

May 13, 1963

Minute Book 43 - Page 84

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, convened at 10 o'clock a.m., on Monday, May 13, 1963, in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, for the purpose of inducting into office the Mayor and City Council, elected to their respective offices by a vote of the people at an election held on May 7, 1963. Mayor Brookshire presided and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington were present.

ABSENT: None.

All Incumbents were re-elected on May 7, 1963 to their respective offices.

* * * * *

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church.

REPORT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS TO ELECTION RETURNS.

The City Clerk read the following report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections as to the results of the Municipal Election held on May 7, 1963:

The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections met in the County Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 9th day of May, 1963, in the presence of such electors as chose to attend, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the City Election on May 7, 1963, for Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

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

FOR MAYOR

Stan R. Brookshire	7,634
Albert T. Pearson	3,353

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea	7,159
Don G. Bryant	7,790
Larry B. Cooke	2,129
Steve W. Dellinger	7,610
Clifford A. Fowler	1,934
H. W. Gardner	2,363
David H. Garris	3,455
Sandy R. Jordan	7,360
Clifford J. Lockwood	1,778
Dick S. Lynn	1,951
Gibson L. Smith	7,258
John H. Thrower	7,332
James B. Whittington	8,254

May 13, 1963
Minute Book 43 - Page 85

The following were declared elected:

FOR MAYOR

Stan R. Brookshire

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea
Don G. Bryant
Steve W. Dellinger
Sandy R. Jordan
Gibson L. Smith
John H. Thrower
James B. Whittington

Write in votes for Councilmen as follows:

R. Hawkins	1
Charles Coira	1
Charles E. Horne	5

This in accordance to Section 24, Chapter General Election,
Charter of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Mrs Samuel C. Hair Chairman
John A. Kirk Secretary
E. J. Presser Member

Filed with the City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina
this the 9th day of May, 1963.

Catherine C. Carpenter
Executive Secretary

Mecklenburg County Board of Elections

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR-ELECT.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mayor-elect Stan R. Brookshire by
Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCIL-ELECT.

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Brookshire to Council-elect
Claude L. Albea, Don G. Bryant, Steve W. Dellinger, Sandy R. Jordan, Gibson
L. Smith, John H. Thrower and James B. Whittington.

REMARKS BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE.

Mayor Brookshire extended his sincere congratulations to the members of
the City Council upon their re-election and thanked the voters for returning
these experienced, dedicated men to office, and stated it will be a pleasure
to work with them another two years. He pledged to Council his very best
cooperative efforts.

He stated he anticipates that they will continue those programs affecting the welfare and continuing growth of Charlotte, such as: Slum Clearance, Rehabilitation of declining neighborhoods, Street and Thoroughfare programs, and, incidentally these next two years should see the completion of our West Side Grade Separation program; the expansion of water and sewer services, including a start on the new Pineville Sewer Disposal Plant, the expansion of our Airport, and the enlargement of city services to meet the continuing growth needs.

That the fiscal affairs of the city will call for careful and close budgeting for which this Council has experience. Some of our most severe problems will likely be money problems. He stated further he hopes they shall be able to continue a middle-of-the-road, moderate and constructive approach to the inter-racial problems which are plaguing our country. That we are making progress in a peaceful climate, marked by understanding and goodwill. The Mayor stated he wants to thank the leaders and masses of both races for their cooperation, and urge their continued support in this program for building a better and more responsible citizenship and a better city. He stated further we will continue unabated efforts to find and eliminate causes of crime. Constructive efforts in this area will include education, better housing and more economic opportunities. No efforts will be spared to build a harmonious and more responsible citizenship, as well as to render to the City those duties required of a responsible city government.

REMARKS BY CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor recognized each member of the City Council individually and asked him to make any remarks he wished to and to introduce the members of his family who were present.

Councilman Albea expressed his appreciation for the confidence placed in him by his reelection, and pledged his sincere efforts to help Charlotte along and to represent all of the citizens of Charlotte. That he will remember the Oath that he took and intends to abide by it to the best of his ability. He expressed his appreciation to those who voted for him and also those who did not vote for him. He introduced his wife, Alta Lee.

Councilman Bryant remarked that he echoes the same sentiments expressed by Mr. Albea, and pledges his best efforts to the orderly and business-like development of the City of Charlotte, and he considers it a great honor and great privilege to serve on this Council. He introduced his wife, Frances, his mother, Mrs James R. Bryant and his sister-in-law, Mrs J. R. Bryant, Jr.

Councilman Dellinger stated needless to say he is glad to be back for another term. He introduced his son, Mr. Bill Dellinger.

Councilman Jordan thanked the citizens for their confidence in reelecting him to this most important Board, and stated he has served the City to the best of his ability and shall continue to do so, and he is looking forward to serving another two years with the same people. He introduced his wife Margaret and his sister, Mrs McSwain.

Councilman Smith expressed his appreciation to the persons in the audience for coming down for the swearing in ceremony. He thanked all of the voters who voted for him or did not come out and vote at all and stated he is sure this Council will work together with a dedicated purpose for the good of Charlotte.

