

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
September 27, 1892. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber Thursday evening, September 27th, at 8 o'clock P. M., in special session, pursuant to the following call:

Hon. Martin J. Murphy, President Common Council City of Indianapolis:

DEAR SIR—The undersigned respectfully request that you call a special meeting of the Common Council, to meet in the Council Chamber, Tuesday evening, September 27, 1892, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the meeting.

Very respectfully,

EMIL C. RASSMANN.
J. A. PURYEAR.
J. F. WHITE.
GEO. R. COLTER.
FRED. SCHRADER.
H. W. LAUT.
ANTON SCHMIDT.
JNO. B. MCGUFFIN.

The members of the Common Council are requested to meet pursuant to the above call.

M. J. MURPHY,
President.

Present, Hon. Martin J. Murphy, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 16 members, viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Cooper, Gasper, Gauss, Halloran, Laut, McGill, McGuffin, Olsen, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt and Schrader.

Absent, 5—viz: Messrs. Costello, Linn, Sherer, White and Young.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular meeting held Monday, September 19, 1892, having been printed and placed upon the desks of the Councilmen, said Journal was approved as published.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Rassmann moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which motion prevailed.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 27, 1892 }

To the President and Members of the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I have approved General Ordinance No. 39, passed at your session held September 19, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. L. SULLIVAN,
Mayor.

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, September 26, 1892. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—The City of Indianapolis has already invested in the purchase of Garfield Park more than \$250,000. The city has extended all about it and it is becoming the resort of a rapidly increasing number of our citizens. Therefore it is most desirable that it be kept up and gradually improved in order that it may the more speedily answer the purpose for which it was designed.

After consultation with the Board of Public Works, I deem it my duty to recommend that you appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars to be used specially for the benefit of Garfield Park. The amount is not as large as the needs of this park require, but if each year special care is taken of this park it will soon be developed into one of the most healthful and delightful of our city's resorts.

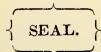
Respectfully submitted,
T. L. SULLIVAN,
Mayor.

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
COUNTY OF MARION, } ss:

I, Thomas Taggart, Auditor in and for said county, do hereby certify that the aggregate assessment and valuation for taxation for State and County purposes, for the year 1892, of all taxable real and personal, and railroad property in the City of Indianapolis, and the number of taxable polls therein, as the same has been returned by the Assessor of Center Township, and as equalized by the County Board of Review and the State Board of Tax Commissioners, is as follows, to-wit :

Real estate	\$41,668,915 00
Improvements	27,539,985 00
Personal property	25,087,095 00
Railroad property	4,828,700 00
Total	<u>\$99,124,695</u>
Number of taxable polls	24,388 00

Witness my hand and the seal of the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, September 17, 1892.
 THOMAS TAGGART,
Auditor.

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Rassmann, on behalf of a majority of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the estimates of the City Comptroller for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1892, made the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the estimates of the City Comptroller for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1892, together with the recommendation of the Mayor, respectfully beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the several items and are of the opinion that the following reductions can be made, viz:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.	
Salaries (West Market Master from January 1 to September 1, 1893)	\$600 00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.	
Street Repair Account	\$2,000 00
City Civil Engineer	2,000 00
Assessment Roll Clerks	4,500 00
Parks	2,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	600 00
Street and Alley Improvements	20,000 00
Ground and stables for Police Headquarters	12,000 00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.	
Fire Force Pay-roll	\$20,440 00
Fire Force Accounts	5,000 00
Station House	250 00
Markets	500 00
Office Accounts	400 00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES.	
For Prevention of Infectious Diseases	\$3,500 00
City Hospital	1,000 00
Total	\$74,790 00

Your Committee would also recommend an additional appropriation of \$7,000 for Garfield Park, and when said estimates are so amended we recommend a levy of sixty cents per hundred dollars on all taxable property and fifty cents on each poll be fixed. In compliance with the provisions of the city charter we have prepared the necessary ordinance which we submit herewith for your approval.

Very respectfully submitted,

EMIL C. RASSMANN.
H. W. LAUT.
J. L. GASPER.
P. J. RYAN.

Mr. Cooper, on behalf of a minority of the Committee on Finance, made the following report, and moved that the same be substituted for the majority report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 26, 1892.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee, to whom was referred the City Comptroller's estimate for the next city tax levy, have had the same under consideration. Where he asked that a 70-cent levy be made, and in order to make it a 70-cent levy, he cut

the estimates down nearly \$25,000, and then he was short over \$24,000, which to cover that he anticipated the second installment of taxes of 1893. Now, your Finance Committee still cut the Comptroller's estimate nearly \$68,000. Your committee think that the city will not be able to run and keep up under a 60-cent levy, but will have to keep making temporary loans and getting deeper in debt, which we don't think is good business policy. Our Comptroller asked for a \$75,000 loan at our last meeting, of which he has already borrowed \$50,000. We have coming due the 1st of next April \$21,000 Sellers' farm bonds which have not been provided for, which we think should have been done.

And we recommend that the estimate and ordinance be referred back to the Comptroller, and request him to add in his estimate the taking up of the \$21,000 Sellers' farm bonds when due.

W. H. COOPER,
Committee.

Mr. Rassmann moved to lay Mr. Cooper's motion on the table.
Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Rassmann moved that the report of the majority of the Committee on Finance be adopted.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

AYES 12—viz: Councilmen Colter, Gasper, Gauss, Halloran, Laut, McGill, McGuffin, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, White and President Murphy.
NAYS 4—viz: Messrs. Allen, Cooper, Puryear and Young.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Rassmann :

G. O. No. 40, 1892. An ordinance fixing the rate of levy and taxation for the City of Indianapolis, Ind., for the ensuing year.

Which was read the first time.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Rassmann :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 8, 1892. An ordinance appropriating moneys for the purpose of defraying current expenses of the city government of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1893, and until the first day of October of that year, unless an annual Appropriation Ordinance for the next succeeding fiscal year be sooner ordained and established, including all outstanding obligations or claims which become due and payable within said period.

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Rassmann, the Common Council, at 9:15 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

M. J. Murphy
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President.

ATTEST:
R. J. Abrams
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City Clerk.