

## REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 19, 7:30 P. M.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p. m., in regular session, President Otis E. Bartholomew in the chair.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: O. Ray Albertson, Edward B. Raub.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

March 19, 1928.

*Mr. William A. Boyce, Jr., City Clerk, Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Dear Sir—We herewith present to you an ordinance amending certain sections of General Ordinance No. 121, governing street signs, which we respectfully request you to transmit to the Common Council.

Yours very truly,  
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,  
H. E. Robertson,  
Executive Secretary.

March 19, 1928.

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

Gentlemen—I have been requested by the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis to submit to you the attached General Ordinance authorizing the City Controller to issue and sell bonds in the amount of Fifty-six Thousand (\$56,000.00) Dollars designated as “Municipal Street Improvement Bonds of 1928, First Issue.” Said bonds are issued for the purpose of procuring money to be used for improving Shelby Street from the south property line of Troy Avenue east to the northeast line of pavement in Madison Avenue.

I respectfully recommend the passage of this ordinance.

Very truly yours,  
STERLING R. HOLT,  
City Controller.

March 19, 1928.

*S. R. Holt, City Controller, City of Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Dear Mr. Holt—Please be advised that the Board of Public Works has adopted and confirmed I. R. 13648, providing for the paving of Shelby Street.

This improvement is under the Connecting Link Law and is a joint project of the City of Indianapolis and Marion County. The Engineer’s estimate of the City’s share of this improvement is Fifty-six Thousand (\$56,000.00) Dollars, which we will need a bond issue for.

Will you kindly prepare same and present to the Common Council for passage.

Yours very truly  
ERNEST F. FRICK,  
Sec’y Board of Public Works.

March 7, 1928.

*Mr. William A. Boyce, Jr., City Clerk, Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Dear Sir—The City Plan Commission, to whom you have referred General Ordinance No. 96, 1927, which ordinance proposes

to re-zone the frontage on both sides of Meridian Street between Fall Creek and Thirty-eighth Street, does not feel that Meridian Street should be thrown open to business uses, and therefore recommends that General Ordinance No. 96, 1927, be not passed by the Common Council.

For your information, a letter similar to the above was written to you on October 15, 1927, in response to a request from you dated October 3, 1927, concerning General Ordinance No. 96, 1927.

Very truly yours,  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION,

Marie Victor, Secretary.

The Clerk called the attention of the Council to the fact that on the 24th day of February taxpayers had been notified through legal advertisement that General Ordinances 12 and 13 and Appropriation Ordinance 1 were pending; and that the above were now eligible for passage.

The Clerk read the following paper prepared by Dr. Todd:

I as a member of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, wish to introduce a resolution asking an explanation from L. Ert. Slack and the members of the Board of Public Safety as to why Jesse A. Hutsell, Chief of the Indianapolis Fire Department, has been asked to resign as head of the Department. I have investigated the following record of the Department and found the following to be true:

Jesse A. Hutsell was appointed a member of the Indianapolis Fire Department March 27, 1902. He has held every position in the Department and was appointed Chief on January 4, 1926. His record as Chief has been an outstanding one. On Page 13 of the Survey Book of the National Board of Underwriters they said the following regarding Chief Hutsell: "The Chief is well qualified for his position, having had twenty-four years of service in practically every branch of the Department." On March 22, 1927, Clarence Goldsmith, Assistant Chief Engineer, in charge of the Western District of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, appeared before the Board of Public Safety and complimented Chief Hutsell on the high-class condition of the Department and the Board of Safety

responded by passing a resolution, motion for which was made by John W. Friday, Democratic member, seconded by John A. George, Republican member, commending the Chief on his excellent record as Chief of the Indianapolis Fire Department. At an earlier date, Louis W. Evans, Harvey T. Munn and William DeRohan, of the National Board, who made the survey in Indianapolis, called on Mayor John L. Duvall, together with the Board of Public Safety and congratulated them on having a man so well qualified and capable as head of their Fire Department. Wholehearted public praise has been given to the Fire Department on numerous occasions and for the first time in history the Department was publicly praised and thanks extended through the medium of the Public Press with a large paid insertion in the daily papers. The Banner Furniture Company, who had a fire on December 17, 1927, and the Test Building Company, whose Circle Motor Inn had a fire on January 24, 1928, both used this method of publicly thanking the Chief and the Department for their efficient work.

Have we at any time in the past two years had a fire that was not capably and efficiently handled? The Fire Department touches the purse strings of both property owners and insurance companies. It protects the lives of men, women and children. It is practically the most important part of our Municipal Government.

At the beginning of this year I personally made an investigation and found that the Department including apparatus, hose, engine houses and personnel were in the very best of condition.

As for statistical record kindly note the following: In 1926, the National Board of Fire Underwriters made a survey of Indianapolis. In January, 1927, they made a report showing that the Fire Department was in first-class condition with only 196 points of deficiency in comparison with 573 points of deficiency at the time of the previous survey. The Indianapolis Fire Department was placed in Class 1 by the Underwriters. Indianapolis as a whole is in Class 1½ in the downtown district and in Class 2 in the residential district, which is practically the lowest classification in the United States. The fire loss for 1926 was the lowest per capita rate ever experienced in Indianapolis, being \$1.62 per capita. In 1927, the per capita loss was \$1.81. Below is an extract taken from the records of the Fire Department.

Per capita losses for the last ten years:

Year	Population	Loss	Per Capita
1918	301,980	\$2,049,938.00	\$6.79
1919	308,555	1,068,937.00	3.49

1920	315,680	1,812,980.00	5.75
1921	325,890	1,262,750.00	3.87
1922	335,260	878,215.00	2.62
1923	346,610	1,453,955.00	4.19
1924	358,760	1,250,907.00	3.49
1925	371,505	1,212,473.00	3.26
1926	383,317	623,501.00	1.67
1927	396,320	698,500.00	1.81

The record above speaks for itself. It takes real co-operation among the members of the Department, and apparatus in first-class condition to maintain a record of this kind.

Why remove an internationally known Chief—a man who has the heads of our foremost and representative clubs and leading business men backing and endorsing him—a man who has given the city 100% of efficiency for every dollar of salary paid to him, just because he happens to be a Republican.

Just now the City is advocating the non-partisan, City Manager Form of Government. Is this practicing what they preach?

The taxpayers whom he has served join me in asking why?

AUSTIN H. TODD,

Member City Common Council.

On motion of Dr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Negley, the Council recessed for five minutes at 8:30 p. m.

The Council reconvened from its recess at 9:10 p. m., with the same members present as before.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Indianapolis, Indiana, March 19, 1928.

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

Gentlemen—We, your Committee on Works, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 5, 1928, entitled "Switch Contract," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

WALTER R. DORSETT, Chairman.

CLAUDE E. NEGLEY.

R. E. SPRINGSTEEN.

M. W. FERGUSON.

BOYNTON J. MOORE.

Indianapolis, Indiana, March 19, 1928.

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

Gentlemen—We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 13, 1928, entitled "Transfer \$50," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

BOYNTON J. MOORE, Chairman.

M. W. FERGUSON.

C. E. NEGLEY.

WALTER R. DORSETT.

Indianapolis, Indiana, March 19, 1928.

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

Gentlemen—We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1928, entitled "Appropriation," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

BOYNTON J. MOORE, Chairman.

M. W. FERGUSON.

C. E. NEGLEY.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL ORDINANCES

By Board of Safety:

#### GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 16, 1928

AN ORDINANCE, to amend paragraph (c) of Section B-404 of Section 865 of General Ordinance No. 121, Indianapolis, Indiana; repealing all former ordinances in conflict with this ordinance and declaring a time when the same shall go into effect.

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

That Section 1, Paragraph (c) of Section B-404 of Section 865 of General Ordinance No. 121, 1925, of the City of Indianapolis be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section B-404. STREET SIGNS. (c) All street signs here-

after erected shall be electrically illuminated advertising displays of metal or other non-combustible material. No street sign shall be constructed which will extend more than nine (9) feet over the public highway, measuring from the City property line, and no street sign shall extend within eighteen (18) inches of a line drawn perpendicular and projecting from the curb. The inner edge and the outer edge of the face of any street sign shall not be more than eighteen (18) inches and nine (9) feet respectively from the wall of the building on which it is suspended and in no case shall any sign extend more than nine (9) feet from the face of the building on which it is suspended. No such advertising display shall be at less distance than nine (9) feet above the grade of the sidewalk of a public thoroughfare. Show cases or other devices which project more than fifteen (15) inches from the property line onto the public highway shall be known as street signs under this Code. All structural members of all street signs shall be either of galvanized iron or structural iron which shall have a sufficient coating of paint at the time of erection to prevent corrosion of the members.

Exemption: Fire-proof illuminated displays may be suspended from a canopy or hung over a canopy and these shall not extend beyond the outer edge of the canopy nor less than nine (9) feet above the grade of the sidewalk.

Exemption: Where the sidewalk is less than four (4) feet in width, measuring from the property line to the curb line or on streets where there is no sidewalk, no street sign shall be at less distance than fifteen (15) feet above the grade of the street and shall not project more than one-third of the width of the street measuring from the property line and in no case more than nine (9) feet from the property line.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with any or all 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 due publication as required by Law.

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

By City Comptroller:

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 17, 1928

AN ORDINANCE, providing for and authorizing the City Controller

for and on behalf of the City of Indianapolis to borrow the sum of Fifty-six Thousand (\$56,000.00) Dollars, payable from the general revenues and funds of said city, or from the sinking fund of said city or as may be required by law for the purpose of procuring money to be used for improving Shelby Street from the south property line of Troy Avenue east to the northeast line of pavement in Madison Avenue and providing for the time and manner of advertising the sale of said bonds and the receiving of bids for the same together with the mode and terms of sale and fixing a time when this ordinance shall take effect.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10456 to 10458 of Burns R. S., 1926, Improvement Resolution No. 13648 was adopted by the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and

WHEREAS, it was ascertained that the estimated cost of the proposed improvement of Shelby Street was in excess of the amount of special benefits which may be assessed against the real estate abutting along the proposed improvement, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works, pursuant to the sections of the statute above set out, entered into an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana, said agreement being in writing and signed by each of said Boards and spread of record in the proceedings of said Boards. Said agreement provided that the proposed improvement of Shelby Street above set out is a matter of public utility and of general benefit to the City of Indianapolis and to Marion County, Indiana; the beginning, termination, width, kind and character of the improvement also being set out in said agreement and the agreement providing further that the cost of the improvement in excess of special benefits that may be assessed be paid one-half by the City of Indianapolis and one-half by Marion County, and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 1928, said Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, pursuant to law confirmed the said preliminary improvement resolution as modified to comply with the agreement entered into with the said Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana, and requested the City Controller of said City of Indianapolis to prepare an ordinance for the issue and sale of new bonds of the City of Indianapolis in the amount of Fifty-six Thousand (\$56,000.00) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper for the best interest of the City of Indianapolis and the inhabitants thereof to

proceed with the work provided for in said improvement resolution No. 13648, and

WHEREAS, there is not now and will not be sufficient funds in the treasury of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, with which to meet the aforesaid expenditure for the aforesaid improvement and there being no appropriation heretofore made by the Common Council therefor, and it being necessary for the said City of Indianapolis to borrow said Fifty-six Thousand (\$56,000.00) Dollars in order to procure a fund to be devoted to the purposes set out in said resolution and to issue and sell its bonds in said amount payable from the general revenues and funds of said city or from the sinking fund of said city or as may be otherwise authorized or required by law or as authorized by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana entitled "An Act for an Act concerning the improvement of streets and public highways in cities of the first class which connect with, extend or continue as hard surface public highways beyond the corporate limits of such city in the county in which such city is located, providing for the assessment of part of the cost of such improvement against the abutting real estate and that the remainder of the cost of such improvement shall be paid equally by such city and the county in which such city is located and declaring an emergency" being Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1921, in force March 10, 1921, and all acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. Now THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized for the purpose of procuring money to be used for the purpose of improving Shelby Street from the south property line of Troy Avenue east to the northeast line of the pavement of Madison Avenue in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, to prepare, issue and sell fifty-six (56) new bonds of the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars each, which bonds shall bear the date of May 15, 1928, and shall be numbered from one to fifty-six (56), both inclusive and shall be designated as MUNICIPAL STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 1928, FIRST ISSUE, and shall bear interest at the rate of four and one-quarter ( $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ ) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year of the period of said bonds. Said bonds shall be issued in fourteen (14) series of four (4) bonds of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars each totaling the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand (\$56,000.00) Dollars. The

first series of said issue to be due and payable on the first day of January, 1930, and one series of said bonds becoming due and payable on the first day of January each year thereafter until January 1, 1944, when and by which date the entire series shall be retired. The said interest on said bonds shall be evidenced by appropriate coupons thereunto attached for the payment of said semi-annual interest and the first coupon attached to each bond shall be for the interest on said bond from the date of issue until the first day of July, 1929; said bonds and interest coupons thereunto attached shall be negotiable and payable at the City Treasurer's office of the City of Indianapolis at Indianapolis, Indiana. Said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and City Controller of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, attested by the City Clerk who shall affix the seal of the City of Indianapolis to each of said bonds; and the interest coupons attached to said bonds shall be authenticated by a lithographic facsimile of the signatures of the Mayor and of the City Controller of said city engraved thereon, which shall for all purposes be taken and deemed to be equivalent to a manual signing thereof; said bonds shall be prepared by the said Controller of said city in due form, irrevocably pledging the faith of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to the payment and interest stipulated therein respectively. It shall be the duty of the City Controller, at the time of the issue and negotiation of said bonds to register in the book kept for that purpose all of said bonds so issued and negotiated in serial number, beginning with bond Numbered One, giving also the date of issuance, amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and the time and place where said interest shall be payable, and said bonds shall be substantially in the following forms, all blanks for numbers and dates to be properly filled in before the issuance thereof:

No. -----

\$1,000.00

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

MARION COUNTY

STATE OF INDIANA

MUNICIPAL STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 1928  
FIRST ISSUE

For value received, the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, State of Indiana, hereby promises to pay to the bearer without any relief from valuation or appraisal laws, on the first day of January, \_\_\_\_\_, at the City Treasurer's Office of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars in

lawful money of the United States of America, together with interest thereon at the rate of four and one-quarter ( $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ ) per cent per annum from date until paid.

The first interest payable on the first day of July, 1929, and the interest thereafter payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July, respectively, upon the presentation and surrender of the proper interest coupons hereunto attached and which are made a part of this bond.

This bond is one of an issue of fifty-six (56) bonds of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars each, numbered from one (1) to fifty-six (56) both inclusive, of date of May 15, 1928. Said bonds mature in series of four (4) bonds each year for fourteen (14) years, beginning January 1, 1930, and four (4) bonds on the first day of each year thereafter until and including January 1, 1944. These bonds are issued by the City of Indianapolis pursuant to an ordinance passed by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1928, and An Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled "An Act for an Act concerning the improvement of streets and public highways in cities of the first class which connect with, extend or continue as hard surface public highways beyond the corporate limits of such city in the county in which such city is located, providing for the assessment of part of the cost of such improvement against the abutting real estate and that the remainder of the cost of such improvement shall be paid equally by such city and the county in which such city is located and declaring an emergency," in force March 10, 1921, and all acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, by virtue of a resolution passed by the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis on February 6, 1928.

It is hereby certified that all conditions, acts, and things essential to the validity of this bond, exist, have happened and have been done, and that all requirements of the law affecting the issuance thereof have been duly complied with and that this bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the State of Indiana, and that the faith and credit of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the interest and principal of this bond according to its terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, has caused this bond to be signed by the Mayor and City Controller and attested by the City Clerk,

and the corporate seal of said city to be affixed this as of the  
 ----- day of -----, 1928.

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 Mayor.

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 City Controller.

Attest:

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 City Clerk.

Section 2. The City Controller shall, as soon as possible after the passage of this ordinance, advertise for bids or proposals for said bonds by at least one insertion each week for two consecutive weeks in two daily newspapers of opposite political faith of general circulation, printed and published in the English language, in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, as required and authorized by law; and may otherwise advertise for such bids or proposals as he may deem advisable. Such advertisement shall describe said bonds with such minuteness and particularity as the said City Controller shall see fit and shall set forth the amount of said bonds to be sold and the rate of interest they may bear, that the bidder may bid for all or any part of said bonds; the date of opening bids or proposals therefor, the right of the City Controller to reject any or all bids the amount of deposit each bidder will be required to make and when and where the bonds shall be delivered and paid for.

Section 3. Each and every bid and proposal shall be presented to the City Controller sealed, and shall be accompanied by a duly certified or cashier's check upon some responsible bank or trust company of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, payable to the order of the City Treasurer for a sum of money which shall equal two and one-half per cent ( $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) of the face or par value of the bonds bid for or proposed to be purchased. The City Controller shall continue to receive all bids or proposals thereafter at the office of the City Controller until eleven o'clock a. m., on the day fixed by the City Controller and designated in the advertisement for receiving bids or proposals, at which time and place and between the said hour and twelve o'clock noon of said day he shall open said bids or proposals. The City Controller shall award said bonds, or as he shall see fit, a part or any number thereof, to the highest and best bidder therefor, and said City Controller shall have the right to reject any or all such bids or proposals or any part thereof and shall have the right to accept any part of any bid and to award upon any bid the whole or a less

number of bonds covered by such bid, he being the sole judge of the sufficiency or insufficiency of any kind. He may also in his judgment and discretion award a part of said bonds to one bidder and a part to another. The provisions shall apply to the case of reoffering and readvertising said bonds as hereinafter provided.

Section 4. In case the City Controller shall reject all bids submitted or if he shall award only a part of said bids, he shall readvertise the bonds remaining unsold in the manner as herein prescribed for the original advertisement, and in such readvertisement he is authorized and directed to fix the date and the time both of receiving and opening bids or proposals, and for purchasers to take up and pay for the bonds which may be awarded. And he shall continue from time to time in like manner to readvertise said bonds for sale until said bonds are sold.

Section 5. In case any bid or proposal shall not be accepted and there shall be no award of bonds thereon by the City Controller, he shall thereupon return to such unsuccessful bidder the certified or cashier's check accompanying the same. If the City Controller shall award the whole or any part of the bonds upon any bid or proposal, he shall thereupon deliver the certified or cashier's check accompanying the same to the City Treasurer, who shall thereupon present the same for the payment and shall be entitled to collect the same and shall hold the proceeds collected thereon until the completion of the purchase and the payment for the bonds so awarded. If for any reason said check shall not be paid upon presentation, such non-payment shall be taken and deemed a breach of contract for purchase of said bonds upon the part of the purchaser, and the city in that event, shall have the right to readvertise said bonds for sale at once and shall have the right to collect the same for its own use, and said check and proceeds thereof, when collected, shall be taken and deemed as agreed and liquidated damages for such breach of contract and for payment thereof to the city. In case any successful bidder shall fail to complete the purchase price of the bonds so awarded and to pay for the same within the time and manner herein required or which may be prescribed by the City Controller as herein provided, the proceeds of such certified or cashier's check deposited by such bidder shall be taken, considered, and deemed as agreed and liquidated damages for the breach of such bidder's contract to purchase and shall be taken and deemed as a payment to the city for such damages and shall be retained and held by said city for its use; but if such successful bidder shall complete the purchase of said bonds awarded to him pursuant to the provisions hereof and his bid and award thereon, said proceeds of said certified or cashier's check shall thereupon be returned to such bidder or, at

