

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held in the office of the Mayor, City Hall, at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, June 15, 1949, having been duly called in accordance with the provision of the City Charter, with the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners present.

Mayor Shaw presided, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson were present.

Mr. S. Y. McAden, Chairman, and Messrs. A. D. Cashion, J. Caldwell McDonald, Carl J. McEwen and S. G. Porter, members of the Board of Commissioners for Mecklenburg County were present.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Shaw announced that the meeting was called for the purpose of considering and approving the operations jointly financed by the City and County Governments for the fiscal year 1949-1950.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Following a discussion of the services rendered the County Health Department by the City in providing through the City Health Department office space, venereal disease clinic facilities, laboratory service, X-ray phase of the T.B. Clinic program, Meat inspection, etc., Commissioner Cashion moved that an appropriation of \$22,180.00, the same as for 1948-1949, be made by the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McAden, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Aitken, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson, and Commissioners McAden, Cashion, McEwen, McDonald and Porter.

Nays: Councilmen Albea and Coddington.

Councilman Boyd not voting.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS.

Commissioner McAden advised that the Commissioners recommended a joint appropriation of \$80,180.00 for the operation of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, which amount includes a 6% increase in salaries and the addition of three employees and of a Counselor.

Opposition was expressed by the City Council to approving any salary increase until it has been determined whether an increase will be made in the salaries of City Employees.

Whereupon, Commissioner McDonald moved that the joint appropriation of \$80,180.00 be adopted, on a 50/50 basis, less the salary increases, and that same be deferred on the part of the city until a decision is reached by the City in the matter. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS.

Commissioner McAden nominated Mr. Williard I. Gatling, present Judge pro tem of the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Courts, to the position of Judge of said Courts to succeed Judge Marion Redd, resigned, at a salary of \$6,000.00 per annum. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE PRO TEM OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS DEFERRED.

Decision to defer the appointment of the Judge pro tem of the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Courts was mutually agreed upon by the Councilmen and Commissioners.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNSELOR OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS.

Councilman Jordan moved the nomination of Mr. Walter C. Benson, Attorney, as Counselor of the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Courts, for a term of two years beginning on the first Monday in July, 1949, at a salary of \$3,600.00 per annum. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Porter, and unanimously carried.

FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE CITY.

In the discussion of the County's appropriation for fire protection outside the city, Mr. Yancey, City Manager, recommended that fire protection at Morris Field be provided by the County; also, that police protection at Morris Field is the obligation of the County.

Commissioner McAden moved that the County appropriate \$6,000.00 toward the operation by the City of the Morris Field Police Department, which motion was ruled out of order by the Commissioners until it could be privately discussed by them.

Councilman Albea then moved acceptance of the County's proposed appropriation of \$2,400.00 for standby charge for fire protection outside the city and \$50.00 per trip by the City Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McEwen, and unanimously carried.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Councilman Goddington moved that the County's recommended joint appropriation of \$17,615.00 for the Industrial Home be approved on a 50/50 basis. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cashion, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Francis Clarkson, Attorney for the County, advised that the General Statutes provides that the administration of the Industrial Home shall be by a Board of Directors, composed of two commissioners appointed by the Mayor, two by the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, and the Mayor and Chairman of the Commissioners, and that the Board of Directors shall appoint an Advisory Board, to be composed of not less than twelve members. He suggested that the requirements of the law be carried out.

Mayor Shaw and Chairman McAden advised the joint bodies that the appointments would be made at an early date.

MATERNITY CLINICS.

Commissioner McAden moved that \$30,000.00 be jointly appropriated, on a 50/50 basis, for the operation of Maternity Clinics at all participating hospitals. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

PAUPER BURIALS.

Councilman Jordan moved that the policy now in effect as to the distribution of the expense of pauper burials be continued; the County to furnish the coffins and the City provide the lot and grave excavation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cashion, and unanimously carried.

TAX ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner McDonald stated the Tax Assessment Department was undermanned and for the importance of the department to both the City and County it should be reorganized and the personnel increased. He recommended that three men be added to the Department, and that a revaluation of property in all of Mecklenburg County be made to equalize the tax assessments.

Following the discussion, in which it was pointed out by the

City Manager that a joint appropriation was made in the current budget for a Tax Inspector who had never been employed, and, also, that the City buy's the assessment roll from the County after it has been compiled by whom ever the County employs in the department, Commissioner McAden stated that a joint appropriation of \$79,941.00 was recommended by the County and suggested that the City pay 42% of said amount in lieu of 35% as heretofore.

Councilman Coddington moved that a joint appropriation of \$63,540.00 be made, on a basis of 35% by the City and 65% by the County, the same as in the current budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried, with the following votes cast:

Ayes: Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson and Commissioner McEwen.

Nays: Commissioners McAden, Cashion, McDonald and Porter.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY SERVICE OFFICES.

Commissioner McAden advised that upon request of various organizations, the County had set-up an appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the Mecklenburg County Service Offices, provided the City made a like appropriation.

Councilman Boyd moved that an appropriation up to but not exceeding \$5,000.00 be made by the City, provided the City has the legal authority to make such appropriation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BUREAU.

Commissioner McAden recommended that a joint appropriation of \$3,832.00, on a 50/50 basis, be made for the operation of the Weights and Measures Bureau. Councilman Jordan moved that the recommendation be accepted and the appropriation made. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Porter, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Cecilia R. Hoffman
City Clerk