

SPECIAL MEETING

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Friday, May 20, 1927, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in Special Session, President Claude E. Negley 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 Friday, May 20, 1927, at 7:30 p. m. the purpose of such Special Meeting being to receive communications from the Mayor, City Comptroller and city officers and for the introduction, consideration and passage of such relief measures necessitated by reason of the tornado devastation and danger of high water as may be recommended by the Mayor of the City.

Respectfully,

CLAUDE E. NEGLEY,
President, Common Council

I, William A. Boyce, Jr., 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 such SPECIAL MEETING, pursuant to the rules.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature and caused the seal of the City of Indianapolis to be affixed.

(SEAL)

WILLIAM A. BOYCE, JR.
City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Hon. Claude E. Negley, President and seven members, viz.: Messrs. Austin H. Todd, Edward B. Raub, Boynton J. Moore, Walter R. Dorsett, O. Ray Albertson, Millard W. Ferguson and Otis E. Bartholomew.

Absent: Mr. Springsteen.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

Indianapolis, Ind., May 20, 1927.

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

Gentlemen—Attached please find copies of a special ordinance declaring an emergency and appropriating the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000.00) Dollars, to the Street Cleaning Department, and Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars to the Carpenter Department, both under the Board of Public Works, for relief work in the tornado stricken area.

I respectfully recommend that the rules be suspended and this ordinance be passed without any delay.

Yours,

W. C. BUSER,
City Controller.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Comptroller.

TORNADO RELIEF

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE No. 2, 1927.

AN ORDINANCE, appropriating the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars, to the Street Commissioners Department Board of Public Works, Fund No. 127 Salaries and Wages, and appropriating the further sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars, to the Street Commissioners Department Board of Public Works, Fund No. 124 Salaries and Wages declaring an emergency and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

WHEREAS, heretofore to-wit on the 18th day of May, 1927, certain areas in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, were almost wholly destroyed by a severe wind storm and tornado, and,

WHEREAS, this was an act of God, unforeseen by man and could not have been prevented, and,

WHEREAS, there is now much suffering, and the loss of property is great and the streets of the City of Indianapolis in this tornado stricken area is cluttered with debris, and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis, by and through its Department of Public Works is wholly without funds to carry on the work of restoring the City streets and City property to their normal condition, and,

WHEREAS, an emergency now exists through an act of God,
NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the sums of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000.00) Dollars by and the same is now hereby appropriated to the Street Commissioner Department, Fund No. 127, "Salaries and Wages" and Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars, is now hereby appropriated to the Street Commission Department, Board of Public Works, Fund No. 124, "Salaries and Wages."

Section 2. That through an act of God an emergency now exists.

Section 3. That 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.

President Negley called for committee report on Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1927.

Mr. Bartholomew made a motion to recess for five minutes.

President Negley asked that the motion for recess be delayed and an opportunity be given Mayor Duvall, who was present, to explain the reason for the immediate passage of Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1927.

Mayor Duvall briefly set out the emergency created by the tornado, which devastated a portion of the east side of the city Wednesday night May 18, 1927, and explained that Street Commissioner's Fund No. 127, 1927, and Carpenter Fund No. 124, 1927, would shortly be depleted by the immense amount of extra work necessiated by the storm, unless this emergency appropriation ordinance No. 2, 1927, was passed immediately.

Councilmen Albertson and Raub interrogated the Mayor regarding the amount of funds now remaining in the two departments, the original 1927 appropriations,

and the reason for the exhaustion of these two funds this early in the year.

Mayor Duvall explained that the two funds at this time are not entirely exhausted but that they would be shortly on account of the drain upon them by reason of the tornado damages and that he hoped the council would see a way clear to pass this emergency relief appropriation ordinance tonight.

Mr. Bartholomew renewed his motion for a five minute recess which was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

Council reconvened at 8:35 o'clock p. m. with the same members present as before.

President Negley called for Committee Reports and a minority of the Finance Committee submitted the following report.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 20, 1927.

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

Gentlemen—We, your Committee on Finance to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1927, entitled Tornado Relief, and appropriating \$50,000 especially for relief, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

O. RAY ALBERTSON, Chairman.

A. H. TODD.

O. E. BARTHOLOMEW.

Dr. Todd made the following written motion that the rules be suspended for the consideration and passage of Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1927.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 20, 1927.

Mr. President:

I move that the rules be suspended for the consideration and passage of Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1927.

AUSTIN H. TODD.

Above motion was put to roll call vote by President Negley and failed to carry by the following vote.

Ayes, 6, viz.: Messrs. Bartholomew, Dorsett, Ferguson, Moore, Todd and President Negley.

Noes, 2, viz.: Messrs. Albertson and Raub.

Common Council adjourned at 8:45 o'clock p. m.

We hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, held on Friday, May 20, 1927, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

In WITNESS whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our signatures and caused the seal of the City of Indianapolis to be affixed.

Claude E. Negley

Attest:

President.

William A. Boyce

City Clerk

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