

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 27, 1939

12:00 Noon .

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Wednesday, December 27, 1939, at 12:00 noon with President Joseph G. Wood 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 Wednesday, December 27, 1939, at 12:00 P. M., the purpose of such SPECIAL MEETING being to introduce and consider for passage Special Ordinance No. 15, 1939. An ordinance authorizing the granting of an easement and right-of-way by the City of Indianapolis to the State of Indiana of a certain strip of land belonging to the City of Indianapolis and now a part of its Municipal Airport.

Respectfully,

JOS. G. WOOD,
President, Common Council.

I, John M. Layton, 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.

JOHN M. LAYTON,
City Clerk.

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Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Ollie A. Bach, Dr. Walter E. Hemphill, F. B. Ransom, Ernest C. Ropkey, Guy O. Ross, President Joseph G. Wood.

Absent: Harmon A. Campbell, Albert O. Deluse, Ralph F. Moore.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

December 27, 1939.

To the Honorable President and Members,
of the Common Council,
City of Indianapolis.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto are 18 copies of Special Ordinance No. 15, 1939, which is an ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Works and Sanitation to grant an easement and right-of-way to the State of Indiana of a strip of ground off of the entire east end or side of the Indianapolis Municipal Airport.

Said right-of-way is to be used by the State of Indiana for highway purposes. We understand that the State Highway Commission contemplates taking over of the High School Road which abuts the Airport on its entire east side and further contemplates straightening, widening and in part relocating said road. This will eliminate the present dangerous bridge crossing over the railroad tracks between the Airport and the National Road.

We are advised by the State Highway Commission that the Federal Grant will be asked for aid in this contemplated project and that the Highway Commission must certify that all necessary rights-of-way have been acquired by January 1, 1940.

The proposed improved highway to and along the airport will exceed in value the land embraced in such easement; and the land so to be granted is not needed by said city for any other use or purpose and in the opinion of the Board its best use is for such proposed highway.

In view of the urgency of the State Highways requirements we respectfully recommend passage of this ordinance under suspension of the rules.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SANITATION,
M. H. WALPOLE,
Executive Secretary and Clerk.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL ORDINANCES

By the Board of Public Works and Sanitation:

SPECIAL ORDINANCE No. 15, 1939

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the granting of an easement and right-of-way by the City of Indianapolis to the State of Indiana of a certain strip of land belonging to the City of Indianapolis and now a part of its Municipal Airport, to be used for highway purposes; and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana, by and through its State Highway Commission, desires the immediate grant to it by and from the City of Indianapolis, without any payment therefor, of an easement in and to a certain strip of land off of the entire east end or side of the Indianapolis Municipal Airport, where it abuts on and along the west side of the present public highway which is commonly known as the High School Road, which strip of land is desired and intended for use by the state in straightening and partly relocating the present right-of-way of said highway and in increasing its present width to a uniform width of eighty (80) feet, from the National Road on the north to a point at or beyond the south line of said Municipal Airport, where it so abuts on said highway; and the land to be granted to be sufficient to make the west half of such proposed new right-of-way not less than forty (40) feet wide from the new center line thereof to the new west line of such newly relocated and widened highway; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has acquired or will acquire title or grants of easements in lands from other owners thereof abutting all portions of said highway, on one or both sides thereof, so as to provide the remainder of such relocated and widened right-of-way, and will thereupon, with Federal Aid,

improve the same with a paved roadway of about thirty-six (36) feet in width and a new viaduct over certain railway tracks, thereby providing and maintaining, without any cost to the City of Indianapolis, other than the free grant of the easement herein authorized, an adequate and straight paved highway and approach to said Municipal Airport, all at great benefit to said city; and such improved highway to and along said airport will exceed in value the land embraced in such easement; and the land so to be granted is not needed by said city for any other use or purpose and its best use is for such proposed highway; and

WHEREAS, the grant of Federal Aid to the State of Indiana in such project is dependent upon the immediate acquisition of such easement and right-of-way; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:

Section 1. That, in consideration of the premises, which are set out in the preamble, which is herein included by this reference thereto, and without any further payment, the Board of Public Works and Sanitation, by resolution thereof, and the Mayor and the Clerk of the City of Indianapolis, by proper instrument, are hereby authorized and directed to grant and convey to the State of Indiana, for the purpose and use described in the preamble, so long as such use is continued, an easement and right-of-way in and to the parcel or strip of land so needed and required, off the entire east end or side of the Municipal Airport of Indianapolis, where it abuts on the west side of the aforesaid present public highway, as such land is more fully described and identified by the public records and plats thereof in the office of the Recorder of Marion County and by the records of said city; such grant and conveyance of such easement, together with all rights of the city in the present highway, to be of sufficient land to make the west half of such newly located and widened highway, which will then abut on the balance of said Municipal Airport, a total of forty (40) feet in width from the new center line to the new west line of the proposed relocated and widened highway, all to be of the total width aforesaid.

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

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

Mr. Ropkey asked for a recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ransom and the Council recessed at 12:15 P. M.

The Council reconvened at 12:25 P. M. with the same members present as before.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Ross made a motion to suspend the rules for further consideration of Special Ordinance No. 15, 1939.

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

Ayes, 6, viz: Mr. Bach, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, President Wood.

Noes: None.

The rules were suspended.

The Council reverted to a previous order of business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 27, 1939.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred Special Ordinance No. 15, 1939, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the granting of an easement and right-of-way by the City of Indianapolis to the State of Indiana of a certain strip of land belonging to the City of Indianapolis and now a part of its Municipal Airport;

beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

F. B. RANSOM, Chairman
ERNEST C. ROPKEY
WALTER E. HEMPHILL

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

Mr. Ransom called for second reading of Special Ordinance No. 15, 1939. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ransom, seconded by Mr. Ropkey, Special Ordinance No. 15, 1939, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

Special Ordinance No. 15, 1939, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

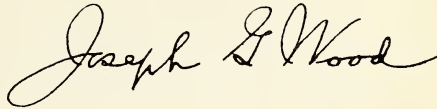
Ayes, 6, viz: Mr. Bach, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, President Wood.

Noes: None.

On motion of Mr. Bach, seconded by Mr. Ransom, the Common Council adjourned at 12:45 P. M.

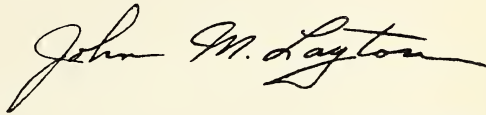
We hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 27th day of December, 1939, at 12:00 noon.

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



Attest:

President.



City Clerk.

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