

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, convened at 10 o'clock a.m., on Monday, May 8, 1961, in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of 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 to their respective offices by a vote of the people at an election held on May 2, 1961.

Mayor James S. Smith presided, and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Steve W. Dellinger, S. Herbert Hitch, Brevard S. Myers, Gibson L. Smith and James B. Whittington were present.

ABSENT: Councilman Randolph Babcock.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Pastor, Myers Park Methodist Church.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 1, 1961 APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on May 1, 1961 were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE NO. 736-Z-12 AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE I, ZONING ORDINANCE, CHANGING ZONING ON PROPERTY AT 909 KENILWORTH AVENUE, FROM R-2 TO O-I, ON PETITION OF J. H. CORNELIUS, ADOPTED.

The Petition for the rezoning of property at 909 Kenilworth Avenue from R-2 to O-I, which was deferred at the last meeting for further recommendation by the Planning Board, was again considered, and a letter from the Board presented recommending that the petition be approved provided that a deed restriction is established to assure that the parking lot will be developed in accordance with the development plan submitted by the prospective purchasers of the said property. Also, a letter was submitted by Mr. Jack T. Hamilton, Attorney for Paway, Inc., one of the petitioners, stating if the rezoning is allowed they will use the property for parking only and in accordance with a parking and elevation plan submitted to the Planning Board, which provides for a single level parking and for the erection of a brick wall between the parking lot and the adjoining property of Mr. DeAlbert Hoke, and further a provision will be incorporated in the Deed from the present owners, Mr and Mrs J. H. Cornelius to Paway, Inc., restricting the property to use for parking purposes only.

Mr. Hoke was present and stated the change in zoning is satisfactory with him with the aforementioned restrictions in the deed.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 736-Z-12 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning on property at 909 Kenilworth Avenue from R-2 to O-I, in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, at Page 65.

PRESENT R-2 ZONING DIRECTED RETAINED ON PROPERTY AT NW CORNER OF CAMP GREEN STREET AND ROYSTON ROAD, FORMERLY DESIGNATED BY PROPERTY OWNER FOR ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Consideration was given the question of the existing zoning and proposed zoning under the New Zoning Ordinance of the tract of land 130' x 250', at the northwest corner of Camp Green Street and Royston Road, which was deferred at the last meeting for report by Planning Board.

Council was advised that the present zoning of the tract is R-2 and the proposed zoning under the pending new Zoning Ordinance will also be residential; that when the adjacent property was rezoned B-1 in 1959 at the request of Marsh Realty Company, the zoning of the tract in question was not changed as the erection of the proposed Library on the property was permissible in an R-2 zone, and it would act as a buffer between the proposed Shopping Center and residential area.

Councilman Smith moved that the present R-2 zoning of the tract be retained as it now appears on the Zoning Map. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF ROGER T. JAMES.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Relative to the Death of Roger T. James" was introduced by Councilman Myers, who moved its adoption following the reading thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 119.

REPORT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS TO ELECTION RESULTS.

The City Clerk read the following Report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections:

"The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections met in Domestic Relations Court Room of the Courthouse of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 4th day of May, 1961, in the presence of such electors as chose to attend, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the City Election on May 2, 1961, for Mayor and members of the 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	15,905 votes
Mrs Martha W. Evans	13,125 votes

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea	18,493 votes
Don G. Bryant	13,287 votes
Steve W. Dellinger	19,532 votes
David H. Garris	5,315 votes
S. Herbert Hitch	10,657 votes
J. Hampton Huntley	2,931 votes
Sandy Jordan	19,148 votes
John S. LeGette	5,279 votes
Brevard Myers	9,468 votes
Albert T. Pearson	6,482 votes
Gibson L. Smith	17,490 votes
Harvey S. Strawn	9,902 votes
John H. Thrower	14,987 votes
James B. Whittington	21,236 votes

The following were declared elected:

FOR MAYOR

Stan R. Brookshire

FOR COUNCILMEN

Claude L. Albea
Don G. Bryant
Steve W. Dellinger
Sandy Jordan
Gibson L. Smith
John H. Thrower
James B. Whittington

Write-in Votes are as follows:

FOR MAYOR

Wiley Ray Pittman	1 vote
Roy Griffin	1 vote

FOR COUNCILMEN

D. S. Skidmore	2 votes
John Glenn	1 vote
Randolph Babcock	3 votes
Mrs W. C. Orth	1 vote

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

(Signed) Mrs Samuel C. Hair Chairman

John A. Kirk

E. J. Presser

Filed with the City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina,
this the 4th day of May, 1961.

Ruth W. Fortenbery

Executive Secretary

Mecklenburg County Board of Elections"

REMARKS BY RETIRING MAYOR SMITH.

Mayor Smith introduced his wife, Helena as his sweetheart and partner, who has made his four years as Mayor, and the prior four years as Councilman, possible. The Mayor told the assembly his eight years at City Hall have been a real pleasure and he feels many accomplishments have been realized and a head start made on numerous projects which he hopes will be brought to a happy conclusion. He expressed his appreciation to the City Hall staff, with whom he has worked, for their harmonious cooperation. He expressed his confidence in the incoming Mayor and Council who has his wholehearted support in their endeavors for Charlotte, and stated he feels Charlotte can look forward to the new era with a great deal of confidence. Mayor Smith offered to Mayor Brookshire his cooperation and aid.

REMARKS BY FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mr. Herbert H. Baxter, Mr. J. Hampton Huntley, Mr. Ernest Foard and Mr. Fred McIntyre, members of former City Councils, were present for the ceremonies and at the invitation of Mayor Smith each expressed his appreciation to the retiring Mayor and Council members for a progressive administration, and offered their felicitations to the incoming Mayor and Council, with Mr. Baxter asking that they endeavor to keep the tax rate down.

REMARKS BY RETIRING COUNCILMAN HITCH.

Councilman Hitch expressed his good wishes to the new regime, who he stated will have new opportunities for the betterment of Charlotte during the next two years. He expressed his pleasure at working with the City Manager and Department Heads, and stated he thinks Charlotte should be congratulated on the high caliber of this personnel.

REMARKS BY RETIRING COUNCILMAN MYERS.

Councilman Myers stated a candidate for office never loses how ever the tide runs as he either serves the public or is privileged to spend more time with his family. He stated Charlotte has a fine City Manager and Department Heads, and he commended them on their devotion to duty and skill and patience. He extended his congratulations to the new officials.

REMARKS BY CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK AND CITY ATTORNEY.

Mr. W. J. Veeder, City Manager and Mrs Lillian Hoffman, City Clerk, and Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, each expressed pleasure at having worked with Mayor Smith and the City Council, and their confidence in Mayor Brookshire and incoming Council members to continue the progress of Charlotte to keep it as the metropolitan center.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED COUNCILMEN-ELECT.

The oath of office was administered by Mayor Smith to Councilmen-elect Claude L. Albea, Don G. Bryant, Steve W. Dellinger, Sandy R. Jordan, Gibson L. Smith, John H. Thrower and James B. Whittington.

CITATION PRESENTED MR BROOKSHIRE BY MAYOR SMITH IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO CHARLOTTE AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mayor Smith stated that it has been his pleasure while serving as Mayor to devise a Citation to present to citizens of Charlotte who gave of themselves unstintingly for their city, and he is delighted to present this Citation to Mr Brookshire in recognition of his services to Charlotte as President of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Brookshire expressed his appreciation for this signal honor and for their friendship.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR-ELECT STAN BROOKSHIRE.

The oath of office was then administered to Mayor-elect Stan Brookshire by Mayor Smith who then presented him with the gavel.

CITY AUTO LICENSE TAG NO. 1 PRESENTED TO CHARLOTTE'S NO. 1 CITIZEN.

Mr. Smith, Retiring Mayor, presented Charlotte Auto License Tag No. 1 from his car to Mayor Brookshire as Charlotte's No. 1 citizen. The gift was accepted by Mayor Brookshire on behalf of the citizens of Charlotte, and he in turn gave his City Tag to Mr Smith, and presented him with the Gavel which he has used during his four years as Mayor, which had been engraved with his name and dates of service.

Mayor Brookshire then presented the Name Plates from the Council Table to retiring Mayor Smith and retiring Councilmen Hitch and Myers and stated that Councilman Babcock's would be mailed him.

REMARKS BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE.

Mayor Brookshire stated it is with a great deal of pride that he accepts the challenge and privilege of representing and serving the citizens of Charlotte and his only promise is to do his best to serve them well. He voiced his appreciation to the voters for the confidence expressed in him at the election.

The Mayor then introduced his wife, Edith, his mother, Mrs J. C. Brookshire, Sr., his daughter, Mrs David Sachsenmaier, his sister, Mrs John W. Crawford of Raleigh, his sister and her husband, Mr and Mrs George McCall, his sister Mrs Homer Brookshire and brothers Mr J.C., Jr., Mr. Voris and Mr. Brevard Brookshire and his wife.

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mayor Brookshire introduced each member of the new Council, who then spoke.

Councilman Albea stated he is very appreciative of the vote received and wants to reiterate the statement he made here thirty years ago when he was first elected to the City Council, that he will serve all of the people of Charlotte to the best of his ability. He introduced his wife, Alta Lee and his Minister and wife, Mr and Mrs Harry White, Pastor of First A.R. P. Church.

Councilman Bryant stated it is a privilege to serve the City of Charlotte and he will give it his best efforts. He introduced his wife and two children, his parents Mr and Mrs Jimmy Bryant, his brother, Mr Bob Bryant and wife and his aunt, Mrs Zeb Watkins.

Councilman Dellinger stated he is happy to continue to serve the citizens for another term and thanked the voters for their support. He thanked Councilmen Hitch, Myers and Babcock for the interest displayed in the problems of the past two years and wished for them the best of everything. He introduced his son, Steve, Jr. (Bill).

Councilman Jordan expressed his pleasure at being back at City Hall after an absence of eight years from the Council, and expressed his appreciation for the vote of confidence given him by the citizens. He introduced his wife, and his sister, Mrs McSwain.

Councilman Smith stated he deems it a real pleasure and honor to have been re-elected to the office and thanks all of the citizens who supported him and he will try to live up to their confidence in him. He introduced his mother, Mrs Frank Brandon Smith, whom he advised had two brothers to serve as Mayor of Charlotte, Mr S. S. McNinch, 1905-1907 and Mr F.R. McNinch, 1917-1920. He then introduced his daughter Sumner and wife, Betty.

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Councilman Thrower thanked the citizens for the honor they have given him in his election to the City Council and pledged to work tirelessly for the good of Charlotte. He introduced his wife, Phyllis, his father, Mr. H. T. Thrower and sister-in-law, Mrs Edith Thrower.

Councilman Whittington stated he is most grateful for the opportunity to serve Charlotte for another two years and shall not forget the many wonderful people who rallied behind him in the campaign and assures them he will do his best, and is at their service to make Charlotte a better place in which to live. He introduced his dear wife, Janet who worked with him unceasingly in the campaign and whose cooperation was a source of constant encouragement to him, his mother Mrs Whittington from Southern Pines, his partner in business Mr Ervin Hankins and wife Evelyn, who have done all the work for the last month, and Mr Fred A. Dow who came to him and offered to be Chairman of the Volunteers for Whittington.

REMARKS BY MAYOR TO COUNCIL.

Mayor Brookshire stated he is pleased and proud of Charlotte's new Councilmen and is most happy to serve with them. That he feels this is an independent Council - six of the members having run as independents, which he thinks would indicate we will have independent thinking without any alliances and he hopes none will develop.

MR AND MRS GEORGE C POTTER THANKED FOR FLOWERS.

Mayor Brookshire expressed his and the Council's appreciation for the beautiful flowers sent by his good friends, Mr and Mrs George C. Potter.

REPLACEMENT FOR POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE TO BE DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT.

Mayor Brookshire called attention to the newspaper stories regarding the replacement to succeed the Chief of Police, who has resigned. He advised the Council has not had an opportunity to meet and discuss the appointment, which they will do and thoroughly discuss all potential candidates for the position.

ELECTION OF JAMES B. WHITTINGTON AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE.

Councilman Smith placed in nomination Councilman James B. Whittington as Mayor pro tempore and stated it is not necessarily because he received the largest number of votes cast in the election, but because he is an outstanding Councilman who has earned and deserves the honor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF W. J. VEEDER AS CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Dellinger moved the reappointment of Mr W. J. Veeder as City Manager, at his present salary of \$18,500.00 and that his bond be fixed at the present amount of \$5,000.00. He stated Mr Veeder is a young man who has only been with the city for two years and who has proved both outstanding and energetic in his work as City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF LILLIAN R. HOFFMAN AS CITY CLERK.

Councilman Whittington moved the reappointment of Mrs Lillian R. Hoffman as City Clerk, at her present salary of \$7,200.00 and that her bond be fixed at the present amount of \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

DAY AND HOUR FOR REGULAR MEETINGS FIXED AS MONDAY AT 3 P.M.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, Monday of each week at 3 o'clock p.m., was fixed as the day and hour for regular meetings.

ALL OTHER MATTERS SCHEDULED FOR FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE TAKEN UP AT A TIME CERTAIN.

Councilman Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned to a date certain and that other matters scheduled for the first meeting of the Council be taken up at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

MEETING RECESSED UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 15TH, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the meeting was recessed until Monday, May 15th at 3 o'clock p.m.



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk