

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 5th, 1928, 12 o'clock noon.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber Thursday, April 5th, at 12 o'clock noon, President Otis E. Bartholomew in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

Members of the Common Council, City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that there will be a Special Meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, April 5, at 12 o'clock noon, the purpose of such Special Meeting being to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Councilman Boynton J. Moore of the Sixth District and Councilman Walter R. Dorsett of the First District, and to receive any communications from members of the Council.

Respectfully,

OTIS E. BARTHOLOMEW,
President, Common Council.

I, William A. Boyce, Jr., Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, do hereby certify that I have served the above and foregoing notice to each and every member of the Common Council prior to the time of such Special Meeting, pursuant to the rules.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature and caused the seal of the City of Indianapolis to be affixed.

WILLIAM A. BOYCE, JR.,
City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Hon. Otis E. Bartholomew, President, and six members, viz: O. Ray Albertson, M. W. Ferguson, Claude E. Negley, Edward B. Raub, Robert E. Springsteen, A. H. Todd.

President Bartholomew made the following announcement:

“The next procedure would be Communications from Council Members, but we will defer that until after the election if that is satisfactory. After the election, please do not ask for adjournment immediately, as we will refer back to Communications from Councilmen, if any. If the Citizens Committee, or any of those present, wish to make any remarks, I think it would be fitting for them to speak at this time.”

Mr. Linton A. Cox, of the Board of Trade, representing the joint committee from the Chamber of Commerce Civic Affairs Committee, the City Manager League and the Board of Trade, addressed the Council.

On motion of Dr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Negley, the Council recessed for ten minutes at 12:07 P. M.

The Council reconvened from its recess at 12:20 P. M., with the same members present as before.

Mr. Raub presented the following written suggestions as to Rules for Procedure:

Mr. President:

I move that the following rules be adopted for procedure in the election of Councilmen to fill the vacancies in the First and Sixth Councilmanic Districts, arising from the resignations of Mr. Dorsett and Mr. Moore:

1. The Council shall proceed to the election of a member to fill the vacancy in the First District.

2. That no names shall be eligible for consideration except the following:

First District—Ernest C. Ropkey, Albert F. Meurer, Edward Dirks, George D. Thornton.

Sixth District—E. E. Heller, John F. White.

3. That this Council shall proceed immediately to fill said vacancies on roll call by the Clerk. After each member's name is called, he shall announce the name of the person for whom he is voting, and the balloting shall continue without adjournment until the two vacancies above mentioned have been filled.

4. These rules cannot be amended or changed except by a two-third (2-3) vote of the entire Council.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Albertson, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 7, viz: Mr. Albertson, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Negley, Mr. Raub, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, Pres. Bartholomew.

Dr. Todd made the following nominations:

For the First District: Ernest E. Ropkey, Edwards Dirks, Albert Meurer, George D. Thornton.

For the Sixth District: John F. White, Ellsworth E. Heller.

Mr. Raub moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Albertson.

The balloting proceeded as follows: For the First District

Mr. Albertson voted for Mr. Dirks.

Mr. Ferguson voted for Mr. Thornton.

Mr. Negley voted for Mr. Meurer.

Mr. Raub voted for Mr. Ropkey.

Mr. Springsteen voted for Mr. Meurer.

Dr. Todd voted for Mr. Meurer.

President Bartholomew voted for Mr. Meurer.

Before the results of the vote were announced, Mr. Albertson changed his vote to Mr. Meurer. President Bartholomew announced the vote as follows: Mr. Meurer, 5; Mr. Thornton, 1; Mr. Ropkey, 1. Mr. Meurer was declared duly elected as Councilman from the First District.

The balloting proceeded as follows: For the Sixth District

Mr. Albertson voted for Mr. Heller.

Mr. Ferguson voted for Mr. White.

Mr. Negley voted for Mr. Heller.

Mr. Raub voted for Mr. White.

Mr. Springsteen voted for Mr. White.

Dr. Todd voted for Mr. Heller.

Mr. Bartholomew voted for Mr. White.

Before the results of the vote were announced, Mr. Albertson changed his vote to Mr. White. President Bartholomew announced the vote as follows: Mr. White, 5; Mr. Heller, 2. Mr. White was declared duly elected as Councilman from the Sixth District.

The Council then referred back to Communications from Councilmen.

Mr. Ferguson presented the following communication:

April 5, 1928.

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

Herewith I hand you my resignation as a member of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. Please present the same to the Council immediately.

M. W. FERGUSON.
April 5, 1928.

To the Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby resigns his office as a member of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

MILLARD W. FERGUSON.

The vote on accepting Mr. Ferguson's resignation was as follows: Ayes, 6, viz: Mr. Albertson, Mr. Negley, Mr. Raub, Mr. Springsteen, Dr. Todd, President Bartholomew.

President Bartholomew announced that a special meeting of the Council would be held Monday, April 9, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ferguson.

On motion of Mr. Albertson, seconded by Mr. Springsteen, the Common Council adjourned at 12:28 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 5th day of April, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon.

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, Jr.

City Clerk

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