

July 25, 1968  
Special Meeting  
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A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, July 25, 1968 at 11:00 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Gibson Smith, and Jerry Tuttle present.

ABSENT: Councilman James B. Whittington.

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#### PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Brookshire stated this is an official called meeting of City Council and notices went out on July 22 over his signature to all members of Council, and the acknowledgement of all members of Council to the place and time of meeting are in his hand.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider matters having to do with the 1968-69 budget ordinance, a copy of which has been placed in the hands of each member of Council.

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF THE CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Smith introduced and read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council recognizes the invaluable and outstanding services performed by its City Manager, Mr. W. J. Veeder; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of increasing the salary of the City Manager to the sum of \$30,000 per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte that the City Manager's salary is hereby increased to the sum of \$30,000 per annum effective September 25, 1968.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Mayor Brookshire stated he is acquainted with City Managers throughout the State and across the Nation, and of his own knowledge he is sure that \$30,000 is not above the national average.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

#### APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR 1968-69, NO. 939-X, ADOPTED.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 939-X, appropriation and tax levy ordinance, which sets the tax rate for the fiscal year 1968-69 at \$1.65. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall and carried unanimously.


The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, beginning at Page 366.

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Mayor Brookshire stated this is a budget the City can live with; but how it lives with it during the year will depend in a large measure upon whether or not the constitutionality of the sales tax is validated. In holding the tax rate at \$1.65, substantial cuts have been made in most of the departments, which could be restored, at least in part, or depending upon the discretion of Council, during the year if the money is available. That capital fund items in this year's budget have been curtailed to the lowest point, to his knowledge, it has reached in a number of years; with the availability of additional funds to be provided for, hopefully by the penny sales tax, some of the capital fund items can be reinstated.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
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Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk