

Special Meeting
January 27, 1937.

The City Council met in special called session with a delegation from the United Welfare Federation, in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, January 27, 1937, with Mayor Douglas presiding and the following Councilmen present: Albea, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson, Councilman Nance coming it just before the close of the meeting; and Mr. J. B. Marshall, City Manager.

For the Federation: Messrs. Norman Cocke, Cary Dowd, J. M. Harry, J. A. Mayo, Chas. F. Gilmore, Fred Helms, Adjutant Lones, and Mrs. Mary Choate and Miss Carrie McLean.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglas, who in turn called on Mr. Norman Cocke to explain the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Cocke presented Mr. Cary Dowd, spokesman for the delegation.

FEDERATION'S APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

Mr. Dowd outlined the work of the Federation from its beginning and made an urgent and convincing appeal for assistance from the governmental units for more money in order to continue its work.

He stated that the year's budget as originally made called for \$155,000.00, but that after the drive for funds was made, which drive produced only \$92,000.00, that each of the five agencies of the Federation attempted to prune their budgets to meet this amount, but that with a deficit of \$12,000.00 carried over from last year, which had to be paid out of the amount raised in the drive, and after allotting \$37,350.00 to the three "shelter" agencies, the balance available for the Family Service Association and the Salvation Army was not sufficient to carry on their work and that \$38,290.00 additional would be needed to carry them through until September 30th., the end of their fiscal year, or three-fourths of that figure in order to conform to the City's budget year would be around \$28,000.00, and that unless this money was forthcoming the Welfare Federation would have to go out of existence and the 4,000 or more unemployables would be turned back on the governmental units for help.

Mr. Dowd set forth four plans for caring for these two agencies:

1. For the governmental units to put up the \$38,290.00 and continue the work of the Federation.
2. For the governmental units to assume their moral and natural obligations of paying for food, fuel, clothing and shelter.
3. To allocate to the governmental units those people who were on relief 10 years ago, who are on relief today and who will be on relief ten years from now.
4. To select the cases on the two rolls and the money on hand and turn over to the governmental units all the rest.

He ended by stating that he hoped the Council would see fit to continue to work through the Welfare Federation and help to provide the funds.

Mayor Douglas stated that the City wants to do everything it can but that it was a question of just how far it can go and what it can do.

Mr. Coker stated that the situation now existing was understated by Mr. Dowd.

Councilman Boyd said he felt that the City should help; that it cannot stand by and have people starve to death in a civilized country.

Mr. J. M. Harry also stated that Mr. Dowd had given a perfect picture of conditions in the City at this time.

Mr. J. B. Marshall, City Manager, reported that there was now a little less than \$10,000.00 in the Contingent Fund and that there were items in the Capital Outlay Budget that could be done without in order to provide funds to meet this situation and as far as the City is concerned he felt that it could do its share, though by doing so the City Council would not, of course, realize a surplus at the end of the year.

Mr. Fred Helms was called upon and spoke at length regarding the work of the Federation; what it was up against on a limited budget and that he did not want to continue as a member of an organization that was compelled to keep the families in its care on a starvation basis.

Mayor Douglas stated that this was the first opportunity the City of Charlotte has had to consider the matter; that he had invited the Board of County Commissioners to meet with the City in an effort to work the matter out but was unable to get a joint meeting with that Board, and that as much as he would like to see a surplus in the budget at the end of the year he would like to see the City raise its proportionate part of the amount needed.

Councilman Wilkinson suggested that the City wait and see what the Board of County Commissioners are going to do before stating what it would do; that after all it was the duty of the County to care for the indigent poor and that since the County has been asked for the entire amount it would seem necessary to get an answer from them before the City takes any action.

Councilman Albee agreed with Councilman Wilkinson, stating that he was willing to vote to the last nickel to help but felt that we should know what the County intends doing. Councilmen Hovis, Tipton and Boyd all were in favor of the Council supporting the cause to the limit but felt that the City should wait to hear from the County.

Councilmen Sides, Huntley and Durham were in accord with everything said by the other members of the Council and were heartily in sympathy with the movement, Mr. Durham stating that "We have got to raise the money and we might as well prepare to do it".

Mayor Douglas then asked the Welfare Federation to get an answer from the County after their meeting next Monday and that the City would take some action at its next meeting, Wednesday, February 3rd, and advise them what they can expect from the City.

The meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. McCord
City Clerk

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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, January 27, 1937, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Baxter.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 20TH. MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Nance, the minutes of the January 20th. meeting were unanimously approved as read.

REQUEST OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION FOR CO-ORDINATING RECREATION COUNCIL.

Mrs. C. T. Wanzer, representing the Parent-Teacher Association of Central High School and also the Parent-Teacher Council, appeared before the Council asking them to sponsor the formation of a Co-ordinating recreation council, the purpose of the Council to provide an effective medium through which Charlotte could undertake to strengthen home and community influences and prevent the over-lapping of recreational facilities. This Council would be composed of a representative from each public and private agency doing such work in Charlotte and of men and women interested in Recreation.

After fully outlining the aims and purposes of this Council, Mrs. Wanzer advised that she would like to have this Council started with the approval of the City Council rather than some other organization, and the matter was discussed fully with Mrs. Wanzer.

Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, then made a motion to take this matter under advisement for one week. Motion unanimously carried.

OFFER MADE FOR CITY-OWNED LOT AT FIFTH AND COLLEGE STREETS.

Mr. G. G. Galloway, real estate dealer, appeared before the Council and submitted a bid of \$82,500.00 for the old Auditorium property at Fifth and College Streets. Mr. Galloway stated he represented a client whose identity he could not at this time disclose, who was willing to take over the property with the proviso that the City widen Fifth Street ten feet, which he was willing to donate for that purpose.

Councilman Durham, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, reported that his Committee had gone into this offer quite fully; that he had sought the opinions of real estate people and others and felt that this offer of \$80,000.00 net to the City was a mighty good price, and the Committee recommends that this property be advertised for sale at that price, altho they had not gone into the proviso as to widening the street.

Mr. Marshall explained that if this property is sold at this price the City would have to budget for the deficit next year and a discussion followed as to whether it would be advisable in view of the rents that could be obtained on this property to sell at this time just when the real estate market is on the rise. Mr. Galloway pointed out

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that if this property is sold to his client that he could safely say that more than \$200,000.00 would be added next year to the tax values in Charlotte.

Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Boyd, moved to take this under advisement for further consideration until further notice. Motion carried.

WATER DEPARTMENT CHANGES.

Mr. Fred Aldred appeared before the Council, stating that he had understood that Mr. Ray Galloway had just been given a high office in the Water Department and that he was appearing in the interest of Mr. Kelly's position; Mr. Kelly having served the City for more than twenty years.

Mr. Marshall explained to Mr. Aldred that Mr. Kelly's position in the Water Department had not been affected by this change, which was made because of the growth of Charlotte and the necessity of giving Mr. Vest, Supt. of the Water Department, an assistant.

COLORED CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE REQUEST TRUANT AND PROBATION OFFICER TO WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

Lawyer Sanders, colored, asked the Council to appoint a truant and probation officer for duty exclusively in the colored sections of the City. He stated that if this request is granted it will clear the juvenile detention quarters, which are now crowded with young boys, and that this request has the approval of Judge Redd. Lawyer Sanders asked the City Council to provide the funds for paying this officer but that if they did not have the money in the budget that the colored citizens were willing to pay the salary of a man at \$75.00 per month for five months.

This matter was referred by Mayor Douglas to the City Attorneys to determine if the welfare authorities in Raleigh will approve the proposal, and report back to the Council.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM GRANTED FOR FLOWER SHOW MAY 18 TO 22, 1937.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, the request of Mrs. E. P. Colas, of the Charlotte Garden Club, for free use of the Armory-Auditorium May 18th. to 22nd. inclusive, for a Flower Show, was granted.

REQUEST OF CHARLOTTE NATIONAL HOME SHOW DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the Council deferred the request of the Charlotte National Home Show for use of the Armory-Auditorium April 5th. to 10th. free of charge, until the next meeting for further investigation.

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RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - DUCKWORTH AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Boyd, the following re-assessment Ordinance on Duckworth Avenue, was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an Ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on Duckworth Avenue on account of the paving of the street and walks, beginning at a point, the Southeast corner of the intersection of Duckworth Avenue and Auten Street, and running thence South with the Easterly edge of said Duckworth Avenue, a distance of 273.5 feetm being originally assessed as a whole against D. D. Auten, is hereby sub-divided and re-assessed on the East side only, as follows:

New No.	Owner	Frontage	Water	Sewer	Street	Sidewalk	Total
1534-36	D.D.Auten by R.G.Auten,Exec.	50.0	15.00	12.00	123.50	42.00	\$192.50
1538-40	"	54.1	15.00	12.00	133.62	45.44	206.06
1542-44	"	54.0	15.00	12.00	133.38	45.36	205.74
1546-48	"	56.0	15.00	10.80	138.32	47.04	211.16
1550-54	"	59.4	15.00	9.60	146.72	49.90	221.22

ADDITIONAL AIRPORT FUNDS.

Mr. Marshall reported that the original appropriation for \$3,000.00 for work at the Airport has been exhausted; this appropriation having been made from unappropriated revenues for which the rent on the old auditorium property was pledged, and that it is necessary to appropriate additional funds in the amount of \$2,000.00, which amount the Council will have available from the proceeds of the sale of the property on East Seventh Street.

The question as to the legality of this was made and Mr. Scarborough, City Attorney, stated that any money derived from the sale of property not already allocated can be used.

Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, then moved that the required amount be appropriated. Motion unanimously carried.

REQUEST OF CHARLOTTE BEAUTY PARLOR TO REMAIN OPEN ON SUNDAY FOR BENEFIT OF FLOOD RELIEF NOT GRANTED.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Tipton and carried, the request of the Charlotte Beauty Parlor that they be allowed to remain open on Sunday, the proceeds from that day's business to go to the Flood Relief Fund, was denied.

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POLICE AND FIREMEN SENT TO LOUISVILLE TO AID IN FLOOD RELIEF.

The City Manager reported that upon the urgent plea of the Mayor of Louisville, Ky., Charlotte's lighting truck and three firemen were dispatched to Louisville to aid in the flood relief, and that later five police officers were also sent.

Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, made a motion that the City Manager's action in this matter be approved. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Wilkinson stated that Mr. Marshall should be complimented upon his quick action in this connection.

AMENDMENT TO THE ARMORY-AUDITORIUM ORDINANCE.

Councilman Hudson introduced the following ordinance and moved its adoption:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte in regular session:

Section 1. That the Ordinance adopted on the 19th. day of June 1935, entitled "An Ordinance regulating the Leasing, Use and Occupancy of the City Armory-Auditorium", be amended by adding to Paragraph "B" under Section 6, the following:

"Provided that if any local organization or person shall contract to use the said Armory for as many as eight successive days in any fiscal year of the City of Charlotte that the rate for said eight days so contracted for shall be \$50.00 per day where the same is used for any purpose other than those enumerated under Paragraph "C" below."

Section 2. Provided that no person, firm or corporation shall be permitted to sub-lease the Armory-Auditorium for any purpose and if this proviso is violated, that will automatically cancel the contract of the person so violating it.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of its adoption.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Boyd, the above ordinance was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an Ordinance of the City of Charlotte.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion of Councilman Albea to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried.

Elice B. McConell
City Clerk