

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, convened at 10 o'clock a.m., on Monday, May 10, 1965, in the Council Chamber, in the City Hall, pursuant to Section 25 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, for the purpose of inducting into office the Mayor and members of the City Council, elected at large by the qualified voters of Charlotte in the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, May 4, 1965. Mayor Brookshire presided and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington were present.

ABSENT: Councilman Dellinger.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Dr. J. Clay Madison, Pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church.

REPORT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1965.

The City Clerk read the following Report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections of the results of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, May 4, 1965:

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 6th day of May, 1965, in the presence of such electors as chose to attend, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the City Election on May 4, 1965, 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 various offices in said election are as follows:

FOR MAYOR

Stan R. Brookshire	18,428
Gibson L. Smith	9,258

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea	13,010
Fred D. Alexander	12,698
Charles L. Baker	12,232
H. H. Baxter	8,049
Ernest C. Foard	6,755
Sandy R. Jordan	14,312
James D. (Jim) McDuffie	6,262
Mrs Virginia Moore	7,588
Milton Short	13,614
Charles W. Smith	3,887
John H. Thrower	15,342
Jerry Tuttle	13,628
Marvin L. Westmoreland	3,193
James B. Whittington	17,832

The following were declared elected:

FOR MAYOR

Stan R. Brookshire

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea  
Fred D. Alexander  
Sandy R. Jordan  
Milton Short  
John H. Thrower  
Jerry Tuttle  
James B. Whittington

Write-in Votes are as follows:

FOR MAYOR

Evereat Sudreth 1

FOR COUNCILMEN

Jack Hardin 1

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 6 day of May, 1965.

Catherine C. Carpenter  
Executive Secretary  
Mecklenburg County Board of Elections

REMARKS BY RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Brookshire stated on behalf of the City he wished to thank Mr. Bryant, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dellinger, the retiring members of the City Council, who did not offer for re-election to the City Council, for their splendid services to Charlotte and its citizens, and that the City is much better off because of their sacrificial service. He remarked that their accumulative services amounts to 24 years, and the city and all of its citizens are grateful to these men who have served our city in this capacity.

Councilman Bryant remarked that he is not sure whether he was more excited four years ago today when he was inducted or this morning, it is a matter of mixed feelings. That it has been a tremendous privilege for him to have had the opportunity to take part in the governmental process of Charlotte and it has been very gratifying, and it has a great deal to offer and he would suggest that more people offer for this type of service to their community. He expressed his appreciation to the employees of the City, particularly to the Department heads and the City Manager, with whom he has had more contact,

and said that one of the most gratifying things has been his realization that we have such excellent and knowledgeable department heads - he will put them up against any department heads in the South or maybe the whole country, and he is very appreciative of what they do.

He stated further that he hopes he is not completely through with City Hall and that the Mayor is going to give him the opportunity to continue on the Beautification Committee for he thinks there is much to be done. He offered his best wishes to the new Council for smooth sailing and said he knows they will do a wonderful job.

Mayor Brookshire assured Mr. Bryant that he has the continuing job of Chairman of the City Beautification Committee and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

Councilman Smith pledged his support to the Mayor and newly elected City Council and remarked that he thinks we have a good Council and an excellent Mayor. He stated that he has enjoyed every minute of his six years at City Hall and hopes that he has contributed somewhat to better government.

#### 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.

#### OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MEMBERS-ELECT OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Brookshire administered the Oaths of Office to the members-elect of the City Council, i.e., Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington.

#### REMARKS BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE.

Mayor Brookshire welcomed the audience of Charlotte citizens to this significant occasion and stated by their presence they are showing their interest in their city.

He welcomed the new-comers to the City Council and said that it is his high hopes that they, with the members who have returned to City Council and with the Mayor, may cooperate and work together as a team because he does not think we will accomplish a great deal unless team efforts are applied. That he would hope for the new Council that it might have fewer and less controversial matters to handle than the prior Council, but he cannot guarantee that. That he can tell them that we will have two important and busy years; for one thing this Council will have to provide expanded facilities and services for another 25,000 new citizens, which includes those citizens who will become annexed in December, which, in itself, is not a small job. Then there are those continuing programs, and in City Government, it is important that there be continuity in programs. Some of the things that the prior Council did was started ten or fifteen year ago, some of the things that this Council will do were started during the term of the prior Council and even before that. There are many areas of needs in the City - slum clearance, the Thoroughfare Plan, the revitalization of the core city, the beautification, splendid opportunities for all of our citizens, and many other things will challenge the new Council. He pledged to the Council his full cooperation and asked of every member of the new Council the same cooperation.

## REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Brookshire recognized the members of the City Council individually, and asked each member to make any remarks he wished.

Councilman Albea remarked that there is not much new for him to say, except what he has said before, that he is very grateful for the support the citizens of Charlotte have given him over the years and he hopes that he has, in some small way, been able to repay their trust. That he appreciates being elected again, and pledges to the Mayor his cooperation and support. That he cannot always agree with him but that is a matter of opinion about what is before them at that time; it certainly won't be non-cooperation. That he would like to thank those citizens who supported him and to say that he is looking forward to the next two years being of great success because we want to keep Charlotte growing.

Councilman Alexander stated on this day as he stands before this audience it is with somewhat mixed emotions and he knows no words more appropriate to express his feelings than those by that great writer, the Psalmist David, when he said, "My cup runneth over". That he humbly expresses his appreciation to all of the many citizens of Charlotte by whose vote he stands here today, and this is as it should be, the democratic way, government of the people, for the people, and by the people, all of the people. Again, Charlotte meets its responsibility and moves ahead another step up the ladder, for today representative government becomes a reality in our time. He stated if he is a bit proud today, it too is as it should be, for Charlotte is his town, he was born and reared here, he has a part in its progress, and a part in its problems, and he stands here today a son of its soil, ready and willing to assume the responsibility of citizenship with no preconceived ideas of tearing down the walls of City Hall, but he approaches his task with an honest desire to work under the leadership of our fine Mayor and with all of his colleagues on the Council in the spirit of cooperation, doing his job with the wisdom as God may direct him, with the courage to face each responsibility as it presents itself, with a heart of justice to all. Again he thanked the citizens and asked that God direct their steps as the Council moves forward for what they hope will be the finest administration that City Hall has ever had.

Councilman Jordan remarked that he would like to thank the citizens of Charlotte for their confidence in electing him again to this most important board. That he has served to the best of his ability and shall continue to do so. That it has been a pleasure and privilege to have worked with the Mayor and the Council for the past four years and he will miss their three colleagues who are leaving today. That he wishes to congratulate and welcome the three new members and assure them of his cooperation. That it is also most gratifying to be associated with such a wonderful group of city employees.

Councilman Short stated that after many years of participating in one of the most competitive types of business he is naturally looking forward with anticipation and with a strong sense of challenge to the opportunity that is given him now to participate in our municipal government, where it will be handled not competitively but in concert with those things which in any great city have to be handled in concert. Charlotte is a famous city of trade and free enterprise built on competition, but one of the fine things about it back over the many years has been the excellent and progressive city government where we can all of us pool some of our money and accomplish together those things that have to be handled cooperatively. That he would hope and ask that all of the taxpayers and all of the citizens keep in mind, as he knows all of the councilmen will, that city government is a common journey for the good of all of us, and in the areas of police, fire and water facilities, and our airport and our hospitals and our planning and zoning

and all of the areas of city government, we must be able, if necessary, to put aside the attitude of individualism and competitiveness which are so commendable in free enterprise. That he is sure if the voters who recently elected them will back up their votes with faith in this city council to administer the municipal government fairly for the benefit of the entire city, and if they will back up their vote with respect for each other, then surely Charlotte will have the great progress and prosperity that is predicted for it.

Councilman Thrower stated he has no prepared statement but will say the time for speech making is just about over and it is time for us to roll up our sleeves and go to work. That the Council has had many hard decisions and it is awfully hard at times to sit in these chairs and judge what is best for all the citizens of Charlotte but he thinks Council has done so in the past, and will continue to do so. He thanked all of the people who voted in the election, and particularly those who voted for him.

Councilman Tuttle remarked that he is very grateful and very humble. Just thirty-three days ago if anyone had told him he would be sitting here today he would have said to him that he had a "hole in his head". But thanks to his wife Margaret, his campaign manager, and his daughter Linda, his assistant manager, here he is, and with God's help he will serve Charlotte to the best of his ability.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to say that he is very grateful today for the opportunity to serve our city for another two years through the office of the City Council. The vote that he received on April 26th and May 4th is a real challenge to him and he will today promise all of the citizens of Charlotte to do his best to represent all of Charlotte, to keep himself informed on the problems of this community and the needs of our people. He expressed his appreciation to the hundreds of people who worked for him and who voted for him in this campaign, and stated that he will always do his best to merit their confidence. He remarked to Gib Smith, Steve Dellinger and Don Bryant, having served with Gib and Steve for six years and Don for four years, that during those years they have always meant a great deal to him, they have offered him lots of advice and been very helpful and he has enjoyed serving with them, and he hopes he will have the opportunity in the future to go back to them for help. To the citizens of Charlotte, and to Mayor Brookshire and to the members of this Council, he pledges his complete support and says to them that he is on their team and at their service at all times.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that in recognizing a few minutes ago those members of Council who are retiring, he neglected to mention the fact that Mr. Dellinger is not with us this morning. That he served this city on the Council for a period of 14 years, and we miss him this morning, and will miss him in the future.

Mayor Brookshire stated that having heard the new City Council members make their expressions this morning, he thinks that he can confidently predict the Council of Charlotte will continue to merit the confidence and support of the entire community and that we will work in harmony together and cooperatively with all non-governmental agencies in our city whose purposes and energies are directed towards building a better city, a finer region and a greater state.

## RECOGNITION OF FAMILIES OF MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Brookshire introduced the members of his family who were present: his wife Edith, his mother Mrs J. C. Brookshire, his sister Mrs McCall and her son George, his brother and business partner Voris G. Brookshire and his youngest brother B. Brevard Brookshire.

Councilman Albea introduced his wife Alta Lee and his daughter-in-law Mrs Lamont Hudson. Also his minister at the First A.R.P. Church who has returned to Charlotte to live after a long absence, Dr. C. L. Williams.

Councilman Alexander introduced his wife, his daughter, the mother of his wife, his aunt Mrs Watkins from Raleigh, N. C. and his oldest brother Zack and his youngest brother Kelly and his wife and their two sons, Kelly, Jr. and Alfred.

Councilman Jordan introduced his wife Margaret, his son Sandy, Jr., his sister Mrs McSwain, his secretary and campaign manager Mrs Doris Alford.

Councilman Short introduced his wife Beebe Short, his lovely daughter Gay Short, and two mothers who are about equal in his estimation, his own mother Mrs H. M. Short and his mother-in-law Mrs D. B. Slaughter and his father Mr. H. M. Short and Mr and Mrs Bill Stewart who are not blood relatives but closer than brothers and sisters.

Councilman Thrower introduced his wife Phyllis and his daughter Janet who is the noisemaker of Belrose Lane.

Councilman Tuttle stated after the Mayor and Milton Short, he needs to go and get more family. He introduced his wife Margaret and his daughter and chief supporter Linda. He remarked that he has another member of his family, Jerry, Jr. who is off at Military School and the only way you can get out of there is to be on the Honor Roll and he is not here.

Councilman Whittington introduced his wife Janet. He stated he would like to introduce all of the people in the audience because he believes they were on his team too, but he cannot do that, but will introduce Mrs Evelyn Hankins, who he has know longer than he has know his wife, and Mrs Joe Rhinehart, who recently moved here from New York and who helped him a great deal, and Mrs Sarah King.

## REMARKS BY AUDIENCE.

Mayor Brookshire invited persons in the audience to speak.

Mr. "Genial" Gene Potts, Public Affairs Director of Radio Station WGIV remarked that his cup runneth over, this is indeed a memorable day in Charlotte for the Mayor and for most of the Council, and he wanted to be here for this special event. That he wanted to say to them, "together you stand, divided you fall", and he is quite sure they will work together for a more vigorous and better Charlotte.

Mr. F. S. McNeill commented that it has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to work with many of the Council during the past two years on one of the most important efforts that the Mayor, among others, has initiated in our city, which is briefly, "Clean Up, Fix Up and Paint Up" our City, and one of the most heartening things he has heard this morning is Mr. Bryant's challenge to permit him to continue to serve on the Beautification Committee, and his immediate reappointment and his acceptance. There are many areas in our city that needs much work to be done, and as he said to Mr. Alexander as they came into this Chamber, he has some ideas that we want to explore in order that every section of our city may look more beautiful. He pledged his support in that work.

Mr. Sandy Jordan, Jr. remarked that being prejudiced and favoring one of the Councilmen extremely, he knows how many ordeals the Council has gone through in the past two and four years, and he would like to express his best wishes and support to the Council during the next two years and hopes that all of their ideals will be met with the cooperation of all the citizens of Charlotte, and that it will be a very successful two years.

Councilman Jordan commented that he is real proud of Sandy, Jr; that during his first term on the City Council the Mayor and City Council presented him a silver cup when Sandy, Jr. was born in 1947. That he is very proud of him and this is his first time at a Council Meeting.

ELECTION OF JAMES B. WHITTINGTON AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Councilman Jordan stated he would like to have the honor of moving the election of Councilman James B. Whittington as Mayor pro tempore. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brookshire expressed his congratulations to Councilman Whittington.

DAY AND HOUR FIXED FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Councilman Albea moved that for the time being at least the regular Council Meetings be held on the same day and hour presently held, i.e. Monday of each week at 3 o'clock p.m., except on the third Monday of each month at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of hearing petitions for changes in zoning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS LILLIAN R. HOFFMAN AS CITY CLERK AND WILLIAM J. VEEDER AS CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Thrower remarked that Mr. Morrissey the City Attorney has well described in our Charter that it is unnecessary for the Council to reappoint that personnel appointed by City Council who serves at the pleasure of the Council; so he thinks that this can be dispensed with.

Councilman Jordan remarked that he believes the Charter provides that the City Clerk shall be appointed at Council's first meeting. Mayor Brookshire commented that considering the Clerk's long years of service to the City he thinks it would be most appropriate. Councilman Jordan moved the re-appointment of Mrs Lillian R. Hoffman, as City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.


Councilman Albea moved the reappointment of Mr. William J. Veeder as City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Albea remarked that he appreciates the fact that most of the personnel appointed by the Council serves until they are replaced but at the same time he thinks it is in order that they be reappointed as an expression of Council's confidence in them, if for no other reason.

Mayor Brookshire expressed his congratulations to the City Manager and his thanks for the splendid service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk