

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, March 31, 1933.

12:30 P. M.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, March 31, 1933, at 12:30 p. m., President Ernest C. Ropkey in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

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

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that there will be a SPECIAL MEETING of the COMMON COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber on Friday, March 31, 1933, at 12:30 p. m., the purpose of such SPECIAL MEETING being to receive for introduction and committee assignment, receive Committee Reports, call for ordinances on second reading and final action under suspension of the rules, the following ordinance:

General Ordinance No. 30, 1933, repealing Section 639 of G. O. No. 121, 1925.

Respectfully,

ERNEST C. ROPKEY,
President, Common Council.

I, Henry O. Goett, 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.

HENRY O. GOETT,
City Clerk.

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Which was read.

President Ropkey called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Ernest C. Ropkey, President, and five members, viz: George A. Henry, James A. Houck, Chas. A. Morgan, Maurice E. Tennant, Leo F. Welch.

Absent: Fred C. Gardner, Carl A. Hildebrand, Clarence I. Wheatley.

On motion of Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the reading of the Journal for the previous meeting was dispensed with.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

March 30, 1933.

*Mr. Ernest C. Ropkey, President
Common Council,
City of Indianapolis.*

Dear Sir:

On last Tuesday the Board of Public Safety was informed by the Chief of Police that disreputable methods are being used to stir up litigation in this city where none would be had were it not for the efforts of certain persons who are following up accidents and inducing persons to bring suit, thereby occupying the time of the courts and filching money from people who would rather pay a small sum than to be dragged into court.

Newspaper clippings are being gathered by these persons and the police department has been harassed with men of this class for police reports made privately to the Chief. In one case suit was brought to compel the Chief to divulge the information and turn over to these people such reports.

Section 639 of the City Ordinance makes such reports public records.

The one and only way we can put a stop to this nefarious business is to leave it within the discretion of the Board of Public Safety or the Chief of Police to surrender them to legitimate practicing attorneys or to persons themselves who are involved in the accidents.

For this reason the Board of Public Safety recommends that Section 639 of the City Ordinance be repealed or amended so that the practice of stirring up litigation can be discouraged.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
By C. R. MYERS,
President.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL ORDINANCES

By Board of Safety:

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 30, 1933

AN ORDINANCE repealing Section 639 of General Ordinance No. 121, 1925, passed by the Common Council on the 4th day of January, 1926, 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 Section 629 of General Ordinance No. 121, 1925, passed by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis on the 4th day of January, 1926, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

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

Mr. Morgan asked for a recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Welch, and the Council recessed at 12:40 p. m.

The Council reconvened from its recess at 12:45 p. m., with the same members present as before.

Mr. Tennant asked for suspension of the rules for further consideration and passage of General Ordinance No. 30, 1933. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 6, viz: Mr. Henry, Mr. Houck, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Welch, President Ropkey.

The rules were suspended.

The Council reverted to a previous order of business.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31, 1933.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 30, 1933, entitled Repealing Section 639 of G. O. No. 121, 1925, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed under suspension of the rules, as amended.

MAURICE E. TENNANT, Chairman.
CHAS. C. MORGAN.
LEO F. WELCH.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Mr. Tennant called for General Ordinance No. 30, 1933, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Tennant presented the following written motion to amend General Ordinance No. 30, 1933:

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Mr. President:

I move that General Ordinance No. 30, 1933, be amended by striking out the figures "629" in first line of Section 1 of said ordinance and inserting in lieu thereof the following: the figures "639."

MAURICE E. TENNANT,
Councilman.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Welch and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 6, viz: Mr. Henry, Mr. Houck, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Welch, President Ropkey.

On motion of Mr. Tennant, seconded by Mr. Henry, General Ordinance No. 30, 1933, as amended, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 6, viz: Mr. Henry, Mr. Houck, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Welch, President Ropkey.

On motion of Mr. Welch, seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Common Council adjourned at 12:50 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, held on the 31st day of March, 1933, at 12:30 p. m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto subscribed our signatures and caused the seal of the City of Indianapolis to be affixed.

Ernest C Ropkey

President.

ATTEST:

Henry O Goett

City Clerk.

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