Councilman Albea, Councilman Baxter, Councilman Brown, Councilman Dellinger, Councilman Foard, Councilman Wilkinson, and Commissioner Garrison.

The following votes were then cast on the main motion and carried:

YEAS: Councilman Albea, Councilman Baxter, Councilman Brown, Councilman Dellinger, Councilman Foard, Councilman Wilkinson and Commissioner Garrison.

NAYS: Councilwoman Evans, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner McEwen and Chairman McAden.

REAPPOINTMENT OF HUGH LOBDELL AS JUDGE PRO TEM OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried, Mr. Hugh Lobdell was reappointed Judge pro tem of the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Courts, to serve during the vacation period of the Judge, at a salary for the said period at the same rate paid to Judge Gatling.

REAPPOINTMENT OF WALTER C. BENSON AS COUNSELOR OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS.

Councilman Baxter moved the reappointment of Mr. Walter C. Benson as Counselor to the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Courts, at a salary of \$6,000.00 as recommended, on a 50-50 basis, the City's share being \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Councilman Dellinger offered a substitute motion that Mr. Benson be reappointed as Counselor and his salary be fixed at \$5,760.00, the same as for 1956-57. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrison.

The following votes were then cast on the substitute motion and lost:

YEAS: Councilman Dellinger, Councilman Albea, Councilman Foard, Councilman Wilkinson, Councilman Brown and Commissioner Garrison.

NAYS: Councilman Baxter, Councilwoman Evans, Chairman McAden, Commissioner Brown and Commissioner McEwen.

The votes were then cast on the main motion and carried:

YEAS: Councilman Baxter, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Evans, Councilman Wilkinson, Chairman McAden, Commissioner Brown and Commissioner McEwen.

NAYS: Councilman Albea, Councilman Foard, Councilman Dellinger, Commissioner Garrison.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Councilman Brown moved the adoption of the total budget of \$12,195.00 for the Mecklenburg Veterans Service Office, as recommended, on a 50-50 basis, the City's share being \$6,087.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND SALARIES AND CAR ALLOWANCES OF CITY-COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, CHIEF SANITARY ENGINEER AND SUPT. OF NURSES.

Upon motion of Chairman McAden, seconded by Commissioner Garrison, and unanimously carried, the total recommended budget of \$22,180.00 was adopted to be paid the City by Mecklenburg County for service rendered by the City Health Department, together with \$1,320.00 for telephone service.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the recommended salary of \$15,000.00 together with \$900.00 car allowance for Dr. M. B. Bethel, City-County Health Officer on a basis of 2/3 by the City and 1/3 by the County, the City's share being \$10,600.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Brown moved the adoption of the recommended salary of \$8,400.00, together with \$1,260.00 car allowance for Mr. Tom Bivens, Chief Sanitary Engineer, on a basis of 2/3 by the City and 1/3 by the County, the City's share being \$7,680.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Garrison moved the adoption of the recommended salary of \$7,440.00, together with \$870.00 car allowance for Miss Ann Barrentine, Supt. of Nurses, on a basis of 2/3 by the City and 1/3 by the County, the City's share being \$7,580.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

SALARY OF JUDGE WILLARD GATLING RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED AS INCREASED.

Commissioner Garrison moved that the salary of Judge Willard Gatling, Domestic Relations & Juvenile Courts, as adopted be reconsidered. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Garrison then moved that the salary be fixed at \$10,000.00 on a 50-50 basis, in lieu of \$9,750.00 previously adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS. Upon motion of Chairman McAden, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, the present arrangement whereby Mecklenburg County pays the City of Charlotte \$200.00 monthly standby charge and \$50.00 per trip by the City Fire Department, for fire protection outside the city limits of Charlotte, was adopted.

ELECTION BOARD OFFICE.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the recommended budget of \$23,300.00 (which is exclusive of bond elections) for the operation of the Election Board Office, on a 50-50 basis, the City's share being \$11,650.00; the City and County each to pay the full amount of its elections, and jointly pay registration expenses on a 50-50 basis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

PAUPER BURIALS.

