

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10 o'clock a.m., on Monday, May 9, 1949, for the purpose of inducting into office Mr. Victor Shaw, as Mayor, Messrs: Claude L. Albea, G. Douglas Aitken, Basil M. Boyd, William I. Coddington, James H. Daughtry, Sandy R. Jordan and Emmett M. Wilkinson, as Councilmen, and Messrs. Frank O. Roberts and Herbert Spaugh, as School Commissioners, who were elected to said offices by a vote of the people at an election held on May 3, 1949.

Retiring Mayor H. H. Baxter presided, and the following members of the outgoing Council were present: Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan and White.

Absent: Councilman McKee.

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INVOCATION.

The meeting was opened with the invocation, given by the Reverend Mr. James A. Jones, Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 4, 1949 APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 4, 1949, were approved as submitted.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

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

"The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections met in the Domestic Relations Court Room of the Court House of Mecklenburg County, N. C., at 11 o'clock a.m., on the 5th day of May, 1949, in the presence of such electors as chose to attend, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the election May 3, 1949, for Mayor, Councilmen and Members of the School Board 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 6, 1949, 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 7th day of May, 1949, the said County Board of Elections made and caused to be published in The Charlotte Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Charlotte, once, the results of said election, and on May 7th, 1949, 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 the City Election held in the City of Charlotte, N. C., on May 3, 1949, as canvassed and judicially determined by the 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 the various offices in said election are as follows:

## FOR MAYOR

Victor Shaw	13,480
H. H. Baxter	1
Thomas L. Robinson	1

## FOR COUNCILMEN

G. Douglas Aitken	10,339
Claude L. Albea	9,474
Basil M. Boyd	7,204
William I. Coddington	9,979
Bishop Dale	4,786
James H. Daughtry	8,408
Sandy R. Jordan	7,164
Faison S. Kuester	5,675
Joe Murnick	4,029
J. Herman Saxon	5,639
T. M. Shelton	2,652
Alonzo G. Squires	7,053
Emmett M. Wilkinson	8,019

## FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Frank O. Roberts	9,293
Herbert Spaugh	11,289
James F. Wertz	5,288

The following were declared elected:

## FOR MAYOR

Victor Shaw

## FOR COUNCILMEN

G. Douglas Aitken  
Claude L. Albea  
Basil M. Boyd  
William I. Coddington  
James H. Daughtry  
Sandy R. Jordan  
Emmett M. Wilkinson

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## MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By: Chase Brenizer, Chairman  
E. S. DeLaney, Sr. Secretary  
Wm. T. Alexander, Member "

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PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO RETIRING MAYOR BAXTER.

Mr. Henry Dockery presented a beautiful silver tray to Mayor Baxter as a tribute from a Group of Citizens, whom, he said chose this means of expressing their appreciation for the services Mr. Baxter had so generously rendered to the citizens of Charlotte during his six years as Mayor.

Mayor Baxter expressed his deep appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the Group in remembering him so handsomely. He said those things he had been able to do while serving as Mayor had all been done gladly for the city he loved dearly.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MR. VICTOR SHAW.

Mayor Baxter administered the oath of office of Mayor to Mr. Victor Shaw.

After presenting the gavel to Mayor Shaw, Mr. Baxter extended his congratulations and pledged his cooperation as a private citizen to the Mayor and Councilmen.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCILMEN.

The oath of office of Councilman was then administered by Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk, to Messrs. Claude L. Albee, G. Douglas Aitken, Basil M. Boyd, William I. Coddington, James H. Daughtry, Sandy R. Jordan and Emmett M. Wilkinson.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

The oath of office of School Commissioner was then administered by the City Clerk to Messrs. Frank O. Roberts and Herbert Spaugh.

SPEECH BY MAYOR SHAW.

The following brief address was made by Mayor Shaw:

"The faithful performance of my obligation as Mayor of of this City, required of me by the oath I have just taken, is my fixed and determined purpose.

Winning an election is but an incident, but the faithful performance of an obligation, which God as a Witness, to me is a serious matter.

I plead for the help of all citizens of Charlotte, and with that help and in a spirit of humility, I shall strive to do my very best for all concerned.

It is but human for me to be proud of the honor given to me, and with that pride is mingled my deep and lasting gratitude."

TALKS BY COUNCILMEN.

Mayor Shaw presented each member of the new City Council and the two School Commissioners, who, in turn made brief talks, expressing appreciation for the confidence in them evidenced by the voters, and pledging their loyal service to the City of Charlotte.

INTRODUCTION OF RELATIVES.

The members of the families of the Mayor and Councilmen, who were present for the induction ceremonies, were introduced, and Mayor Shaw then presented Mrs. H. H. Baxter, wife of the Retiring Mayor.

## TALKS MADE BY FRIENDS.

Mayor Shaw thanked the large audience for their interest in the induction ceremonies, and invited their remarks.

Mr. Carl McCraw spoke in behalf of the retiring Councilmen, whom, he stated, deserve the sincere appreciation of the citizens for their splendid service to Charlotte. His remarks were greeted by applause of the audience.

Mr. Harry Orr congratulated the new Officials on the high standard of the campaign they had conducted. He expressed his good wishes, and then injected a note of humor into the meeting with the following statement of puns on the names of the new Council:

"When Boyd starts Aitken and gets Daughtry and passes over Jordan, Wilkinson may say to Coddington, Aw, Shaw, that's where we ought to Albea".

Mr. David Ovens paid honor to Mr. Baxter for the most excellent job done by him as Mayor of Charlotte on all occasions.

He, also, expressed his good wishes to Mayor Shaw and the new Council.

## ADJOURNMENT.

Councilman Aitken moved the adjournment of the meeting, to next convene at the regular time on Wednesday, May 11th, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Lillian R. Hoffman  
City Clerk