the option of the City Controller, at the time of the completion of the sale and payment of the bonds, said proceeds of said certified or cashier's check may be applied and deemed a payment on account of the purchase of said bonds.

Section 6. Delivery of any bonds shall be made at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, upon such day or days as may be specified in the advertisement or readvertisement or within such time thereafter as may be fixed by the City Controller and the purchaser or purchasers and the City Controller may extend the time for such delivery not more than ten (10) days after the day or days specified or agreed upon as above provided, and the successful bidder or bidders shall take the bonds awarded to him or them and pay for the same at such place and time, and his or their refusal or neglect or omission so to do shall be a breach of the contract of his or their bid or proposal on account of which damages shall be retained or recovered as liquidated as provided in this ordinance.

Section 7. The bonds taken and paid for to the satisfaction of the City Controller shall be a binding obligation of the City of Indianapolis according to their tenor and effect and the proceeds derived from the sale or sales or both as herein authorized shall be and are hereby appropriated to the Department of Public Works for the improvement of said Shelby Street from the south property line of Troy Avenue east to the northeast pavement of Madison Avenue of the City of Indianapolis.

Section 8. The Mayor, the City Controller, and the Corporation Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the determination herein to issue bonds as required by law.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By Dr. Todd:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 4, 1928

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Common Coun-

eil that Jesse A. Hutsell, Chief of the Indianapolis Fire Department, is to be replaced by Harry E. Voshell, effective April 1, 1928, on orders given to the Board of Public Safety by Mayor L. Ert. Slack, and,

WHEREAS, Chief Hutsell has served in the Indianapolis Fire Department since March 27, 1902, and has filled every position in that Department up to and including Chief with credit to himself and to the Department, and,

WHEREAS, under the administration of Chief Hutsell the per capita fire loss has been substantially reduced from a high point of \$6.79 per capita in 1918 to \$1.67 per capita in 1926, and,

WHEREAS, there has been no public criticism of his administration as Chief nor any charges of inefficiency filed against him with the Board of Safety, Therefor,

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

That this Council do call on the Mayor of the City to furnish this body with any facts or information which he may have in his possession relating to the inefficiency of Chief Hutsell or any data upon which he bases his order of demotion which takes effect April 1, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it be the sense of this Council that if Mayor Slack is not able to furnish this body with reasonable evidence to warrant his order of demotion that Chief Hutsell should remain as head of the Fire Department and maintain the high efficiency rating which he has so ably developed, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council go on record as opposing any changes in the Indianapolis Fire Department based on political expediency.

AUSTIN H. TODD,  
City Common Council.

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

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Mr. Moore called for General Ordinance 13, 1928, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Dorsett, General Ordinance 13, 1928, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 13, 1928, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Dorsett called for Appropriation Ordinance 1, 1928, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dorsett, seconded by Mr. Moore, Appropriation Ordinance 1, 1928, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

Appropriation Ordinance 1, 1928, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Springsteen called for General Ordinance 5, 1928, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Springsteen, seconded by Dr. Todd, General Ordinance 5, 1928, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 5, 1928, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Mr. Dorsett, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Moore,

Mr. Negley, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, President Bartholomew.

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Dorsett, the Common Council adjourned at 9:10 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 19th day of March, 1928, at 7:30 p. m.

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

*Otis E. Bartholomew.*

Attest:

President

*William A. Boyce.*

City Clerk

(SEAL)