

Joint Meeting
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The City Council of the City of Charlotte and the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County met in joint session at 4:00 o'clock p.m., on Friday, July 18, 1969, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and the following present:

FOR THE CITY: Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington.

ABSENT: Councilmen Milton Short and Joe D. Withrow.

FOR THE COUNTY: Chairman Charles M. Lowe.

ABSENT: Commissioners Martin, Myers, Osborne and Peterson.

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CITY AND COUNTY TO SHARE PAYMENTS FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY IN LIEU OF TAXES ON 50-50 BASIS.

Mayor Belk read the following statement on the sharing of payments made by the City Housing Authority in lieu of taxes:

"The cooperation agreement between the Charlotte Housing Authority and the City of Charlotte requires the Authority to make payments in lieu of taxes to the City of Charlotte for each of its housing projects. No property taxes are levied on Housing Authority property. In the past the City used these payments as general revenue to help pay for general municipal services. Recognizing the increasing volume of services Mecklenburg County Government is called upon to provide the public housing projects and for the families who live in them, and recognizing the plan for development of such housing in the unincorporated areas of the county, the City of Charlotte will, beginning this year, appropriate to the County fifty percent (50%) of the annual payments in lieu of taxes received from the City Housing Authority. Payments from the Housing Authority for fiscal year 1969-70 are estimated to be \$75,000. The County's share of that amount will be \$37,500.00."

Chairman Lowe stated he accepts this with a great deal of pleasure; that this exemplifies the fine spirit of cooperation that exists between the Mayor and the Chairman, between the County Commissioners and City Council, and between Mr. Veeder and Mr. Weatherly. Chairman Lowe stated they not only appreciate this but it will be "bread cast on the waters", and it will not come back water-soaked.

CIVIL DEFENSE BUDGET FOR 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Councilman Tuttle stated he thinks this is a very questionable item, but probably necessary; that he does not know a citizen in this city if he heard the alarm would do anything but run home.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Chairman Lowe and unanimously carried, approving the Civil Defense budget in the total amount of \$53,722, with the City's portion \$18,212.00, the County's portion \$12,195 and \$23,315.00 from other sources.

JOINT POLICE ACTIVITIES BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Mayor Belk welcomed Chief Goodman, Charlotte Police Department, and Chief Kelly, Mecklenburg County Police Department, and stated Council and the Commissioners appreciate the fine work the two Departments are doing.

Chief Goodman stated at this very moment they are moving into the new Law Enforcement Center; the trucks are making the physical move; that on Sunday morning, at 10:00 A.M., the switch will be pulled which will activate the telephone systems and the communication system; at that time the two departments will be merged into the same building, under the same roof and will have accomplished the first major physical move to merge the two departments.

Chief Goodman invited the Mayor, Chairman, Council Members and County Commissioners to the "Switch Pulling" at 10:00 o'clock Sunday morning. He stated if they are not able to come Sunday morning, then come at their convenience and let him and Chief Kelly give them a personal tour of the building.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of the joint police activities for fiscal 1969-70 in the total amount of \$766,075, with the City's share \$652,075, and the County's share \$114,000. The motion was seconded by Chairman Lowe.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated this is based on the ratio of officers in the two departments to determine the percentage of sharing the cost; the ratio is 82.8% City and 17.2% county based on the number of sworn officers in each department as of January 1st last year.

The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

BUDGET FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to approve the joint intergovernmental programs budget in the total amount of \$41,148.00, with the City's share \$20,574.00, and the County's share \$20,574.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Chairman Lowe and unanimously carried, the joint Purchasing Department Budget was approved in the total amount of \$73,960.00, with the City's share \$55,470.00, and the County's share \$18,490.00.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of the joint budget for the Community Relations Committee in the total amount of \$45,000.00, with the City's share \$15,000 and the County's share \$15,000 and \$15,000 from other sources. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan to approve the Joint Planning Commission Budget in the total amount of \$223,628.00, with the City's share \$111,814.00 and the County's share \$111,814.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

JOINT URBAN INFORMATION SYSTEM BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, and seconded by Chairman Lowe to approve the budget for Urban Information System in the total amount of \$55,000.00, with the City's share \$40,000, and the County's share \$15,000.00.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated this has been broken into three pieces staffwise, with \$30,000 involved as general land use information for general city planning purposes and general city and county planning purposes; this amount will be split 50-50 so this means \$15,000 for the County and \$15,000 for the City. They propose that the City fund the balance with \$15,000 to be used for the transportation data and \$10,000 to update the Polk data for the City's use only.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

JOINT TAX SUPERVISOR'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of the Tax Supervisor's budget in the total amount of \$622,200.00, with the City's share \$80,225, and the County's share \$541,975.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

JOINT TAX COLLECTIONS BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, approving the tax collections budget in the total amount of \$290,750.00, with the City's share \$117,545.00, and the County's share \$173,205.00.

JOINT ELECTION BOARD BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70 ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Election Board Budget in the total amount of \$246,360 was adopted with the City's share \$35,259.00, and the County's share \$211,101.00.

ACTION ON BUDGET FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE, DEFERRED.

The joint budget for Veterans Service Office in the total amount of \$40,660, with the City's share \$19,830.00, County's share \$19,830.00, and \$1,000 from other sources was presented for action.

Councilman Whittington moved that action be deferred and that Mr. Veeder, City Manager, and Mr. Weatherly, County Manager, confer again - that he has talked to Mr. Weatherly about the needs the Veterans Service Office has - and that it be brought back to the City Council and County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

HOME ECONOMICS PROJECTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70, APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the budget for the Home Economics Project in the total amount of \$57,920.00, with the City's share \$28,960.00, and the County's share \$28,960.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

CHARTER COMMISSION BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1969-70, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, approving the Charter Commission Budget in the total amount of \$87,925.00, with the City's share \$43,962.00, and the County's share \$43,963.00.

CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY ROOM AND OUT-PATIENT CLINIC FOR 1969-70 AND 1970-71 APPROVED.

Councilman Tuttle stated there has been real cooperation in this operation; it is a county expense and the City has done its part for a while and last year it was agreed to let the City reduce its contribution this year, and apparently this is what the county is doing, and he is grateful to them for it.

Mr. Weatherly, County Manager, stated he and Mr. Veeder are recommending approval of the schedule of sharing the cost for 1969-70 and 1970-71.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the budget for Charlotte Memorial Hospital for 1969-70 and 1971, as follows:

1969-70 - Total budget \$667,089, with the City's share \$200,127 and County's share \$466,962.00.

1970-71 - City's share to be 15 percent and County's share 85 percent.

1971-72 - Phased out to the County.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, adjourning the meeting.

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk