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A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 8 o'clock P. M., Friday, October 3, 1941, due notice having been delivered to each member of the Council, as required by law. Mayor Currie presided and the following members of the Council were present: Councilmen Albea, Beasley, Daughtry, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward.

Absent: Councilmen Hovis, Little and Baker.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, who announced that it had been called for the purpose of amending the Plumbing Code and the Public Health Laws of the City of Charlotte to meet requirements in connection with the present emergency.

ORDINANCE PRESENTED.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Ross, who moved its adoption:

AN ORDINANCE
TO PROVIDE SANITARY FACILITIES DURING
THE EXISTENCE OF THE PRESENT NATIONAL
EMERGENCY.

Whereas, the President of the United States has declared the existence of an unlimited national emergency; and whereas, in pursuance of the nation's defense program large scale Army maneuvers are about to commence in the vicinity of the City of Charlotte which will result in the influx into the City of large numbers of soldiers during the period of said maneuvers and especially over the week-ends; and whereas, during the existence of the aforesaid national emergency, large numbers of troops will be stationed in or near the City of Charlotte and will move into and through the City; and whereas, the existing public toilet facilities are insufficient to meet the needs which will be created by the aforesaid conditions and by the presence in the City of the aforesaid troops; and whereas, under present conditions and with the limited time at its disposal, it is not possible for the City to erect and maintain public toilet facilities to meet the aforesaid needs which conform exactly to the requirements of the existing Plumbing and Health codes and regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Charlotte as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be lawful for the City of Charlotte to construct and maintain during the period of the aforesaid national emergency and for the purpose aforesaid, at 115 South Mint Street, 317 South Tryon Street, and at such other places as may be approved by the Chief Building Inspector of the City, toilet facilities which depart from the requirements of the existing Plumbing and Health codes in the following respects: use standard iron pipe instead of extra heavy pipe; use galvanized iron waste pipe instead of cast iron, lead or brass waste pipe; fixtures shall not be required to have separate traps and be separately vented; fixtures may be of galvanized sheet iron and shall not be required to be of any special type or made of any special material. It shall be lawful for the said facilities to be constructed and maintained in other ways which depart from the aforesaid codes, provided such departures

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are approved by the Chief Building Inspector and the Chief Health Officer.

Section 2. That the Chief Building Inspector and the Chief Health Officer, and their deputies and assistants, be, and they are, required to maintain close and careful supervision of their aforesaid facilities to the end that they shall at all times be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition.

Section 3. That all ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and they hereby are, amended as so to allow the construction and maintenance of the aforesaid facilities as hereinabove provided, but except for the purposes stated in this ordinance the existing ordinances and codes of the City shall not be deemed to be affected by this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the day of its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tillett and Campbell
 City Attorneys.

Motion to adopt the above ordinance, made by Councilman Ross, was seconded by Councilman Painter.

Councilman Price stated that he was strongly opposed to the adoption of this ordinance, since it was against the rules and regulations of the sanitary and health laws of any city in the United States and that there was a possibility that it could contaminate the City's water supply system. He stated that there was no reason why the City could not provide proper toilet facilities for the soldiers, and that he was not willing to take a chance on the code being changed and having the water system contaminated.

Councilman Ross stated that inasmuch as the facilities will only be in use two days each week and will be kept in sanitary condition, in the interest of time, they felt that this ordinance should be adopted.

After hearing from Councilmen Daughtry, Slye, Ward Beasley and Albea, all of whom opposed the amending of the code, as provided for in the above ordinance, a vote was taken on the motion to adopt, with the following result:

One affirmative vote
 Six negative votes
 One Councilman recorded as not voting

and the Mayor declared the motion lost.

In the discussion, it was brought out that the Plumbing Inspector could not approve the facilities as set up at the present time.

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RECESS TO MAYOR'S OFFICE.

A recess was declared, so that further discussion of the emergency situation regarding proper toilet facilities for the soldiers, could be held in the Mayor's office, at which time Chief Building Inspector Skinner, Plumbing Inspector Hailey, Chief Health Officer Rea, and Dr. Hand, County Health Officer, were present.

ADJOURNMENT.

After holding a lengthy discussion in the Mayor's office, the Council returned to the Council Chamber at 9:30 P.M., and the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk

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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, October 8, 1941, with Mayor E. McA. Currie presiding, and the following Councilmen present: Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward.

Absent: None.

COLORED EMPLOYEES OF CITY OF CHARLOTTE ASKING FOR INCREASE IN PAY.

Mr. Ben Wellons, Attorney, appeared before the Council on behalf of the colored employees of the City of Charlotte, asking that they be paid weekly instead of semi-monthly in order to enable them to buy for cash, thereby enabling them to save carrying charges and higher prices.

He also asked that they be given a 10% increase in wages, due to the increased cost of living, and that if this is not possible, that they be assisted in other ways, by being given extra working apparel, etc. He asked that the Council give serious consideration to these two requests.

Mayor Currie asked Mr. Wellons to put this request in writing and send it to the City Manager, so that it could be considered.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ASKED FOR CHANGE IN SOLICITATIONS ORDINANCE.

Mr. E. G. Kittles, Commander of the local Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, with a delegation from the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and Girl Scouts, asked for a change in the recently adopted Charity Solicitations Ordinance, stating that under the present ordinance these organizations would be unable to have sales of Poppies, For-Get-Me-Nots, etc., due to the clause requiring that all expense of the campaign be kept to 25% of the funds collected.

The matter was discussed with Mr. H. I. McDougle, Chairman of the Charity Solicitations Commission, who was present, and when it was found that no application had as yet been filed by the V.F.W. for the sale of poppies, Mr. Kittles was asked to file his application and then, if it was not allowed, that the Council would consider a change in the ordinance.

Mr. Chas. Dixon, of the Disabled American Veterans, also spoke in this connection.

REQUEST OF MR. LEE KINNEY FOR PAYMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH EAST 10TH. AND 11TH. STREETS WIDENING.

Mr. Carol Taliaferro, Attorney, representing Mr. Lee Kinney, requested payment of the sum of \$600.00 to Mr. Lee Kinney for services rendered by Mr. Kinney in connection with handling the raising and moving back of numerous houses on the widening of these streets; these services being in addition to his original employment of securing rights-of-way, etc.

This was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and report back to the Council.