Councilman Thrower thanked the citizens of Charlotte who saw fit to give him this great honor, and stated he will continue to work and do a good job, and he would like to introduce someone who helps him do it - his wife Phyllis.

Councilman Whittington stated he is very grateful again to have the opportunity to serve Charlotte for another two years; that he will do his best for all the citizens that he can and he asked them to help the Council do what they think is best for the great City of Charlotte. He introduced his partner Mr. Ervin Hankins and his wife Evelyn, and last but not least his aide-de-camp his wife Janet, for without her he would not be where he is today.

REMARKS BY AUDIENCE.

Mr. John D. Shaw, former City Attorney, stated he is no longer officially associated with the City but having served with the Council, many of these gentlemen, for many years, and because of the high respect and esteem for each of the Council, he wanted to come over and see them again installed and say God Bless You.

Mr. F. S. McNeill stated as one of the many persons working with and for the betterment of the City of Charlotte he takes this opportunity to say to each of the Council, and especially to the Mayor, that the work going on here now in the slum clearance, needs the active cooperation of the Council and of the citizens of Charlotte to bring our city up to standard at which it should be.

ELECTION OF COUNCILMAN JAMES B. WHITTINGTON AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Councilman Dellinger stated as is customary the man who obtains the most votes in the municipal election usually serves as Mayor pro tem, and he would therefore like to nominate Mr. Whittington. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

MONDAY OF EACH WEEK AT 3 P.M. FIXED AS TIME FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councilman Whittington moved that the regular Council Meetings be held on Monday afternoon of each week at 3 o'clock. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alba, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Smith asked the City Attorney if it is not correct that the fact that the time for the regular meetings has been set now does not mean that it cannot be changed if desired, and Mr. Morrissey stated that is correct.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS LILLIAN R. HOFFMAN AS CITY CLERK.

Councilman Jordan stated it gives him great pleasure to move the appointment of Mrs Lillian R. Hoffman as City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Councilman Smith stated he would like to say in Mrs Hoffman's behalf that he does not know how we could operate without her guidance.

Mayor Brookshire stated he expresses not only the Council's but the entire City's appreciation for Mrs Hoffman's long years of service; if he were to tell the audience how long she has served the City of Charlotte they would not be inclined to believe him, but she has served long and faithfully and well.

May 13, 1963
Minute Book 43 - Page 88

Councilman Bryant stated he certainly thinks that one of the outstanding features she has that makes her so desirable is her good sense of humor that is so necessary down here so often and it impresses him continuously.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF W. J. VEEDER AS CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Albea nominated Mr. W. J. Veeder as City Manager and moved his appointment to succeed himself. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Smith stated he thinks there again it is the Mayor's prerogative to express the feelings of Council about Mr. Veeder and he passed to him to state it for the group.

Mayor Brookshire stated he believes he knows the high regard in which Mr. Veeder is held by members of the Council; he has been able to observe first hand the very fine manner in which Mr. Veeder works with Council and for the interest of our City; that he is a very dedicated and very able man, doing a very fine job for our city and we all appreciate it.

Mayor Brookshire stated further that Mr. Veeder's absence today is due to the fact that he is out of the city on city business.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

REMAINDER OF APPOINTMENTS TO REMAIN STATUS QUO.

Councilman Albea moved that the remainder of the Appointments remain status quo until we meet again. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

COUNCIL REQUESTED TO TALK WITH CITY EMPLOYEES REGARDING INJUSTICES REPORTED BEING PRACTICED.

Mr. C. J. Lockwood, candidate for the City Council in the municipal election on May 7th offered his congratulations to the Mayor and Council, as winners in the election. He asked that the Council give their thought and support to the city employees; he stated he did a lot of talking about it during his campaign and he would like to invite the Council to get with the working man for the City, not officially, but just get down and talk with him and hear their side, as there are a lot of injustices going on and he feels if the Council will talk to the employees on their own level they will tell them about it. That he had wanted to ask that no other appointments be made until the Council had talked with the employees and he was glad that Mr. Albea made such motion.

Councilman Dellinger stated he appreciates Mr. Lockwood's remarks, that often times people out of office have more information than the ones elected; that this Council welcomes any just criticism from any citizen and he thinks if Mr. Lockwood has information of inequities or dissatisfaction among any employee, that it should be reported to the elected official.

GROUP WHO RAN AGAINST ELECTED COUNCILMEN COMMENDED FOR HIGH LEVEL OF CAMPAIGN.

Councilman Smith stated he would like to comment about the other candidates who ran for Council; that he thought they conducted a very gentlemenly campaign, he was with them at T. V. Stations and various places and he does not think he has ever heard of a more congenial group on a personal level, than these men who ran against the Council, and he would like to publicly so state.

CANDIDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSES GOOD WISHES FOR SUCCESS OF ELECTED COUNCIL.

Mr. David H. Garris, candidate for the City Council in the municipal election, expressed his wishes for the success of the elected Council, and stated if there is any way in which he can possibly be of any help he hoped the Council would call on him.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk