

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday, June 13, 1951, at 2:30 o'clock p.m., with the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, to consider and adopt budget appropriations for the joint governmental functions of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, for the fiscal year 1951-1952.

Mayor pro tem Van Every presided and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger and Jordan were present for the City of Charlotte.

Commissioners McAden, Beatty, McDonald, McEwen and Porter were present for Mecklenburg County.

TAX LISTING DEPARTMENT JOINT APPROPRIATION.

Commissioner McAden advised that a budget of \$89,892.00 is recommended for the Tax Listing Department, which includes the salaries of three permanent property appraisers at \$6,000.00 each, beginning January 1, 1952, as previously agreed upon by the City and County.

Councilman Baxter moved that \$89,892.00 be jointly appropriated for the Tax Listing Department, on the basis of 35% by the City, amounting to \$30,324.70, and 65% by the County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF RUFUS A. GRIER AS TAX SUPERVISOR.

Upon motion of Commissioner McAden, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, Mr. Rufus A. Grier was reappointed Tax Supervisor for a term of two years from the expiration of his present term on December 3, 1951, at a salary of \$5,750.00.

APPOINTMENT OF U. VAUGHN HAWKINS TO MECKLENBURG COUNTY PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD.

Commissioner McDonald advised that in line with the decision of the Joint Bodies in 1950, Mr. W. S. Franklin and Mr. A. D. Cashion have been employed as two of the three members of the Mecklenburg County Property Valuation Board, and the transfer of Mr. U. Vaughn Hawkins from the Tax Listing Department to the Board as its third member has been considered. He stated if Mr. Hawkins is to be appointed to the Board that it should be done at this time.

Councilman Albea moved that Mr. Hawkins be appointed to the Property Valuation Board at a salary of \$5,200.00 until January 1, 1952 and his salary be increased to \$6,000.00 at that time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried.

PROPERTY REVALUATION PROJECT JOINT APPROPRIATION.

Councilman Dellinger moved that a joint appropriation of \$169,200.00 be made for the Property Revaluation Project, for the previously authorized contract with Cole-Layer-Trumble Company, on the basis of 30%, amounting to \$50,760.00 by the City, and 70% by the County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS JOINT APPROPRIATION.

Councilman Baxter moved that an appropriation of \$85,464.88 be made jointly for the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, on the basis of 50% by the City and 50% by the County, and that the salary of the Judge of the Courts be increased from \$6,180.00 to \$6,750.00 per annum, as recommended by the County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAden.

Councilman Coddington stated that he was not in favor of the City approving a salary increase until the matter of increases for city employees

has been decided.

A substitute motion was made by Councilman Jordan that the City's participation in a salary increase for the Judge be held in abeyance until the City's budget is adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF W. I. GATLING AS JUDGE OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, Mr. Willard II Gatling was reappointed Judge of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts for a term of two years.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner McAden, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, reappointing Mr. Hugh L. Lobdell as Judge pro tem of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts for a term of two years.

REAPPOINTMENT OF WALTER C. BENSON AS COUNSELOR FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS.

Commissioner McAden moved the reappointment of Mr. Walter C. Benson as Counselor for the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts for a term of two years, at a salary of \$4,800.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

SALARY INCREASES OF PERSONNEL IN JOINT OPERATIONS APPROVED BY COUNCIL SUBJECT TO DECISION OF COUNCIL AS TO SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Commissioner McDonald moved that all salary increases of personnel in joint operations be approved by the City Council subject to the decision of the City Council as to salary adjustments for city employees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BUREAU JOINT APPROPRIATION.

Councilman Jordan moved that \$4,087.50 be jointly appropriated for the Weights and Measures Bureau, on the basis of 50% by the City, amounting to \$2,043.75, and 50% by the County. Motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

MECKLENBURG VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER JOINT APPROPRIATION.

Commissioner McAden stated that the recommended joint appropriation of \$9,420.00 for the Mecklenburg Veterans Service Officer includes a salary increase of \$500.00 for the Service Officer bringing his salary to \$5,000.00, and an increase of \$200.00 for his Clerical Assistant. Councilman Baxter moved the adoption of the joint appropriation of \$9,420.00, on the basis of 50% by the City, amounting to \$4,710.00, and 50% by the County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried.

FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE THE CITY APPROPRIATION BY COUNTY.

Councilman Albea moved that the County's appropriation of \$2,400.00 for standby charge and \$50.00 per trip made by the City Fire Department, for fire protection outside the city limits be accepted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McDonald, and unanimously carried.

ELECTION BOARD OFFICE APPROPRIATION BY CITY.

Councilman Albea moved that the City continue to reimburse the County for one-half the expense of the Election Board Office operation on a full time basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

ANIMAL SHELTER JOINT APPROPRIATION.

Commissioner McDonald moved that the operation of the Animal Shelter be continued on a 50-50 basis as to repairs, upkeep of premises and cost of utilities, the City and County each furnishing its Dog Catcher, and that the County's appropriation of \$8,000.00 towards the construction of the new shelter, estimated at \$16,000.00, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

PAUPER BURIALS JOINT APPROPRIATION.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried, the policy now in effect as to the distribution of the expense of pauper burials was approved, namely: the City to provide the lot and grave opening and the County to furnish the coffins.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BY COUNTY.

Commissioner McAden moved that the City accept the appropriation of \$22,180.00 for the operation of the County Health Department in the City Health Department building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CHARITY HOSPITALIZATION JOINT APPROPRIATION TO GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR OUTPATIENT EMERGENCY CLINIC.

Mr. Marvin Hinson, Administrator of the Good Samaritan Hospital, advised that the hospital ended its year's operation with a deficit of \$18,000.00, and they are requesting an appropriation of \$48,273.72 for the Outpatient Emergency Clinic for 1951-52, which is an increase over the amount appropriated last year. He stated that it is their belief that the requested appropriation will be sufficient for their operation of the Clinic without a deficit being realized at the end of next year.

Commissioner McAden stated that the County has appropriated \$1.00 additional per patient day for charity cases at Good Samaritan Hospital and has budgeted \$20,000.00 for its Emergency Outpatient Clinic and they cannot go beyond that amount. Councilman Baxter moved that the City appropriate \$20,000.00 to Good Samaritan Hospital for the Emergency Outpatient Clinic. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McAden.

Councilman Coddington stated that he favored the appropriation of the \$48,273.72 jointly by the City and County, as requested by Mr. Hinson, instead of reducing the amount of the appropriation. That Mr. Hinson realizes the amount that will be necessary to operate the Clinic without having another deficit at the end of the year. Councilman Coddington moved that the City appropriate one-half the requested budget of \$48,273.72. The motion did not receive a second, and was lost.

The vote was then taken on the main motion for the appropriation of \$20,000.00 by the City, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger and Jordan.
NAY: Councilman Coddington.

CHARITY HOSPITALIZATION APPROPRIATIONS FOR CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BY CITY AND COUNTY.

Upon motion of Commissioner McAden, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the City and County each appropriated \$32,590.68 to Charlotte Memorial Hospital for Special Charity Cases.

CHARITY MATERNITY CARE JOINT APPROPRIATION TO CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Commissioner McAden moved that an appropriation of \$30,000.00 be made to Charlotte Memorial Hospital for Charity Maternity Care, on the basis of 50% by the City and 50% by the County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

NEGRO DENTAL CLINIC AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL APPROPRIATION BY CITY SUBJECT TO SIMILAR APPROPRIATION BY COUNTY.

Mr. Stowe Moody presented a request for a joint appropriation of \$10,000.00 for the establishment of a Dental Clinic for negroes as a part of Good Samaritan Hospital operation. He described the urgent need for more adequate dental care for both negro children and adults of the City and County. He advised that a dental survey of negro children has just been completed by the City Health Department, which indicates the need for dental care is alarmingly urgent. Mr. Moody stated that at present only limited dental care is provided for negroes at Memorial Hospital and at the Myers Street School. He advised further that if the appropriation is made for the establishment of the Clinic, the operational expense thereafter should be between \$5,000.00 and \$8,000.00 per annum. Also, that the Clinic will be set up at Myers Street School until September, when it will be transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital, after the equipment has been installed.

Dr. Bethel, City Health Officer and Dr. Stadt, City Administrator of Dental Education spoke for the establishment of the clinic and cited statistics to show that the service to negroes is grossly inadequate.

Councilman Jordan moved that the joint appropriation of \$10,000.00 be made on a 50-50 basis, and that the City appropriate its share of \$5,000.00 contingent upon the County making a like appropriation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried by a vote of the City Council.

INDUSTRIAL HOME JOINT APPROPRIATION.

The continuance of the operation of the Industrial Home was discussed, with Councilmen Boyd and Coddington expressing objections to the City making an appropriation for its operation. Councilmen Boyd stated that instead of offenders being sent to the Industrial Home that they should be sent to the State institutions provided for such persons. Commissioner McDonald suggested that a Committee of citizens be appointed to study the operation of the Home and see if it cannot be adjusted to meet the purpose for which it was established, and if it cannot be that proper legislation be passed by the next session of the Legislature to close the Home. Councilman Coddington suggested that the Home be discontinued and be converted into a Juvenile Detention Home. Councilman Albea expressed the opinion that the Home serves a worthwhile purpose to society in removing these women from circulation even temporarily.

Commissioner McDonald moved that the recommended budget of \$19,446.00 be jointly appropriated for another year, on the basis of 50% by the City and 50% by the County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea and Jordan, and Commissioners Beatty, McAden, McDonald, McEwen and Porter.

NAY: Councilmen Boyd, Coddington and Dellinger.

MORRIS FIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BY COUNTY.

Upon motion of Commissioner McDonald, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the appropriation of \$6,000.00 by the County for the policing of Morris Field was accepted.

REQUEST OF CHARLOTTE COLLEGE FOR JOINT APPROPRIATION TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION.

The request of Mr. J. Murrey Atkins, Chairman of the Charlotte College Advisory Committee, that a joint appropriation of \$50,000.00 be made to the College for expansion and for the establishment of a technical institute was discussed. Commissioner McDonald indicated that the County could not make an appropriation for this purpose at this time. Councilman Jordan moved that the City and County consider the request separately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McDonald, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST THAT REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY BE DIVIDED WITH COUNTY.

Commissioner McDonald stated that the City's contract with the Charlotte Housing Authority is a self-liquidating deal, with the Authority paying no taxes, and in lieu thereof the City realizes an income of 10% of the project rentals, amounting to some \$17,000.00 per annum. He stated further than in his opinion this revenue should be divided between the City and County. Councilman Jordan moved that the matter be taken under advisement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk