

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

MONDAY, January 22, 1917.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 22, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock in special session, President Michael J. Shea in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 20, 1917.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, January 22, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving reports from city officers and for the introduction, consideration of and final action on the following ordinances: Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1917, appropriating money to the Department of Finance for miscellaneous expenses of city offices; Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1917, appropriating money to the Department of Finance for the repayment of a temporary loan made to pay assessments against state property; Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1917, appropriating money to the Department of Finance for payment of assessments against state property; Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1917, appropriating money to the Board of Public Works for flood prevention work.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL J. SHEA,
President.

I, Thomas A. Riley, 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 meeting, pursuant to the rules.

Respectfully,

THOMAS A. RILEY,
City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Michael J. Shea, President of the Common Council, and 6 members, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Connor and Graham.

Absent, 2, viz.: Messrs. McGuff and Lee.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 18, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith four appropriation ordinances, all of which I recommend.

The first is an appropriation to the Finance Department for the purpose of purchasing a billing and adding machine for the Barrett Law department, and an adder, check cancelling machine and change machine, all for the use of the Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis in his office at the Court House. The Barrett Law department is engaged in city work, while more than two-thirds of the work to be done by the adding machines in the front office is city work. I am informed in the past the City of Indianapolis has purchased part of the necessary paraphernalia for said office and the County a greater part. At this time it seems to be a fair proposition for the city to make these purchases. As there is much work to be done in Mr. Sourbier's office in preparation for Spring taxes, an emergency exists for the passing of this ordinance.

April 3, 1916, your Honorable body passed an ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan of \$11,365.00 for payment of assessments against property of the State of Indiana, but through some inadvertence the ordinance did not contain the usual provision for reappropriating sufficient money to pay said loan when the same matured. The loan was made and the note matures June 12, 1917, and I submit herewith an ordinance appropriating a sum of money which is more than sufficient to pay the principal of the obligation with interest thereon at maturity. It will require about \$1,900.00 more to pay at this time assessments against real estate owned by the State of Indiana, and if you will pass the appropriation of \$1,900.00 to the Finance Department for said purpose at this time, we can pay said assessments and ask the State of Indiana to reimburse the City of Indianapolis for the money so paid during the present session of the legislature. It is my plan to pay all of these assessments possible at this time in order that we can obtain a reimbursement quickly and not be compelled to wait until the next session of the legislature two years hence. I ask you, therefore, to suspend the rules and pass this and the other emergency ordinances tonight.

An emergency also exists for passing the ordinance appropriating \$5,000.00 to the Department of Public Works to be used for Flood Prevention purposes inasmuch as the work on the West bank of the river is nearing completion and Mr. Jeup is very anxious that a gap in the levee be closed as quickly as possible, and the contractor who has the work in charge feels that it is almost impossible for him to continue unless his last estimate is allowed and paid promptly.

We are in a peculiar situation in regard to the Flood Prevention fund. The City pays 45 per cent. of city work and the County 45 per cent., while 10 per cent. is to be raised by special assessment. It was necessary to purchase or condemn the land on the West bank of the river, and in many cases before a deed could be obtained, it was necessary for the City to pay cash in full for the land so taken before the owner would execute a

deed. In this way the City paid the County's share in advance and the County has been reimbursing the City. At this time Marion County owes to the City for Flood Prevention work more than \$33,000.00, which they will be unable to pay for about seven weeks. It is, therefore, imperative that our Flood Prevention fund receive some ready money if we are to continue with the work at this time, and Mr. Jeup says that it is necessary to proceed with the same. The ordinance provides that the money appropriated out of the General fund shall be reimbursed to the General fund at a later time out of the Flood Prevention fund. I ask you to pass this ordinance as an emergency matter.

Respectfully,

R. H. SULLIVAN,
City Controller.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1917. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,800 to the Miscellaneous Expense of the City Offices fund of the Department of Finance and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., that there be and hereby is appropriated to the Miscellaneous Expense of the City Offices fund of the Department of Finance, the sum of \$1,800, to be used for the office of the Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., at the Court House.

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.

By City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1917. An ordinance appropriating \$12,397 to the Department of Finance for payment of loan heretofore authorized and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Whereas by General Ordinance No. 14, 1916, the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., authorized the City Controller to make a temporary loan of \$11,365 for payment of assessments against property belonging to the State of Indiana and failed to make an appropriation for the re-payment of the same, and

Whereas, the City Controller did so make said loan which matures June 12, 1917,

Now, Therefore, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., that there be and hereby is appropriated to the Department of Finance the sum of \$12,397, out of which said loan shall be paid when the same matures.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1917. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,900 to the Department of Finance for payment of assessments against property belonging to the State of Indiana.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., that there be and hereby is appropriated to the Department of Finance, the sum of \$1,900, to be used for the payment of assessments against property belonging to the State of Indiana.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1917. An ordinance appropriating \$5,000 to the Department of Public Works for Flood Prevention purposes and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Whereas an emergency exists for the payment of certain bills and obligations of the City of Indianapolis in connection with the Flood Prevention work, and

Whereas, there is not sufficient money in said fund to pay said bills and obligations, and

Whereas, there is due said Flood Prevention fund more than \$30,000 which has not yet been received;

Now Therefore, Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., that the sum of \$5,000 be and hereby is appropriated to the Department of Public Works to be used for Flood Prevention purposes and the City Controller is hereby authorized to re-pay to the General Fund from the Flood Prevention Funds as soon as practical any and all money expended by authority of this appropriation.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Common Council, at 8:10 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Michael J. Shea
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President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Riley
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City Clerk.