

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 3, 1927

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in regular session in the Council Chamber at 7:30 P. M., Monday, October 3, President Claude E. Negley in the chair.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Hon. Claude E. Negley, President, and seven members; Otis E. Bartholomew, Walter R. Dorsett, M. W. Ferguson, B. J. Moore, Edward B. Raub, Robert E. Springsteen, Dr. A. H. Todd.

Absent: O. Ray Albertson.

On motion of Mr. Dorsett, seconded by Mr. Bartholomew, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

September 27, 1927.

To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have received and accepted the resignation of Claude F. Johnson as City Controller to take effect at once.

I have appointed Maude E. Duvall City Controller effective the 27th day of September, 1927.

Respectfully,

J. L. DUVALL, Mayor.

September 23, 1927.

To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved with my signature and delivered to Wm. A. Boyce, Jr., City Clerk, General Ordinance No. 92, 1927.

AN ORDINANCE, fixing the width of Sixty Third street from property line to property line from the east line of College avenue to the west line of the right-of-way of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad Company. The same to measure sixty-two feet

in width as measured at right angles to the south line of Sixty Third street from the east line of College Avenue to the west line of Bellefontaine street to the west line of the right-of-way of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad Company. That the same shall be made to change a part of the detail plan accompanying General Ordinance No. 9, 1925 and better known as Thoroughfare Plan Ordinance. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Yours very truly,

J. L. DUVALL, Mayor.

October 3, 1927.

*To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council,
Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Gentlemen—I have been requested by the Board of Public Safety to submit to you a General Ordinance transferring the sum of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and Nine (\$14,509.12) Dollars and Twelve Cents from various salary funds in the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, and reappropriating the same to the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, Police Women Salary Fund, for the purpose of reimbursing the Police Women for their services during the year of 1927.

I respectfully recommend the passage of this ordinance.

Yours,

MAUDE E. DUVALL,

City Controller.

October 3, 1927.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

*To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council,
Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Gentlemen—I have been requested by the Board of Public Safety to submit to you a General Ordinance transferring the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty (\$2,250.00) Dollars from the Fire Department 'Second Grade Substitute Salary Fund' to the Fire Department 'First Grade Private Salary Fund' both under the Board of Public Safety.

I respectfully recommend the passage of this ordinance.

Yours,

MAUD E. DUVALL

City Controller.

September 29, 1927.

*To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council,
Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Gentlemen—The City Plan Commission at its meeting on Sep-

tember 29th, passed a resolution recommending the Common Council to act favorably on General Ordinance No. 88, 1927, which ordinance proposes to re-zone certain territory in the vicinity of 57th street and Central avenue.

Very truly yours,
CITY PLAN COMMISSION,
Marie Victor, Secretary.
September 29, 1927.

*To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council,
Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Gentlemen—The City Plan Commission at its meeting on September 29th, passed a resolution recommending that no action be taken by the Common Council on General Ordinance No. 87, 1927, which ordinance proposes to re-zone both sides of Delaware street between 25th street and Fall Creek from a residential district to a business district.

Very truly yours,
CITY PLAN COMMISSION,
Marie Victor, Secretary.
September 20, 1927.

Mr. Claude F. Johnson, City Controller, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Dear Sir—You are hereby requested to transmit to the Common Council and recommended the passage of the attached ordinance transferring and reappropriating certain funds in the Police Department under the Department of Public Safety.

Yours very truly,
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
Claude C. McCoy, Executive Secretary.
September 20, 1927.

Mr. Claude F. Johnson, City Controller, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Dear Sir—You are hereby requested to transmit to the Common Council and recommend the passage of the attached ordinance transferring and reappropriating certain funds in the Fire Department under the Department of Public Safety.

Yours very truly,
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
Claude C. McCoy, Executive Secretary.
October 1, 1927.

*To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council,
Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Gentlemen—With reference to Resolution 24, 1927, now pend-

ing before your honorable body, the undersigned begs leave to report that he has consulted with printers connected with the newspaper business in regard to the approximate cost of having the proceedings of the Common Council printed in a daily newspaper.

The contract proposed by the Indianapolis Commercial, which was at the rate of ten cents per 12½ em agate line, is estimated by one printer to cost \$26.80 per column or \$3,400 per year on the basis of 300 columns per year; and by another to cost \$9,660 per year based upon 700 pamphlet pages per year.

Since the proceedings of 1926 covered 550 pamphlet pages, and so far this year run 680 pages, you will readily see that the printers are not far off in their estimates. I would suggest that if the members of the Council still desire to have the proceedings printed in a daily newspaper that the Clerk of the Council be instructed by ordinance to draw up specifications for the same, stipulating that the contract be let by sealed bid, and with the provision that the total cost remain within \$3,500, as that is the limit it would be possible to go within next year's budget. I would also suggest that the matter of total circulation of the newspaper be taken into account in estimating a fair rate, as this is always done in other forms of advertising.

I find from the records of the Board of Works office that the Board of Works has a contract with the Indianapolis Commercial dated 1926 which provides that all legal advertising for the Board of Works shall be done at a cost of 5 cents per agate line, which is one-half the rate proposed by the Commercial for printing the Council proceedings, which is a much larger order than the printing for the Board of Works.

All of this is for your information so that strict economy may be practised.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM A. BOYCE, JR.
City Clerk.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

October 3, 1927.

*To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council,
Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Gentlemen—We, your committee on Welfare to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 91, 1927, entitled an ordinance prohibiting assignment of future wages, etc., beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed when amended by making same applicable as to future assignments only.

E. B. RAUB, Chairman.
WALTER R. DORSETT,
BOYTON J. MOORE,
O. E. BARTHOLOMEW.

October 3, 1927.

*To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council,
Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Gentlemen—We, your committee on Safety to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 97, 1927, entitled, creating school traffic zones, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be stricken from the files.

R. E. SPRINGSTEN, Chairman.
A. H. TODD.

October 3, 1927.

*To the President and Honorable Members of the Common Council,
Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Gentlemen—We, your committee on Public Safety to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 90 1927, entitled, fixing and establishing the annual rate of taxation and tax levy for the year 1927 for the city of Indianapolis, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

ROBT. E. SPRINGSTEEN, Chairman.
M. W. FERGUSON,
A. H. TODD.

By City Controller:

GENERAL ORDINANCE 99, 1927

AN ORDINANCE, transferring the sum of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars Twelve Cents (\$14,509.12) from the various salary funds in the Department of Public Safety, Police Department to and re-appropriating the same to the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, Police Women Salary Fund, for the purposes of reimbursing the Police Women for their services during the year of 1927, declaring an emergency and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

WHEREAS, through inadvertence and error a number of Police Women's salary was left out of the 1927 budget, and,

WHEREAS, there are no funds available in the General Fund or in the Police Women Salary Fund with which to pay the same and

WHEREAS, there is now due these Police Women the back sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars Thirty Cents (\$13,919.30) from January 1st, 1927 up to and including

June 30th, 1927, and

WHEREAS, there are a number of units in the Indianapolis Police Department with a surplus, the total of which amounts to Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars Twelve Cents (\$14,509.12), NOW THEREFORE

Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Section 1. That the sum of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars Twelve Cents (\$14,509.12) is now hereby transferred from the Department of Public Safety, Police Department as follows to-wit:

Transferring the sum of Eight Hundred Eight-nine Dollars Thirty-Nine Cents (\$889.39) from the Department of Public Safety, Police Department Lieutenant Salary Unit; Transferring the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Seven (\$1,157.00) Dollars from the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, Sergeant Salary Unit; Transferring the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars Sixty-four Cents (\$2,515.64) from the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, Detective Sergeant Salary Unit;

Transferring the sum of Six Hundred Fifty-three Dollars Sixty-one cents (\$653.61) from the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, Patrolman first grade Salary Unit;

Transferring the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars Eighteen Cents (\$6,728.18) from the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, Patrolman Second Grade Salary Unit;

Transferring the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars Sixty-two Cents (\$1,358.62) from the Department of Public Safety, Police Departments, Probation Officer Salary Unit;

Transferring the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Six Dollars Sixty-eight cents (\$1,206.68) from the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, Stenographic Clerks Salary Unit; making a total of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars Twelve Cents (\$14,509.12) to and reappropriating the same to the Department of Public Safety, Police Department, Police Women Salary Unit.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 100, 1927

AN ORDINANCE, transferring the sum of Two Thousand Two

Hundred Fifty (\$2,250.00) Dollars from the Department of Public Safety, Fire Department, "Second grade substitute salary fund" to the Department of Public Safety, Fire Department, "First grade private salary fund," declaring an emergency and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Section 1. That the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$2,250.00) Dollars in the Department of Public Safety, Fire Department, "Second grade substitute salary fund" is now hereby transferred and reappropriated to the Department of Public Safety, Fire Department, "First grade private salary fund."

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

By Mr. Bartholomew:

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 101, 1927

AN ORDINANCE, amending General Ordinance No. 121, 1925, Section B-404. Street Signs, paragraph (c) to read as follows and fixing a time when the same shall take effect. THEREFORE

Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Section 1. (c) All street signs now or hereafter erected within the fire limits shall be electrically illuminated advertising displays of metal or other non-combustible material. No street sign shall project from the structural part of the building and over the public highway, more than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the width of the sidewalk measuring from the city property line to the curb and so such advertising display shall be at less distance than nine (9) feet above the grade of the sidewalk of a public thoroughfare, or fourteen (14) feet above a public thoroughfare where there is no sidewalk. Show cases or other devices which project more than fifteen (15) inches from the property line into the public highway, will be classed as street signs under this Code. On alley streets, signs may extend to within twelve (12) inches of curb.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Com-

mittee on Public Safety.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 102, 1927

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section A 929 of Ordinance No. 121, 1925, Indianapolis, Indiana, repealing all former Ordinances and declaring a time when the same shall go into effect.

Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Section 1. That Section A 929 of Ordinance No. 121, 1925, of the City of Indianapolis, be and the same is hereby amended to include the following paragraph:

“Section A-929 (e). The division walls in Grade E building when built more than one in a row shall be eight (8) inch masonry walls when said division walls are load bearing. When division walls are non-load bearing they shall be built of at least four (4) inches of masonry or metal lath and cement plaster on studs.”

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with any or all of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 103, 1927.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section B-309 of Ordinance No. 121, 1925, Indianapolis, Indiana, repealing all former ordinances and declaring a time when the same shall take effect.

Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Section 1. That Section B-309 of Ordinance No. 121, 1925 of the City of Indianapolis, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section B-309. The tops and sides of dormer windows shall be protected the same as the roof, or with other material having equivalent fire-resisting properties. Wood shingles may be used as side wall covering on any frame building when five (5) shingles butts measure two (2) inches and known commercially as five (5) to two (2) and so branded on each bundle.”

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with any or all of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby re-

pealed and declared null and void.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Bartholomew called for General Ordinance 98, 1927, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, seconded by Mr. Dorsett, General Ordinance 98, 1927, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 98, 1927, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Dorsett, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Raub, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, President Negley.

Dr. Todd called for General Ordinance 91, 1927, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Raub presented the following written amendment to General Ordinance 91, 1927:

"I move to amend General Ordinance 91, 1927, by inserting in Line 1, Section 1, of said ordinance after the word 'assignment' and before the word 'of' the following words 'after the date this ordinance becomes in full force and effect'."

The amendment was seconded by Mr. Bartholomew, and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Dorsett, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Raub, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, President Negley.

On motion of Dr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Dorsett, General Ordinance 91, 1927, as amended, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 91, 1927, was read a third time by the Clerk as amended and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Dorsett, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Raub, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, President Negley.

Mr. Springsteen called for General Ordinance 97, 1927, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Springsteen made a motion that General Ordinance 97, 1927, be stricken from the files. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raub, and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Dorsett, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Raub, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, President Negley.

Noes, 1, viz: Mr. Moore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Bartholomew made a motion to recess the Council until 7:30 P. M., October 4, 1927, for the purpose of considering any and all business, which was seconded by Mr. Dorsett, and was carried by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Dorsett, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Raub, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, President Negley.

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The Common Council reconvened at 7:30 P. M., Oc-

tober 4, 1927, following a recess October 3, 1927, with President Claude E. Negley in the chair.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Hon. Claude E. Negley, President, and six members: Otis E. Bartholomew, W. R. Dorsett, B. J. Moore, Edward B. Raub, Robert E. Springsteen, Dr. A. H. Todd.

Absent: O. Ray Albertson, Millard W. Ferguson.

Mr. Moore interrogated the Clerk as to the cost of printing the budget, which upon investigation was found to be at the rate of \$1.90 per page, the same as all other issues of the Council calendar.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Moore called for General Ordinance 88, 1927, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Raub presented the following written motion (to amend) to General Ordinance 88, 1927:

"I move that Section 1 of General Ordinance 88, 1927, be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. That the U-3 or business district as established by General Ordinance No. 114, 1922, and amended thereto, be and the same is hereby amended supplemented and changed so as to include the following described property:

Beginning on the north line of Fifty-seventh street at a point One Hundred and Fifty (150) feet west of the intersection of the west property line of Central avenue with the north property line of Fifty-seventh street, and running thence north parallel to the west property line of Central avenue a distance of Two Hundred (200) feet, thence west parallel to the north property line of Fifty-seventh street, a distance of Three Hundred (300) feet, thence south and parallel to the west property line of Central avenue to a point in the north property line of Fifty-seventh street, thence east along the north side of Fifty-seventh street to the place of beginning.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore, and passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Dorsett, General Ordinance 88, 1927, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 88, 1927, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 7, viz: Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Dorsett, Mr. Moore, Mr. Raub, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, President Negley.

Mr. Raub entered into a heated discussion with Messrs. Moore and Bartholomew as to the latter's failure to introduce an impeachment resolution. Both Mr. Moore and Mr. Bartholomew denied any intention of introducing such a resolution at this meeting.

After considerable discussion, pro and con, the Common Council adjourned on motion of Mr. Dorsett, seconded by Mr. Moore, at 8:15 P. M.

We hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, held on the 3rd and 4th days of October, 1927.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our signatures and caused the seal of the City of Indianapolis to be affixed.

Claude E. Negley

Attest:

President

William A. Boyce

City Clerk

(SEAL)