

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1929, AT 7:30 P. M.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Monday, December 16, 1929, following a public hearing, at 7:30 by the Committee on Parks, on General Ordinance 103, 1929. President Edward B. Raub took the chair.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Hon. Edward B. Raub, President, and seven members, viz: Earl Buchanan, Herman P. Lieber, Albert F. Meurer, Meredith Nicholson, Paul E. Rathert, Robert E. Springsteen, John F. White.

Absent: Edward W. Harris.

On motion of Mr. Springsteen, seconded by Mr. Meurer, the reading of the Journal for the previous meeting was dispensed with.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

December 6, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

I have this day approved with my signature and delivered to William A. Boyce, Jr., City Clerk, the following ordinances:

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 88, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, transferring monies from certain funds in the City Civil Engineer's Office and reappropriating same to another fund in the City Civil Engineer's Office and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 89, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, transferring monies from certain funds and reap-

propriating the same to other numbered funds and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 90, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, transferring certain sums of money from certain funds and reappropriating the same to other department funds in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 92, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, providing for and authorizing the City Controller for and on behalf of the City of Indianapolis, to borrow the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) and for the sale of thirty-four (34) bonds of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each of said city, payable from the general revenues and funds of said city or from the sinking fund of said city, or as may be required by law, for the purpose of procuring money to be used for the remodeling and repairing the city prison and enlarging the capacity of the same, and providing for the time and manner of advertising the sale of said bonds and the receiving of bids for the same, together with the mode and terms of sale, appropriating the money received from said sale to the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, and fixing a time when this ordinance shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 95, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, transferring certain sums of money from certain funds and reappropriating the same to other department funds of the City of Indianapolis, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 96, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, appropriating and transferring to the Street Commissioner's Gasoline Tax Fund the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) out of the Gasoline Tax Fund, now unappropriated, for the maintenance and repair of unimproved streets, bridges and culverts during the year 1929, of the city of Indianapolis, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 97, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, repealing Section a-430 of Section 865 of General Ordinance No. 121, 1925.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 99, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, authorizing the permanent improvement of Ethel street by grading and paving the same pursuant to Improvement Resolution No. 14462 of the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 16, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, appropriating to the Department of Public Health and Charities of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, the entire proceeds derived from the sale or sales of "City Hospital Bonds, 1929—Issue No. 2," authorized by General Ordinance No. 87, 19299, to be used

for the purposes set forth in said General Ordinance No. 87, 1929, declaring an emergency, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 17, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, appropriating the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) from the estimated unexpended and unappropriated balance of the General Fund for the year 1929 to certain funds, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Very truly yours,

L. ERT SLACK,
Mayor.

December 12, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

I herewith return General Ordinance No. 98, 1929, relating to the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing danger signal devices at the intersection of 13th street and the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Company, et al.

The second section of the ordinance is so worded that it might be construed as a repeal of ordinances and parts of ordinances, not intended to be repealed. The principal object of the ordinance is stated in section 1, with which I have no objection.

After conferring with the legal department of the city, and with an understanding with the railroads involved in the ordinance, it is agreeable that another ordinance be prepared and introduced, which will provide for the installing of proper warning signals at the 13th street intersection, and the only thing further necessary would be to repeal that part of General Ordinance No. 102, relating to 13th street.

From an examination of the General Ordinances of the city, it is my opinion that section 652 of the Municipal Code has been partially repealed by General Ordinance No. 102, 1925. At least, those streets mentioned in General Ordinance No. 102, 1925, that are likewise referred to in section 652 of the Municipal Code are now under the regulating provisions of General Ordinance No. 102, 1925.

The proposed change relating to 13th street without a repealing section going further than is necessary to make the proposed change, will leave no doubt as to the meaning of the ordinance relating to the subject matter involved in the ordinance which I am now disapproving.

Respectfully,

L. ERT SLACK,
Mayor.

December 16, 1929.

*Mr. President and Members of the Common Council of the
City of Indianapolis:*

Gentlemen:

I have this day delivered to William A. Boyce, Jr., City Clerk, the following ordinances, which were approved with my signature on October 13th, 1929:

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 84, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, regulating the use of public streets, alleys and bridges by motor vehicles and trailers, providing the maximum weights, loads and widths of such vehicles; authorizing special permits in case of weight and width exceeding the prescribed weights and widths; providing penalties for its violation and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 100, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, concerning billiard rooms, providing for the licensing of the same, providing penalties for the violation thereof, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Very truly yours,

L. ERT SLACK,
Mayor.

December 16, 1929.

*Mr. President and Members of the Common Council of the
City of Indianapolis:*

Gentlemen:

The undersigned would recommend to your Honorable Body that whatever appropriation of funds may be necessary to pay the total expense incurred by the recent council investigation, shall be appropriated and paid from the Controller's Contingency Fund, No. 26.

Very truly yours,

L. ERT SLACK,
Mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

December 12, 1929.

The Honorable President and Members of the Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:

We are submitting herewith fifteen copies of an ordinance authorizing the purchase of a seven-passenger sedan automobile to be used by the Chief of the Police Department.

We would very much appreciate your favorable action on this ordinance at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,

By Fred W. Connell, President.

December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find fifteen copies of an ordinance authorizing the purchase and installation of heating units for the new repair shop of the Fire Department, located in the former mule barns at Sanders and Shelby streets.

A transfer ordinance, passed at the last session of your Honorable Body, made available funds for this purchase and we are extremely anxious that this be authorized before the close of the present administration.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,

By Fred W. Connell, President.

December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find fifteen copies of an ordinance amending section 2 of General Ordinance No. 102, 1925, pertaining to the installation and maintenance of crossing danger devices at certain street intersections, and fixing a time when same shall take effect.

We would respectfully recommend that this amendment be passed.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
By Fred W. Connell, President.

December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

Attached please find copies of Appropriation Ordinance No. 18, 1929, appropriating one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars out of the unexpended balance for the year 1929 to the Board of Public Works Administration Fund No. 13. Said transfer being for the purpose of paying expert witness fees in the Pleasant Run Main Sanitary Interceptor Sewer Case.

I respectfully recommend the passage of this ordinance.

Yours very truly,
STERLING R. HOLT,
City Controller.

December 13, 1929.

Mr. Sterling R. Holt, City Controller, City Hall:

Dear Sir:

The Board of Public Works respectfully request that you cause to be prepared an ordinance appropriating the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars out of the estimated unexpended balance for the year 1929 and place the same in Board of Works Administration No. 13, Other Compensations, and present the same to the Common Council at their next meeting, with the recommendation of the Board of Public Works that the same be passed.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) ERNEST F. FRICK,
Secretary, Board of Public Works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Public Parks, to whom was referred Gen-

eral Ordinance No. 103, 1929, entitled Zone College Avenue at White River, Etc., beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

HERMAN P. LIEBER,
JOHN F. WHITE,
ALBERT F. MEURER,
MEREDITH NICHOLSON,
PAUL E. RATHERT.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Public Parks, to whom was referred General Ordinance 104, 1929, entitled Transfer Parks Dept., beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same be passed.

HERMAN P. LIEBER,
ALBERT F. MEURER,
PAUL E. RATHERT,
MEREDITH NICHOLSON,
JOHN F. WHITE.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Parks, to whom was referred General Ordinance 106, 1929, entitled Signs on Poles, Etc., beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same be passed, as amended.

HERMAN P. LIEBER,
ALBERT F. MEURER,
MEREDITH NICHOLSON,
PAUL E. RATHERT,
JOHN F. WHITE.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Welfare, to whom was referred General

Ordinance 107, 1929, entitled Plumbers' License Fees, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same be stricken from the files.

EARL BUCHANAN,
HERMAN P. LIEBER,

Indianapolis, Ind., December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Welfare, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 102, 1929, entitled Amending 1925 Code: Elevators, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

EARL BUCHANAN,
MEREDITH NICHOLSON,
HERMAN P. LIEBER,
ALBERT F. MEURER.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 105, 1929, entitled Transfer, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

JOHN F. WHITE, Chairman,
ROBT. E. SPRINGSTEEN,
PAUL E. RATHERT,
EARL BUCHANAN.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 101, 1929, entitled ————, beg leave to report

that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

ROBT. E. SPRINGSTEEN,
PAUL E. RATHERT,
EARL BUCHANAN,
JOHN F. WHITE.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 16, 1929.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Special Committee on Investigation, to whom was referred Resolution Ordinance No. 7, 1929, entitled Investigation of Jewett Charges and Payment of Special Counsel Therefor, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed including the total sum of \$562.95.

HERMAN P. LIEBER,
EARL BUCHANAN.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES

By City Controller:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 18, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, appropriating one thousand dollars (\$1,000) out of the unexpended balance for the year 1929 to the Board of Public Works Administration Fund No. 13 for the payment of expert witness fees in the Pleasant Run Main Sanitary Interceptor Sewer case, 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 estimated unexpended balance for the year 1929 the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the Board of Public Works Administration Fund No. 13 for the purpose of paying the claims for expert witness fees of S. H. Montgomery, E. Kirk McKinney and Burt E. Richardson, which said claims arise from the use by the City of Indianapolis of the services of said claimants as experts in the trial of the appeals in the Pleasant Run Main Sanitary Interceptor Sewer matter heard by the Circuit Court of Marion County.

Section 2. That said claims are just, fair and reasonable and the Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to pay the same out of the funds herein appropriated.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval by the mayor and publication according to law.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL ORDINANCES

By Board of Safety:

GENERAL ORDINANCE 108, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, authorizing the purchase of a seven-passenger sedan automobile to be used by the Chief of the Police Department of the City of Indianapolis, 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 Board of Public Safety be and it is hereby authorized to purchase a seven-passenger sedan automobile for the use of the Chief of the Police Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Section 2. That said purchase shall be made only after competitive bids have been advertised therefor and the cost thereof not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

Section 3. The cost of said automobile to be paid for out of funds heretofore appropriated to the Board of Public Safety.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval by the mayor.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on the Special Investigation, Mr. Lieber, Chairman.

By Board of Safety:

GENERAL ORDINANCE 109, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, authorizing the purchase and installation of a new heating plant to be installed at the new Repair Department of the Indianapolis Fire Department, at 1024 Sanders street in the city of Indianapolis, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for a gravity system steam

heating plant for the fire department garage and street commissioner's garage to be installed in the new repair department of the Indianapolis Fire Department have been drawn up and are on file with the Board of Public Safety of said city; and

WHEREAS, the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) has heretofore been transferred by the Common Council to cover the cost of this installation and purchase; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Board of Public Safety be and it is hereby authorized to purchase and install at a cost not to exceed eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) a new heating plant to be installed at the new repair department of the Indianapolis Fire Department at 1024 Sanders street in the city of Indianapolis, said purchase and installation to be made according to plans and specifications now on file in the Board of Public Safety.

Section 2. The Board of Public Safety is hereby authorized to contract for said installation, including the purchase of materials therefor, only after bids have been had for said contract and competition pursuant to law had therefore, and in no event shall said installation, including the purchase of materials and supplies therefor, exceed the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) heretofore appropriated.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval by the mayor.

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

By Board of Safety:

GENERAL ORDINANCE 110, 1929

AN ORDINANCE, to amend section 2 of General Ordinance No. 102, 1925, entitled "An Ordinance Providing for the Installation and Maintenance of Crossing Danger Signal Devices at Certain Street Intersections" 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 section 2 of General Ordinance No. 102, 1925, be amended to read as follows: "Section 2. THIRTEENTH STREET. At the location where the tracks of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway Company and the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Rail-

road Company crosses 13th street in the city of Indianapolis, shall be installed three (3) flashing light warning signals, two (2) on the east side and one (1) on the west side of said tracks; said signals to be manually operated by an operator in an elevated tower located at 16th street, who shall be on duty eighteen (18) hours every day between the hours of 6:00 a. m. and 12:00 midnight."

Section 2. Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval by the mayor and publication according to law.

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Mr. Springsteen called for General Ordinance 101, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Springsteen, seconded by Mr. White, General Ordinance 101, 1929, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 101, 1929, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Lieber called for General Ordinance 104, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lieber, seconded by Mr. Buchanan, General Ordinance 104, 1929, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 104, 1929, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Lieber called for General Ordinance 103, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lieber, seconded by Mr. Springsteen, General Ordinance 103, 1929, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 103, 1929, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Lieber called for General Ordinance 106, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Lieber presented the following written motion to amend General Ordinance 106, 1929:

A MOTION TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 106, 1929

I move that General Ordinance No. 106, 1929, being an ordinance amending section 569 of General Ordinance No. 121, 1925, be amended by adding after the word "post" in the fifth line thereof, the following words:

"where same is located on any public street, highway, thoroughfare or alley";

and by striking out the words "Board of Public Safety" wherever it appears in said ordinance and substituting therefor the words "Board of Public Works."

HERMAN P. LIEBER.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Buchanan, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer,

Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

On motion of Mr. Lieber, seconded by Mr. Buchanan, General Ordinance 106, 1929, as amended, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 106, 1929, was read a third time by the Clerk, as amended, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Lieber called for Resolution 7, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lieber, seconded by Mr. Buchanan, Resolution 7, 1929, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

Resolution 7, 1929, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Buchanan called for General Ordinance 102, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Meurer, General Ordinance 102, 1929, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 102, 1929, was read a third time by the Clerk, and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Buchanan called for General Ordinance 107, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. White, General Ordinance 107, 1929, was stricken from the files. The following roll-call vote was taken:

Ayes, 5, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Rathert, Mr. White, Pres. Raub.

Noes, 3, viz: Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Springsteen.

General Ordinance 107, 1929, was then stricken from the files.

Mr. White called for General Ordinance 105, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. White announced that due to some errors in the ordinance, the committee wished more time for consideration. With the consent of the Council, further consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Springsteen presented the following written motion to suspend rules:

December 16, 1929.

Mr. President:

I move that the rules be suspended for consideration of General Ordinance No. 110 at this meeting.

R. E. SPRINGSTEEN.

The motion to suspend the rules was seconded by Mr. Rathert, and adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Springsteen called for General Ordinance 110, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Springsteen, seconded by Mr. Rathert, General Ordinance 110, 1929, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 110, 1929, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Meurer asked that the rules be suspended for the consideration of General Ordinance 109, 1929, at this meeting.

The motion to suspend the rules was seconded by Mr. White, and adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

Mr. Meurer called for General Ordinance 109, 1929, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Meurer, seconded by Mr. Springsteen, General Ordinance 109, 1929, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance 109, 1929, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White, and Pres. Raub.

The following report was submitted by the Special Committee appointed by President Raub to consider details of the 1930 budget.

Indianapolis, Indiana,
December 13, 1929.

Hon. Edward B. Raub, President of Common Council of Indianapolis:

Dear Sir:

In the light of knowledge gained through an intensive study given by the Common Council to the 1929 and 1930 budgets, we feel justified in making some suggestions and recommendations which we believe would be helpful in a better administration of city affairs.

Cost of Street Lighting and Water

Economies, no doubt, could be effected in this item of expense, which for the year 1930 is budgeted \$823,000.00, by a survey to determine:

- (1) If there can be reductions in the lumen power of lights.
- (2) If eliminations of duplicate lighting can be made.
- (3) If there is a proper placing of lights.
- (4) If some adjustments can be made to reduce the item of \$25,000.00 per year for excess cable charges.

It is possible that the city could gain financially through negotiations of a new contract, if the Light Company would agree to that plan. And it is possible that the city might profitably open the question with the Water Company to determine whether a reduction of the present rate is justified.

Pumping Station for Riverside Park and Golf Course

We think it would be possible for the Board of Park Commissioners to draw water for sprinkling and other purposes in Riverside Park and environs, including golf courses, directly from White River, by the installation of small pumping stations. We recommend that this matter be given some study.

Police and Fire Departments

Our examination of records of the Police and Fire Departments revealed the fact that there is a large amount of lost service, due to absences. The rule prevails in both departments of allowing full pay for time off on account of illness, no matter what length of time. A year ago, it was found that the days of absence were greatly in excess of other comparable departments, and within the subsequent period of

twelve months there has been little improvement. We urge that there be a study of the regulations of the departments in other cities on this matter, and that equitable rules be formulated which will be fair to the members of the departments, and yet curb the apparent tendency to take advantage of the present generous rules. Noticeable improvement has been made in the practice of assigning police and firemen to duties irrelevant to their employment, and still further improvement should be made until the practice is entire abolished. A noticeable increase in the number of men available for duty day by day in each department can be made by putting into practice these two suggestions.

Parks

In adopting the 1930 budget for the Park Department it was thought that the money proposed to be expended in the development of a golf course in Dearborn Park be eliminated, but in its stead to provide money sufficient to develop landscaping and recreation facilities in this area. It would be a mistake, we believe, to spend money on the development of an additional golf course at this time. It is probable that Indianapolis has sufficient golf courses, and it is certainly true that the development of general park areas will be of wider public benefit.

It is our belief that greater benefit would be obtained if band concerts were arranged for central parks at stated occasions, rather than attempting to hold one concert in each park.

Sanitation

In consideration of the budget for the Sanitary Department, it was the intention to provide sufficient funds to begin an attack upon the problem of sludge disposal at the city sewage plant. For a number of years we have disposed of sludge by pumping it into beds at the Seller's Farm area. Time necessitated for drying to enable the sludge to be used as a fertilizer is so great that it is urgent that the problem be solved by means of mechanical dehydration of sludge. A building has been constructed for a dehydration plant, but it has never been used for that purpose. We recommend that this question be studied.

