

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina convened for the Swearing in of Billy Maddalon on Monday, July 29, 2013 in the Council Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center with Mayor Patsy Kinsey presiding. Councilmembers present were John Autry, Patrick Cannon, Warren Cooksey, Andy Dulin, Claire Fallon, LaWana Mayfield, and Beth Pickering.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Barnes, Howard and Mitchell.

Mayor Kinsey called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

Mayor Kinsey says welcome to this wonderful celebration today, the swearing in of my friend Billy Maddalon; it is a certainly an honor to being doing that. During the course of my years as City Council's District 1 representative, I've had the privilege of working, says Mr. Maddalon, but I know him as Billy, working with him on several occasions. In every instance I've found him to be an upstanding citizen who cares deeply about the people of District 1 and our community as a whole.

As the owner of two bed and breakfasts in the district, Morehead Inn and Vanlandingham Estate, Mr. Maddalon contributes directly to Charlotte's economy. Through his ongoing renovations and maintenance of those sites he has helped our City preserve important parts of our history. In fact, for all his success in running the inns, the Charlotte Chamber chose Mr. Maddalon as the entrepreneur of the year in 1998. In addition to the contributions he has made to Charlotte through his businesses, Mr. Maddalon has also given generously of his time to a host of civic boards. Including the Charlotte regional visitors' authority and the Eastland area strategies team. Like me, Mr. Maddalon is a native Charlottean and I'm very much looking forward to serving with him on Council.

Mr. Maddalon if you'll join me at the podium, I'll administer the oath of office. I believe Brooks is going to join us and his children.

Mr. Billy Maddalon says, I, Billy Maddalon do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, and that I will discharge the duties of my office as City Councilmember of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina to the best of my knowledge and ability as Councilman, so help me God.

Councilmember Maddalon says thank you Mayor Kinsey and thank you to each of my now fellow Councilmembers; I look forward to the opportunity. This is a unique opportunity for me to serve. The circumstances of course are unique in that we'll only be doing this about four months and so I have the challenge of listening a lot in a very short period of time on some extremely important issues to not just the citizens of District 1, but to the people of Charlotte throughout. For me, it is also unique because for a number of reasons, I probably thought that I would never have the opportunity to do anything like this and so it's a testament to my home town and to the people of this community and to the Councilmembers behind me that I do have that opportunity and that my resume spoke to them in some way and gave them the confidence that I could serve and help in the four months that we have.

Livability and affordability are two key concerns that every Councilmember has. Of course, balancing those, trying to figure out how to do that, is paramount and it will be for me as well in the coming months. The economic development game for Charlotte, obviously, everyone understands that's changed a lot. I think you've got a good group of people and I'm going to do my best to contribute to the intelligence that were going to have to learn to grow and improve the quality of life for our citizens in a different way.

I do want to quickly thank a few people. We have a number of people in here tonight who were not only encouraging to me, other than my family, but who also advocated for me throughout the process. Councilman Autry was a role model for me. Other than the fact that he 'are you said are you sure you want to do this?' And I didn't answer that question, I just said, 'I'm sure I want to try.' Also, I'd like to thank Louise Woods, who's my coach here. On Charlotte East, I'd like

to thank Nancy because you know Nancy Carter is former Councilmember, was taking a walk with me in the rain one day and we were talking about a number of things and she said ‘you ought to run for office sometime’ and I said ‘you’re crazy as hell’. Thank you Nancy for believing that was a possibility. Will Miller is here; Will and I go way back to our Alexander Youth Network Board days and Will taught me a lot about how to do budgets for non-profits, which I think will serve me well in the future and certainly has served me well since then. Newelton who is a neighbor and a friend, he was helpful. Larry Helmsman, John Arrowood, who just said ‘you can do it, stay with it, keep trying, keep making calls, keep working’. Of course, Connie Vetter who said ‘there’s nothing that’s impossible for you if you don’t believe that’s it’s impossible’, and she was right, so thank you Connie.

Thank you to each of you who’ve been here, again, as a Charlotte native, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve my community. Craig Bass from Alexander Youth Network, a lot of folks don’t know and also my dad, who adopted me. I was a student, a customer, of Alexander Youth Network for two years when I was a kid and so having been adopted and coming out of Alexander Youth Network I think one can reasonably say that I have absolutely come full circle. If it weren’t for, really the opportunities, that are afforded by home town, to be able to stand here tonight, I absolutely wouldn’t be. Again, a heartfelt thanks to each of you for being here and for celebrating this along with me and I look forward to serving you and I hope I’m up for the challenge. Thank you.

Mayor Kinsey says ladies and gentlemen at 4:30 p.m. we will be going into closed session, you are welcome to stay, but until then, we will be taking a short break.

The meeting was recessed at 4:19 p.m.

Mayor Kinsey calls the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and the meeting is reconvened.

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| <p>Motion made by Councilmember Mayfield, seconded by Councilmember Dulin, and carried unanimously to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with an attorney employed by the City in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions to our attorney concerning the handling City of Charlotte v. State of North Carolina and the Charlotte Douglas International Authority 13-CBS-12678.</p> |
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The meeting was recessed at 4:33p.m.



Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk

Length of Meeting: 9 minutes

Minutes Completed: September 18, 2013