

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
November 21, 1892. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, November 21st, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. Martin J. Murphy, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 16 members, viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Froschauer, Gauss, Halloran, Linn, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, Sherer, White and Young.

Absent, 5—viz: Messrs. Cooper, Gasper, Laut, McGill and McGuffin.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the Common Council for the special meeting held Friday morning, November 11, 1892, 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., November 21, 1892. }

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN—I have approved General Ordinances Nos. 11 and 42, passed at your session held October 17th; also Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 9 and 10, passed at your session held November 11, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS L. SULLIVAN,  
Mayor.

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Ryan, on behalf of the Committee on Contracts and Franchises, to whom was referred the following :

G. O. No. 46, 1892. An ordinance granting the Manufacturers' Natural Gas Company, of the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, State of Indiana, the right and privilege to lay and maintain natural gas pipe lines in certain streets and alleys in the City of Indianapolis, under stipulated terms and conditions.

Made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 21, 1892.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Contracts and Franchises, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 46, have had the same under consideration, and do recommend that the same do pass.

P. J. RYAN, *Chairman.*  
H. F. HALLORAN.  
C. A. GAUSS.  
E. J. SHERER.  
J. R. ALLEN.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Costello, on behalf of the Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred

G. O. No. 43, 1892. An ordinance to change the name of Nineteenth Street to Eighteenth Street, and to change the name of Ruddell, or Schurman Street, to Nineteenth Street.

Made the following report :

*To the President and Members of the Common Council :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 43, have considered same and recommend that it be passed.

JAS. COSTELLO,  
ANTON SCHMIDT,  
A. A. YOUNG,  
*Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys.*

Which was read and concurred in.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

President Murphy offered the following memorial :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 21, 1892.

*To the Hon. Thomas L. Sullivan, Mayor, and to the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned residents of the south and southeastern portion of the city, respectfully submit for your consideration our grievance in the matter of street railway service, and we earnestly ask your advice and co-operation in our efforts to secure rapid transit in the section of the city in which we live.

We call attention to the fact that electric cars were introduced into this city more than two years ago, and since that time six lines have been constructed and are now in operation.

Now, while nearly one-half of the people of Indianapolis live south of Washington street not a foot of electric line has been built for the south side of the city, except the three squares on Illinois street, from Washington street to the company's power house on Louisiana street.

Electric lines have been built to Irvington, to Fairview Park north of the city, to Armstrong's Park for the accommodation of the people of North Indianapolis, and recently to the State Fair Grounds, while the fifty thousand and more people of the South Side have no accommodation in the matter of street railway service except some lines of mule cars, and the most of these are "bob-tail" cars.

We complain of this treatment as being manifestly unfair, and view it as an unjust discrimination against one-half of the people of this city. We have the same duties and obligations to the city as the citizens north of Washington street, and we fail to see why we should not be accorded equal accommodations in the matter of street car service. There is no cause to regret that the people of Irvington, North Indianapolis and the northern section of the city generally have secured electric street car service; we rather congratulate them on their good fortune, and would gladly share the favor they enjoy.

The present condition of affairs is not only an inconvenience but a positive injury to this section of the city, and it creates the appearance that one portion of the city is to be favored at the expense of the other.

We earnestly appeal to Your Honor and to the members of the municipal Council, under whose control the streets and alleys of the city are placed, to examine into this question, and to take steps to secure for your petitioners the privileges to which they, in common with the people of other portions of the city, are justly entitled.

In this same connection it may be noted that while two parks north of the city and beyond its limits have electric lines, Garfield Park, the property of the city, well adapted for the use for which it was purchased, is left without means of approach, and continues, for this reason, in an unfrequented and neglected condition.

We are confident that when attention is called to our situation here Your Honor, as Chief Magistrate, the members of the Common Council, and others who have the welfare of the whole city at heart, will urge a remedy for the evils from which the people of this section of the city now suffer.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Contracts and Franchises, with instructions to aid the committee of citizens of the South Side in securing the same.

Mr. Ryan moved that the committee of citizens present be allowed to address the Council.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. White offered and moved the adoption of the following motion:

*Moved*, by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance directing the City Comptroller to take the necessary steps for the refunding of that portion of the City indebtedness falling due in 1893, to the amount of \$621,000, said ordinance to provide that the City Comptroller shall advertise for bids for such refunding.

Which motion prevailed.

## ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion by Councilman Ryan, the following entitled ordinance was taken up, read a second time, ordered engrossed and then read the third time:

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And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Froschauer, Gauss, Halloran, Linn, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, Sherer, White, Young and President Murphy.

NAYS—None.

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NAYS—None.

President Murphy appointed Mr. Froschauer on the Standing Committees of the Common Council to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Olsen.

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

  
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 President.

ATTEST:

  
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 City Clerk.