

ORGANIZATION MEETING - NEW CITY COUNCIL
 MAY 14, 1945
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Induction ceremonies for the 1945-1947 administration were held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10 A.M. on May 14, 1945, in accordance with provisions of the City Charter. Present for the ceremonies and induction into office were the Mayor, Mr. H. H. Baxter, Councilmen T. A. Childs, J. Sam Hinson, Jr. Henry Johnston, Fred E. McIntyre, J. Henry Newson, Ross Puette and John P. White; for the Board of School Commissioners, Mrs. Francis O. Clarkson, Brock Barkley and R. M. Mauldin; all of whom were duly elected at a regular municipal election held on May 8, 1945.

Under provisions of an amendment to the City Charter, adopted by the 1945 session of the North Carolina Legislature, the number of Councilmen was reduced from eleven to seven.

INVOCATION DELIVERED BY THE REVEREND DR. EMBREE H. BLACKARD.

The invocation was delivered by The Reverend Dr. Embree H. Blackard, Pastor of the Myers Park Methodist Church.

REPORT OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PRESENTED.

The following report from the Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections was presented by the City Clerk:

"The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections met in the County Commissioners' Room in the Court House of Mecklenburg County, N. C., at 11 o'clock A. M., having been adjourned from 10 o'clock A. M. on the 10th day of May 1945, in the presence of such electors as chose to attend, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the election May 8, 1945, for Mayor, Councilmen and School Commissioners of the City of Charlotte, N. C. Each Registrar in the various precincts of the City of Charlotte delivered the respective returns of his or her precinct to the said Board of Elections and the said board opened the returns, and having taken a recess until 7 o'clock P. M. of the same day, canvassed and judicially determined the results of the voting in such election, stating the number of legal ballots cast in each precinct for each candidate, the name of each person voted for and the total number of votes given to each person for each different office.

The said County Board of Elections made and signed duplicate abstracts thereof, and the Chairman of the said County Board of Elections signed an affidavit on each of said duplicate abstracts of the returns of the said municipal election that they were true and correct. On May 11, 1945, the County Board of Elections filed one set of the duplicate returns of the Registrars and Judges, and one of the duplicate abstracts of the County Board of Elections with the Clerk of the City of Charlotte. On the 12th day of May 1945, the said County Board of Elections made and caused to be published in The Charlotte News, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Charlotte, once the results of said election, and on May 12, 1945, also posted written notice of such results in the Court House of Mecklenburg County, at the place where notices are usually posted, and in the City Hall of Charlotte, N. C., at the place where notices are usually posted.

The results of said election, as canvassed and judicially determined by said board appear in duplicate abstracts made by the said County Board of Elections, one of which is filed with the City Clerk of Charlotte and the votes for the various offices in said election are as follows:

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FOR MAYOR

H. H. Baxter 2216 votes

FOR COUNCILMEN

| | | |
|---------------------|------|-------|
| T. A. Childs | 2856 | votes |
| Manley R. Dunaway | 340 | " |
| S. W. Ellis | 278 | " |
| J. Sam Hinson | 2731 | " |
| C. D. Hollingsworth | 270 | " |
| J. H. Johnston | 2653 | " |
| Fred H. McIntyre | 2687 | " |
| Henry G. Newson | 2713 | " |
| Ross Puette | 2632 | " |
| G. F. Rice | 176 | " |
| J. B. Thomas | 211 | " |
| W. J. Wentz | 186 | " |
| John P. White | 2622 | " |

FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

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|--------------------------|------|-------|
| Brock Barkley | 2177 | votes |
| Mrs. Francis O. Clarkson | 2326 | " |
| Leon P. Harris | 344 | " |
| R. M. Mauldin | 1633 | " |
| Courtney R. Mauzy | 1375 | " |

The following persons were declared elected:

FOR MAYOR

H. H. Baxter

FOR COUNCILMEN

T. A. Childs
J. Sam Hinson
J. H. Johnston
Fred H. McIntyre
Henry G. Newson
Ross Puette
John P. White

FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Brock Barkley
Mrs. Francis O. Clarkson
R. M. Mauldin

(Signed) Chase Brenizer, Chairman
of Mecklenburg County Board
of Elections.

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OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE MAYOR.

Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to the Mayor, Mr. Herbert Hill Baxter, at 10:07 A.M.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCIL.

Mayor Baxter then administered the oath of office to the seven Councilmen: Messrs. Childs, Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White, en masse, at 10:11 A. M.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Baxter administered the oath of office to the three members of the Board of School Commissioners: Mrs. Francis O. Clarkson and Messrs. Barkley and Mauldin.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.

Councilman Puette placed in nomination as Mayor Pro Tem the name of Councilman T. A. Childs. This nomination was seconded by Councilman Newson. Councilman Puette then moved that nominations be closed. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and a unanimous ballot was cast for Councilman Childs as Mayor Pro Tem.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK.

Councilman Newson moved that Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman be appointed City Clerk at her present salary. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston and unanimously carried.

TIME OF MEETING SET.

Councilman Childs recommended that the next meeting of Council be held on Wednesday afternoon, May 16th, at 4 o'clock, and thereafter the weekly meeting be held on Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. The Council concurred unanimously in the recommendation.

MAYOR BAXTER SPEAKS.

Mayor Baxter expressed his pleasure at having present his mother, Mrs. F. H. Baxter, and sister, Miss Katherine Baxter of Boston, Mass., whom he introduced at this time.

Mayor Baxter stated he was grateful to the citizens of Charlotte for his re-election and that he would have the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens, especially so at the present time in making preparations for the returning service men. He stressed the vital need for completing at once plans now under way for a Veterans Information Center, a Veterans Recreational Center and for providing a Civic Center with rooms where these veterans may meet, and for increased Library services. He urged the cooperation of the New Council and the citizens at large to meet the challenge of carrying out to completion these plans.

He stated that in addition to these projects to benefit the returned service men, that Charlotte's greatest present needs were for greater airport facilities, an extensive recreational program, the extension of water and sewerage systems.

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He expressed his admiration of the newly elected Councilmen for their willingness to serve the City of Charlotte in this capacity during these busy times. He urged that serious investigation and consideration be given by them to the present operation of the city government, and advised deliberation in the appointment of the personnel.

To the group of citizens who have spared no effort to bring to the City Hall a group of Councilmen whose chief aim would be to further the interest of Charlotte through harmonious actions, he paid his compliments.

In closing Mayor Baxter stated that as a guide for the next two years he wished to refer the Councilmen to Philipians, 3rd Chapter and 13th Verse:

"Brethren, this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

MAYOR PRO TEM EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF HONOR.

Councilman Childs expressed his appreciation to the Council for the honor of being selected as Mayor Pro Tem. He pledged his loyal support to the Mayor and Council. He expressed the wish that the outgoing Council would give him their advice and suggestions, and asked the audience for their cooperation and sympathetic understanding of the undertakings of the new Council.

BRIEF TALKS BY RETIRING COUNCILMEN.

Brief talks were made by retiring Councilmen Atkins, Hovis and Slye, who pledged their support and cooperation to the new Council.

VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCIL.

At the suggestion of Mr. Fred Helms, Attorney, a rising vote of thanks was given the retiring Council for the splendid service they had rendered Charlotte.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Puette, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman

City Clerk