

## SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, August 13, 1923.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, August 13, 1923, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in special session, President Pro Tem Walter W. Wise 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 Monday, August 13, 1923 at 7:30 o'clock P. M. the purpose of such meeting being to receive communications from the Mayor or City Controller of said City and for presenting to your attention and consideration the financial budgets for the year 1924 including estimates of money required for the various departments of the City for the ensuing fiscal year and for the introduction of an ordinance appropriating money for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the City Government for the use of the several departments thereof for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 1924 and ending December 31, 1924 and for the introduction of an ordinance fixing the annual tax and fixing the rate of levy and levies of tax for the City of Indianapolis for the year 1923, payable in 1924, and for further consideration of General Ordinance No. 50, 1923.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. KING,

President.

I, John W. Rhodehamel, 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.

JOHN W. RHODEHAMEL

City Clerk.

Which was read.

The clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Walter W. Wise, President Pro Tem, of the Common Council and six (6) members, viz.: Messrs. Bernd, Bramblett, Clauer, Claycombe, Ray and Thompson.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

August 13, 1923.

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

Gentlemen—I hand you herewith, for your consideration, a Budget prepared by Joseph L. Hogue, City Controller, of the admin-

istration to operate for the year of 1924. I have requested the various boards and departments to make their recommendations just as low as possible and still keep up the progress of the City.

It will be noticed that the Budget for 1924 shows an increase over that of 1923. This can largely be accounted for because of an appropriation for War Memorial Bond Fund, which money is needed to pay the interest on the World War Memorial Bonds; an amount appropriated that we did not have last year for the Widening of Streets and Highways and also Resurfacing of Streets, also of the fact that there are a large number of bonds maturing next year which will raise the levy almost three cents, and one cent on the Park Board because of the purchase of several new playgrounds and parks. There have been several annexations which will require some extra appropriations in order to be properly cared for. The balance of the Departments as provided for in this budget have been asked to operate on the amounts practically corresponding to those appropriated last year.

I therefore recommend to you that the tax levy for the year 1923 on each One Hundred Dollar Valuation of the taxable property shall be as follows for city property:

General City Purposeses .....	\$ .60
Track Elevation Fund .....	.005
City Sinking Fund .....	.08
Board of Park Commissioner General Fund .....	.08
Board of Park Recreation Fund .....	.015
Board of Health General Fund .....	.07
Board of School Health Fund .....	.005
Board of Tuberculosis Fund .....	.005
Firemen Pension Fund .....	.008
Police Pension Fund .....	.008
Improvement Sinking Fund .....	.004
Flood Prevention Sinking Fund .....	.01
Department of Public Sanitation Maintenance .....	.04
Department of Public Sanitation Sinking Fund .....	.04
World War Memorial Bond Fund .....	.015
Widening of Street & Highways .....	.015
Resurfacing of Streets .....	.02

Total ..... \$1.020

Also on each poll, Fifty Cents for General Purposes.

I hand you herewith General Ordinance for the annual tax levy for the year 1923, according to the above estimates and also an appropriation ordinance covering the various items set forth in the budget, and recommend that said budget as shown in said ordinance be published as required by law and that public hearing be held thereon, and that after such public hearing the Council shall pass the same with such changes if any, as it may seem proper.

I believe that the above amount is required to run our city next year. Hoping that you will give this budget favorable consideration, I am,

Very truly yours,

S. L. SHANK,

Mayor.

August 9th, 1923.

Honorable Samuel Lewis Shank,  
Mayor,

City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

I submit herewith for your consideration estimates of the amounts necessary for the operation of the several departments for the year of 1924, including the following:

Department of Public Parks.

Department of Recreation which is under the control of Public Parks.

Department of Public Health and Charities.

Department of Sanitation.

The estimates submitted by the different boards and departments under them were carefully gone over at a meeting with you, the Mayor.

The amounts set forth in this Budget as allowed to each department, are allowed with the full intention that each department operate during the year of 1924 upon the amounts of money appropriated them through this budget without any additional appropriations or transfer of funds during the year 1924. It is not the intention to hamper the work necessary under the various departments but it is the contention of this administration that these departments can operate on these amounts.

The request from the Departments under the General Fund are as follows:

Department of Finance .....	\$ 327,760.00
Legal Department .....	34,430.00
City Plan Commission .....	25,650.00
Public Purchase .....	16,970.00
Board of Works .....	1,428,345.36
Board of Safety .....	2,365,123.71

Total ..... \$4,198,279.07

The increase in this Budget over last years is largely due to the new levies for World War Memorial Bond Fund, Widening of Street & Highways and Resurfacing of Street, and an increase in the City General Sinking Fund to take care of Bonds and Interest that will come due.

Attached you will find a statement of the Tax Levy for 1923 as made up on an estimated valuation of \$620,000,000.00.

Respectfully yours,  
JOSEPH L. HOGUE,

City Controller

STATEMENT OF TAX LEVY FOR 1923

General City Purposes .....	\$ .60
Track Elevation Fund .....	.005
City Sinking Fund .....	.08
Board of Park Commissioner General Fund .....	.08
Board of Park Recreation Fund .....	.015
Board of Health General Fund .....	.07
Board of School Health Fund .....	.005
Board of Tuberculosis Fund .....	.005
Firemen Pension Fund .....	.008
Police Pension Fund .....	.008
Improvement Sinking Fund .....	.004
Flood Prevention Sinking Fund .....	.01

Department of Public Sanitation Maintenance .....	.04
Department Sanitation Sinking Fund .....	.04
World War Memorial Bond Fund .....	.015
Widening of Streets and Highways .....	.015
Resurfacing of Streets .....	.02
Total.....	\$1.020

Also on each poll, fifty cents for general purposes.

### INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By the Mayor:

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 39, 1923.

AN ORDINANCE appropriating moneys for the purpose of defraying current expenses of the City Government of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and for the use of the several executive departments thereof, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1924, and ending December 31, 1924, including all outstanding claims and obligations, 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 there be and is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of said City and for the use of the several executive departments thereof, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1924, and ending December 31, 1924, including all outstanding claims and obligations existing on the first day of said fiscal year the following sums of money for the different departments of said city, and for the several purposes are hereinafter set forth:

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Items.	1924
For salaries, Mayor's office .....	\$ 10,700.00
For salaries, City Court .....	7,800.00
For salaries, City Clerk's office .....	10,300.00
For salaries, nine Councilmen, Secretary of Committee and Sergeant at Arms for Council .....	6,040.00
For salaries, City Controller's office .....	19,420.00
For salaries, Sinking Fund Commissioners .....	200.00
For salary, Ex Officio City Treasurer .....	.....
For salary, County Auditor .....	.....
For Premium on Surety Bonds, Sinking Fund Commis- sioners only .....	246,000.00
For Interest, Exchange on City Bonds .....	25.00
For Special City Judge .....	1,200.00
For Meals for Jurors .....	.....
For Art Association of Indianapolis .....	10,000.00
Memorial Day Expenses .....	300.00
Blank Books, Printing and Incidentals .....	8,575.00
For Miscellaneous Expenses City Offices .....	6,700.00
For Convention Expenses .....	500.00
Expenses Common Council for Investigation .....	.....
Total Finance Department.....	\$327,760.00

Items.	DEPARTMENT OF LAW.	1924
For salaries .....		\$ 16,480.00
For Change on Venue and Expenses of Legal Business of Marion County, including traveling expenses and employment of local attorneys .....		800.00
Law Library .....		150.00
For Judgments, Compromises and Costs.....		10,000.00
For Miscellaneous Expenses .....		800.00
For Compensation Injured City Employes .....		4,500.00
Attorneys' Fees and Expenses incidental to Public Utility Cases "Special Fund" .....		2,000.00
Total Legal Department .....		\$ 34,430.00

## CITY PLAN COMMISSION.

Items.	1924
For salaries of Employees and other administrative expenses as set forth in budget .....	\$ 25,650.00
Total for City Plan Commission .....	\$ 25,650.00

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PURCHASE.

Items.	1924
For salaries .....	\$ 14,620.00
For Printing, Stationery, Postage, Material, Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses .....	2,150.00
Contractorial Service .....	200.00
Total for Department of Public Purchase.....	\$ 16,970.00

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Items.	1924
For salaries Assessment Bureau .....	\$ 10,200.00
For Office Expense Assessment Bureau .....	1,500.00
For salaries Custodian of City Hall and Employees.....	17,700.00
For City Hall Maintenance .....	7,705.00
For City Hall Furniture and Fixtures .....	.....
For salaries Tomlinson Hall Custodian and Employees....	4,000.00
For Maintenance Tomlinson Hall .....	6,000.00
For Furniture and Fixtures Tomlinson Hall .....	500.00
For Interior Painting Tomlinson Hall .....	.....
For salaries Board of Public Works and Office Force.....	14,100.00
For Appraisers, payment of .....	300.00
For Blank Books, Printing and Advertising .....	12,000.00
For Public Buildings and Repairs .....	10,000.00
For Fire Insurance on Public Buildings.....	1,500.00
For Fire Tower Rental .....	2,000.00
For Telephones .....	4,500.00
For Water Rental .....	265,000.00
For salaries and wages Street Cleaning .....	130,204.00
For Maintenance of Equipment and Supplies Street Cleaning .....	24,240.00
For New Equipment Street Cleaning .....	6,600.00
For wages Comfort Station Employees .....	3,120.00
For Maintenance Comfort Station .....	3,500.00
For Municipal Garage Maintenance and Repairs.....	62,700.00
For Municipal Garage Maintenance and Equipment.....	3,050.00
For salaries and wages Municipal Garage Employees....	23,880.00
Total Department of Public Works .....	\$ 614,299.00

Items.	CITY CIVIL ENGINEER.	1924
For Assessment, erroneous .....	\$	500.00
For City Civil Engineer's Office Salary Account .....		57,440.00
For City Civil Engineer Maintenance Office Expense.....		5,350.00
For City Civil Engineer Laboratory Salary .....		8,700.00
For Flood Prevention salaries .....		13,500.00
For Inspectors' salaries .....		45,980.00
Improved Street Maintenance Salaries .....		5,000.00
Asphalt Repair Department salaries and wages.....		49,315.75
Brick and Block Repair Department salaries and wages		12,380.00
Cement Walk and Curb Repair Department salaries.....		7,305.00
Asphalt Department salaries and wages .....		14,341.00
City Civil Engineer's Laboratory Maintenance .....		1,232.50
Asphalt Repair Department Maintenance and Supplies ...		1,475.00
Brick and Block Repair Department Maintenance .....		11,600.00
Cement Walk and Curb Department Maintenance .....		4,900.00
Asphalt Plant Department Maintenance.....		37,430.00
Electric, Gas and Vapor Lights .....		310,080.11
Maps and Plats .....		500.00
Street Openings and Vacations .....		500.00
Street and Alley Improvement Assessments .....		35,000.00
Street Sign Maintenance .....		500.00

Total City Civil Engineer ..... \$623,089.36

**STREET COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.**

Items.		1924
Street Commissioner's Office .....	\$	8,500.00
Cement and Concrete Bridge Repairs .....		2,000.00
Sewer Department .....		39,338.00
City Yards Department salaries and wages .....		10,366.00
Sprinkling Department .....		2,000.00
Fountain and Wells Department .....		
Carpenter Department, M. and S. ....		5,470.00
Unimproved Street Department, M. and S. ....		4,500.00
Sprinkling Department .....		25,000.00
Carpenter Department salaries .....		15,360.00
Unimproved Street Department wages .....		50,000.00
Weed Cutting Department .....		2,160.00
New Equipment, Sewers .....		3,000.00
Sewer Cleaning Appropriation .....		
Office Street Commissioner, E and L. ....		350.00
Sewer Department, M. and S. ....		6,587.50
Fountain and Wells Department, M. and S. ....		830.00
Weed Cutting Department, M. and S. ....		
City Yards Department, M. and S. ....		14,845.00
City Yards Rental and Taxes .....		650.00

Total Street Commissioner's Office ..... \$ 190,957.00

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

(Board of Safety Office)

Items.		1924
For salaries .....	\$	12,144.00
For Material and Supplies .....		900.00
For Telephone Service .....		8,250.00

Total Board of Safety Office ..... \$ 21,294.00

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Items.	1924
For salaries .....	\$ 36,250.00
Printing Code .....	.....
For Material and Supplies .....	600.00
Gas, Oil, Repairs, etc. ....	2500.00
<b>Total for Building Department .....</b>	<b>\$ 37,350.00</b>

## EAST MARKET

Items.	1924
For salaries .....	\$ 11,670.00
For Material and Supplies .....	900.00
For Gas and Electricity .....	2,500.00
<b>Total for East Market .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,070.00</b>

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

Items.	1924
For salaries .....	\$ 51,126.26
For Material and Supplies .....	17,593.20
For Equipment and Tools .....	13,836.25
<b>Total for Electrical Department .....</b>	<b>\$ 82,555.71</b>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Items.	1924
For salaries .....	\$1,094,942.50
For Fire Fighting Contractual Service .....	11,700.00
Administration Material and Supplies .....	900.00
Equipment (Fire Fighting) .....	29,985.00
Equipment (Fire Prevention) .....	250.00
For Fire Prevention Material and Supplies .....	1,230.00
Fire Fighting Material and Supplies .....	39,850.00
<b>Total for Fire Department .....</b>	<b>\$1,178,857.50</b>

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Items.	1924
Salaries .....	\$ 953,359.50
Secret Service .....	500.00
For Emergency Police .....	3,000.00
For Printing and Stationery .....	4,000.00
Meals for Prisoners .....	3,500.00
For Horse Shoeing .....	700.00
For Horse Feed .....	2,000.00
For Purchase of Horses .....	.....
For Harness Repairs .....	200.00
For Gas and Electric Light .....	5,000.00
For Fuel and Heat .....	7,000.00
For Motorcycle Repairs, Tires, Tubes and Ice.....	1,500.00
For Ammunition Supplies for Target Practice .....	1,000.00
For New Automobiles .....	5,000.00
For New Motorcycles .....	1,000.00
For Bicycle and Auto For Bicycle Squad .....	2,000.00
For Furniture and Fixtures .....	500.00
For Gasoline, Oil, Tires, Parts and Motor Equipment...	16,500.00
For Material and Supplies for Traffic .....	5,000.00
For Photo Material and Supplies .....	700.00
For New Typewriter and Addressograph .....	.....

For Miscellaneous Expense, Telegraph, Telephone, Poles and Postage .....	1,500.00
For Building Repairs .....	500.00
For Material and Supplies for Central Station for Brooms, Toilet Soap, Mops, Scrubbing Soap, etc.....	500.00
Material and Supplies Accident Prevention Bureau.....	200.00
Total for Police Department.....	\$1,015,159.50

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Items.	1924
For salaries .....	\$ 8,400.00
For Material and Supplies.....	1,537.00
New Equipment .....	1,200.00
Total for Weights and Measures Department.....	\$ 11,137.00

## DOG POUND.

Items.	1924.
For salaries .....	\$ 2,140.00
For Material and Supplies .....	1,560.00
Total for Dog Pound .....	\$ 3,700.00

Total for entire budget as set out above is.....\$4,191,779.07  
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 Mayor:

## GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 101, 1923.

AN ORDINANCE fixing and establishing the annual rates of taxation and tax levies for the year 1923 for the City of Indianapolis for each fund for which a separate tax levy is authorized by law, to be collected and expended in the year 1924, and fixing the time when this ordinance shall take effect.

*Be It Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:*

Section 1. That there be and is hereby levied and assessed upon all real estate and improvements and all personal property of whatsoever description, notes, bonds, stocks, choses in action of every kind and character in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as assessed and returned for taxation in said city for the year 1924, a tax for general purposes of Sixty Cents on each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also Fifty Cents (\$.50) on each poll for general purposes; also a tax levy of Five Mills (\$.005) for Track Elevation Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Eight



Cents (\$.08) for the City Sinking Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Eight Cents (\$.08) for the Board of Park Commissioners' General Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of One Cent Five Mills (\$.015) for the Board of Recreation Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Seven Cents (\$.07) for the Board of Health General Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Five Mills (\$.005) for the School Health Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Five Mills (\$.005) for the Tuberculosis Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Eight Mills (\$.008) for Firemen Pension Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Eight Mills (\$.008) for Police Pension Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Four Mills (\$.004) for Improvement Sinking Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of One Cent (\$.01) for Flood Prevention Sinking Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Four Cents (\$.04) for Department of Public Sanitation Maintenance Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Four Cents (\$.04) for Department of Public Sanitation Sinking Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of One Cent Five Mills (\$.015) for World War Memorial Bond Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of One Cent Five Mills (\$.015) for Widening of Streets and Highways Fund upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property; also a tax levy of Two Cents (\$.02) upon each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation of such taxable property for Resurfacing of Streets Fund of said city, all of which levies are duly authorized by specific laws.

Section 2. That the Auditor of Marion County, Indiana, be and is hereby ordered and directed to place all such tax levies upon the proper tax duplicates, and the County Treasurer of such county, ex officio City Treasurer, be and is hereby ordered and directed to collect the same for the City of Indianapolis and each of said Departments thereof, and make due report thereof, as provided by law.

Section 3. 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.

On motion of Mr. Claycombe, Monday, September 3, 1923, at 7:30 p. m. was fixed as the date for a public hearing on General Ordinance No. 101, 1923, and Appropriation Ordi-

nance No. 39, 1923, and the City Clerk was instructed to cause notice of the same to be published as provided by law.

On motion of Mr. Claycombe the Common Council at 8:40 p. m. adjourned.

*Walter K. Wise*

President Pro Tem.

Attest:

*John H. Rhodehamel*

City Clerk.