The very unsatisfactory condition at the City Dog Pound, due to inadequate provision of method and equipment to care for the city's responsibility in connection with the handling the stray and outcast dogs, in our opinion should receive early attention. Methods of some other municipalities where this problem is being taken care of in a satisfactory manner should be investigated with the view of establishing for this city the right kind of Dog Pound.

Flood Prevention Sinking Fund

The action in reducing the levy for flood prevention fund for the year 1930 was based upon the desire that a large balance amounting to about \$83,000.00, consisting of receipts from a special assessment on the benefitted area for the construction of the Kentucky avenue and Oliver street bridges, be transferred to this fund.

Certificates of Indebtedness

There is a lack of control over the issuing of certificates of indebtedness for the payment of the city's share of street improvement costs. Since there is no limitation upon the levy for this purpose, and since the council is charged with the responsibility of adopting all ap-

appropriations and fixing all tax levies, it would seem proper that the council should have some control over this item of the levy. If possible, an attempt should be made each year to budget the expenditures that will require certificates of indebtedness, thus giving the council an opportunity to pass upon such a program.

Budgeting of Special Funds

Before consideration of the 1931 budget, we would urge a change of procedure that will give the council a better understanding of a number of special funds to permit of a more intelligent decision for the amounts necessary for 1931. We refer in particular to gasoline tax revenues, street resurfacing, track elevation, and thoroughfare levies. These funds are provided by appropriations in lump amounts. All should be budgeted in detail before the council is asked to pass upon them. These are the few remaining funds in the civil city financial structure not subject to a detailed budget.

Municipal Airport

Nothing was provided in the 1930 budget for maintenance cost of the municipal airport, because it is not expected to have the port in full operation during 1930. The 1931 budget should provide for the maintenance of the airport. None of the proceeds of the airport bond issue should be spent for maintenance.

Annexation

The problem of annexations to the city is one that needs careful attention. The municipality now occupies practically all of Center Township, and the policy of annexing the balance of Center Township with the exception of that part now in Beech Grove, has been considered. The city now is projected into four other townships especially Washington township, and future annexations are inevitable.

While we do not at this time recommend bringing up the question of the consolidation of city and county government, which we think is desirable, we do believe a study of the question of future annexations should be made. Annexations vitally affect all city departments, especially schools, sanitary and safety departments, and their interests must be carefully considered. Still the necessity of the city annexing further tracts is obvious, both for the benefit of the city and the property adjacent to the city limits.

City Legal Services

It has been observed in the consideration of the various departmental budgets, that the Legal Department functions only in part for the city. In some subdivisions of the city government there appear items for legal services not coming from the Legal Department, which are usually rendered by an attorney appointed by the board controlling the department affected. In our opinion, this arrangement makes neither for economy nor for efficiency. We are therefore suggesting that this situation be studied with a view of consolidating all such services in the Legal Department. If it should be found that such consolidation is not possible under existing laws, we urge that steps be taken to have the laws amended to provide such power.

Miscellaneous

The practice of paying the salary of a city employee from more than one appropriation or fund should be dispensed with.

It is probable that a considerable saving could be made in the

expenditure for coal, if a general contract for all departments of the city was awarded at one time.

We believe that a study should be made of the number and the operation of market restaurants. Their operation on off days should be considered with relation to the effect upon the business of outside establishments.

An ordinance intended to regulate prize fights in the city of Indianapolis is not being enforced because of a court injunction. There should be adequate control of prize fighting, and this matter should receive early attention.

EARL BUCHANAN,
HERMAN P. LIEBER,
MEREDITH NICHOLSON,
ROBT. E. SPRINGSTEEN,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Springsteen, the Council voted to receive the report, file it with the Clerk, approve it and have it printed in the official proceedings of the Council. The Clerk was instructed so to do.

Mr. Meurer asked for suspension of the rules for consideration of Appropriation Ordinance 18, 1929. The motion to suspend rules was seconded by Mr. Springsteen, but failed to pass by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes, 6, viz: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Meurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rathert, Mr. Springsteen, Mr. White.

Noes, 2, viz: Mr. Lieber, Pres. Raub.

On motion of Mr. Lieber, seconded by Mr. Meurer, the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis adjourned at 9:26 P. M.

We hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council held Monday, December 16, 1929, at 7:30 P. M.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our

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signatures and caused the seal of the City of Indianapolis to be affixed.

Edward B. Raub,

Attest:

President.

William A. Boyce, Jr.

(SEAL)

City Clerk.