Councilman Brown moved approval of the present arrangements for the expense of Pauper Burials, whereby the City furnishes the lot and grave openings at \$30.00 for white adults, \$41.60 for colored adults and \$15.00 for both white and colored infants, and the County furnishes coffins at \$60.00 for adults and \$25.00 for infants. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried.

MORRIS FIELD POLICING.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Chairman McAden, and unanimously carried, the present arrangements for policing Morris Field will be continued, whereby Mecklenburg County pays the flat sum of \$6,000.00 per annum to the City of Charlotte.

Councilman Brown asked Chairman McAden if the County has ever considered placing the policemen at Morris Field under Job Classification, as at present they are not under either the County or City's Job Classification Systems nor under Civil Service.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated that when the City requested police protection at Morris Field, outside the city limits, the County, by mutual agreement with the City, elected to contribute \$6,000.00 in lieu of policemen.

Councilwoman Evans then asked if the area is in the proposed city limits extension area, to which Councilman Brown replied that it is not.

VITAL STATISTICS BUREAU.

Chairman McAden moved approval of the present arrangements for the operation of the Vital Statistics Bureau, whereby Mecklenburg County pays to the City the legal fee of 50 cents for births and deaths, being approximately \$4,000.00 per annum, and \$40.00 per month as a portion of the salary of the Statistician. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garrison, and unanimously carried.

RETIREMENT FOR EMPLOYEES IN JOINTLY OPERATED DEPARTMENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, approval was given the City's reimbursement to Mecklenburg County of its pro-rata share of employer's contribution to the N. C. Local Government Employees' Retirement System, for participating employees in the jointly financed departments of the City and County, estimated at \$7,235.48 for 1957-58.

CIVIL DEFENSE.

Councilman Baxter stated he does not wish to appear unpatriotic, but he thinks the money appropriated to Civil Defense is quite a sum; that they have lots of trouble getting people interested in attending meetings, and the effectiveness of the Civil Defense Program in case of bombing would be negligible; therefore, he moved that Civil Defense be dispensed with. The motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that in lieu of the recommended budget of \$16,625.40 being approved, that the same amount as budgeted last year, namely \$13,421.70 be adopted, on a basis of 60% by the City and 40% by the County, the City's share being \$8,053.02. The motion was seconded by Chairman McAden, and unanimously carried.

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING BOARD.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Chairman McAden, and unanimously carried, \$42,425.00 was budgeted for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Board as recommended, on the basis of 60% by the City and 40% by the County, the City's share being \$25,554.97.

The question arose as to whether the Planning Board would lend assistance to communities in Mecklenburg County along planning lines if requested, and Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated such request would have to be approved by the City and County and the question of funds also decided by these bodies.

LAND-FILL GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

Councilman Alba moved approval of the present arrangement whereby Mecklenburg County pays the City of Charlotte \$12,000.00 per annum for its use of the City's Land-fill Garbage Disposal facilities. The motion was seconded by Chairman McAden, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JUVENILE DETENTION HOME COMMITTEE.

Chairman McAden recommended that the same Juvenile Detention Home Committee be reappointed, in which Mayor Smith concurred, and reappointed Councilmen Wilkinson and Brown to the Committee.

WATER FACILITIES FOR THOMASBORO AREA DISCUSSED.

Councilman Baxter stated he thought the lack of water supply for the Thomasboro Area after May 31st, when it will be cut off by the present owners, should be of grave concern to the two governmental bodies. He advised that he had made an effort to get assistance from the City, but it was determined that the City can legally do nothing for this area outside the city limits. That in fact, the responsibility rests on the County, and he asked if the County has made any preparation to take care

of the situation? Mr. McAden stated that so far they have found no legal manner in which to lend assistance. Councilman Dellinger stated that no one from the area has asked the City's help, and they have been before the Council on other things much less important to them. Councilman Baxter urged that something be done, as he feels it is the responsibility of one of the governmental bodies. Commissioner McEwen stated he concurs with Councilman Baxter that the situation is serious, however, residents of the area were notified six months ago that the water supply would be discontinued on May 31st.

Councilman Baxter then asked Chairman McAden if he got a statement from Dr. Bethel recommending that some action be taken, would the County Commissioners consider the matter? Chairman McAden stated they certainly would do so.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk