

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

MONDAY, July 16, 1917.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, July 16, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock in regular session, President Michael J. Shea in the chair.

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

Absent, 2: Messrs. Young and Connor.

Mr. Porter moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 6, 1917.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 57, 1917, the same being entitled "An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Orange Street, formerly Downey Street, from east curb line of Meridian Street to west curb line of Madison Avenue with curb, cement walks placed next to curb line, and graded lawns, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 8942, adopted May 2, 1917."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 6, 1917.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances:

1. Special Ordinance No. 14, 1917, being an ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell certain personal property, which has been duly appraised in accordance with the requirements of law.

2. Special Ordinance No. 11, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance disannexing certain territory from the City of Indianapolis, defining a part of the boundary line of said city, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinances herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 10, 1917.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances:

1. General Ordinance No. 58, 1917, the same being entitled, "An ordinance transferring certain funds of the Department of Public Works, re-appropriating the same, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

2. General Ordinance No. 59, 1917, the same being entitled "An ordinance transferring certain funds of the Department of Public Works, re-appropriating the same, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

3. General Ordinance No. 60, 1917, the same being entitled "An ordinance authorizing the sale of seventy-five (75) bonds of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars each of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, payable from the general revenues and funds of said city, from the Sinking Fund of said city or as may be required by law, for the purpose of procuring money to be used in defraying the expense of the said city's portion for the construction of a roadway in Massachusetts Avenue from Tenth Street to School Street, and work thereunto appertaining, and providing for the time and manner of advertising sale of bonds and the receipt of bids for the same, together with the mode and terms of sale, appropriating the proceeds of the said sale to the Department of Public Works, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

4. Special Ordinance No. 15, 1917, the same being entitled "An ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell certain personal property therein described."

5. Special Ordinance No. 13, 1917, the same being entitled "An ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Indianapolis, and defining

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part of the boundary line of said city and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinances herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1917.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

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

GENTLEMEN—I am sending you herewith a letter from the Board of Public Works asking authority to transfer \$1,000 from the fund for Street and Alley Intersections to the fund for the Payment of Erroneous Assessments.

I have prepared an ordinance covering this transfer and recommend the same for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

R. H. SULLIVAN,
City Controller.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1917.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

Mr. R. H. Sullivan, City Controller, Indianapolis, Ind.:

DEAR SIR—I am directed to request that you recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$1,000 from the fund for street and alley intersections, new, to the fund for the payment of erroneous assessments.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH P. TURK,
Clerk Board of Public Works.

From City Controller:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1917.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

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

GENTLEMEN—During the first part of the current year this office issued sixty-one second-hand dealers' licenses, and which a charge of \$25.00, plus \$1.00 fee, was made. The fee for second-hand dealers' license was later changed by your honorable body and reduced to \$10.00 plus \$1.00.

I am of the opinion that it was not the intention of the Council to charge one man more for the same license privilege than is required of another within the same year, and I respectfully recommend that a refund of \$15.00 be authorized to be made to those who have paid the \$25.00 fee.

It will be necessary, also, to make some refunds on motor truck licenses issued during the year of 1916 under an ordinance which was later declared invalid by the Circuit Court. The Legal Department advises this office that refunds should be made on such licenses issued during the year of 1916 which were paid under protest. There was also some confusion in regard to motor truck licenses issued in the early part of 1917, and some licenses were issued on the tonnage basis at a higher rate than that provided for in the Revised Ordinances, and a few applicants are entitled to a refund of \$5.00 each.

I am enclosing an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the Department of Finance, which sum I believe will be sufficient to take care of all these claims, and I respectfully recommend its passage.

Respectfully yours,

R. H. SULLIVAN,
City Controller.

From City Controller:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1917.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

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

GENTLEMEN—I enclose herewith an ordinance authorizing a temporary loan of \$300,000, which I recommend for prompt consideration and passage.

It is necessary to make this loan because of the decrease in the income of the city from licenses and other miscellaneous sources. The collection of fees for vehicle licenses has been restrained by action of the court, and a substantial decrease in revenue from liquor licenses is also observed.

The loan requested in this ordinance will, of course, be paid from the fall taxes, which, however, will not be available until November or December. The money asked for will be needed to meet pay rolls on August 1, and I would urge the Council to pass the ordinance so that bids may be received and the money become available by that date.

Yours respectfully,

R. H. SULLIVAN,
City Controller.

From the Board of Public Works :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1917.

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN—I am directed to submit for your consideration and approval an ordinance extending to November 1 next the time within which railroad companies shall comply with the provisions of Sections 949 to 980, both inclusive, of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, approved March 3, 1917.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH P. TURK,
Clerk Board of Public Works.

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. Mr. Young entered the Council Chamber and took his seat.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Special Ordinance No. 16, 1917, entitled "An ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell certain real estate therein described," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

A. D. PORTER,
FRANK GRAHAM,
THOS. C. LEE,
EDWARD P. BARRY.

Mr. Porter moved that the report of the committee be concurred in. Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 14, 1917. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Department of Finance, for the purpose of re-funding certain license fees and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that there be and is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of said city, and for the use of the Department of Finance, the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, to be credited to a fund to be designated Refunding License Fees.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By the Board of Public Works :

General Ordinance No. 64, 1917. An ordinance extending the time within which the various Railroad or Railway Companies operating in the City of Indianapolis shall comply with the provisions of Sections 949 to 980, both inclusive, of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, passed February 28, 1917, approved by the Mayor March 3, 1917.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the various Railroad and Railway Companies affected by the provisions of Sections 949 to 980, both inclusive, of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, passed February 28, 1917, approved by the Mayor March 3, 1917, be and they are each severally given until November 1, 1917, to comply with the provisions of said sections, provided that until such date or until compliance with the provisions of said sections said companies shall be governed and bound by the provisions of all ordinances in effect at the time of the passage of said General Ordinance No. 12, 1917.

SEC. 2. 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.

Mr. Barry moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 64, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Barry called for General Ordinance No. 64, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Barry moved that General Ordinance No. 64, 1917, be amended by adding Section 2 as read by the Clerk. Carried.

Mr. Barry moved that General Ordinance No. 64, 1917, be ordered engrossed as amended, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 64, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

By City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 65, 1917. An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars in anticipation of current revenues, appropriating Three Hundred and Five Thousand (\$305,000) Dollars for the payment of the same, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis that the City Controller be and is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan in anticipation of the revenues of said city for the current year not exceeding Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars for a period not exceeding Five (5) months and at a rate of interest not exceeding Six (6) per cent. per annum. The said loan shall be made on competitive bidding after at least one insertion in a daily newspaper of the City of Indianapolis, the bidding to be on the rate of interest to be paid and the loan to be made from the lowest bidders under such conditions as may be directed by the City Controller. The Mayor and City Controller are hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper obligations of said city for the payments of the amount so borrowed; and for the payment of said obligations the faith of said city is hereby irrevocably pledged, and the sum of Three Hundred and Five Thousand (\$305,000) Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund for payment of the same.

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:

General Ordinance No. 66, 1917. An ordinance transferring certain funds in the Department of Public Works, reappropriating the same and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that there be and is hereby transferred from the fund for Street and Alley Intersections in the Department of Public Works the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to the Fund for the Payment of Erroneous Assessments in the same department.

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 Mr. Miller:

General Ordinance No. 67, 1917. An ordinance amending clause (*h*) of Section 983 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, pertaining to the Compensation fixed for members of the Fire Force.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

SECTION 1. That clause (*h*) of Section 983 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, pertaining to the Compensation fixed for members of the Fire Force be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

(*h*) For the Fire Force:

The Chief of the Fire Department—Thirty-seven hundred dollars per year.

The First Assistant Chief—Twenty-one hundred and sixty dollars per year.

The Second Assistant Chief—Twenty hundred and eighty-eight dollars per year.

The Third Assistant Chief—Twenty hundred and eighty-eight dollars per year.

The Fourth Assistant Chief—Twenty hundred and eighty-eight dollars per year.

Chief Clerk—Sixteen Hundred and twenty dollars per year.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph—Twenty-one hundred and sixty dollars per year.

Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph—Sixteen hundred and twenty dollars per year.

Captains and Fire Inspector—Each four dollars and twenty cents per day.

Lieutenants, Engineers, Chauffeurs and Electricians—Each four dollars and two cents per day.

Fireman—First grade, after serving one year from regular appointment as a private, three dollars and sixty cents per day.

Fireman—Second grade, for first year after appointment as a private, three dollars and thirty cents per day.

Substitute Fireman—Three dollars per day.

Cable Splicer—Four dollars and twenty cents per day.

Veterinary Surgeon—Seventy-two dollars per month.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after January 1, 1918.

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

By Mr. Porter (by request):

Special Ordinance No. 17, 1917. An Ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Indianapolis, and defining part of the boundary line of said city 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 the boundary lines of the City of Indianapolis be and the same are hereby extended so as to include the following described contiguous territory, all of which is hereby annexed to and made a part of the territory constituting and forming the City of Indianapolis, in Marion County, Indiana, to-wit:

Beginning in the north corporation line of the City of Indianapolis, at the southeast corner of Lot No. Eighteen (18) in Warrington, an addition to the City of Indianapolis; thence running north along the east line of said Lot Eighteen (18) and across Fifty-second (52d) Street to the north line of Fifty-second (52d) Street; thence east along the north line of Fifty-second (52d) Street to the west line of the first alley east of Central Avenue; thence north along the west line of said alley to the south line of Sixtieth (60th) Street; thence west with the south line of Sixtieth (60th) Street to a point opposite the west line of the first alley east of Central Avenue, as the same extends north from Sixtieth (60th) Street; thence north along the west line of said alley, and as the same would be extended to a point fifteen (15) feet north of the north line of the Central Canal; thence northeastwardly parallel to and at a uniform distance of fifteen (15) feet north of the north line of Central Canal to the west line of College Avenue; thence north with the west line of College Avenue as shown in Addition known as Warfleigh, an Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as recorded in Plat Book 15, pages 140, 141 and 142, of the Recorder's office in Marion County, Indiana, to the south bank of White River; thence southwest with the meanderings of the south bank of White River to a point one hundred (100) feet south of the south line of Section Two (2), Township Sixteen (16), North, Range Three (3) East; thence east parallel to and at a uniform distance of one hundred (100) feet south of the south line of said Section Two (2) to the present corporation limits of the City of Indianapolis, at the east bank of the Central Canal; thence northeastwardly, east, south and east with the present corporation limits of the City of Indianapolis to the place of beginning.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication for two consecutive weeks in the Indiana Daily Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis.

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

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

President Shea stated that he had received from the State Board of Accounts a report of their examination of the City Controller's office; that in his opinion the report should be filed with the City Clerk.

Mr. Miller moved that the report be filed in the office of the City Clerk and that it do not be printed in the proceedings of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Lee moved that the motion be laid on the table until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Barry. Carried.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Porter called for Special Ordinance No. 16, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Special Ordinance No. 16, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Special Ordinance No. 16, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Miller called for General Ordinance No. 46, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Miller moved that General Ordinance No. 46, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 46, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 5, viz.: Messrs. McGuff, Miller, Porter, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, 3, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young and Lee.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Common Council, at 8:35 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Michael J. Shea

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President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Riley

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City Clerk.