

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 13, 1963, 10:00 A.M.

The meeting of the Marion County Council and the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Assembly Room, City-County Building, Thursday, June 13, 1963, at 10:00 A.M. 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 Assembly Room of the City-County Building on Thursday, June 13, 1963, at 10:00 A.M., the purpose of such SPECIAL MEETING being to bring together the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis and the County Council of the County of Marion in order to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Thoroughfare Plan.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH C. WALLACE,
President, Common Council

I, Teresa F. Laffey, 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.

TERESA F. LAFFEY,
City Clerk.

[SEAL]

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Sutton, Auditor of Marion County.

ROLL CALL

Present: County Council—Mr. Koch, Mr. Cottingham, Mr. Brown, Mr. Servaas, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Foxworthy, Mr. Buck.

Present: City Council—Mr. Wallace, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Hasbrook, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Deluse, Mr. Ambuhl.

Absent: Mr. McKinney, Mr. Huber, Mr. White.

COMMUNICATIONS

INLAND CONTAINER CORPORATION

Executive Offices—120 East Market St.

Indianapolis 4, Indiana

June 11, 1963

Herman C. Krannert, Chairman of the Board

Honorable Albert H. Losche,
Mayor of Indianapolis
City-County Building
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

Dear Mayor Losche:

We thought well to advise you that Inland Container Corporation supports the program for the establishment of the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County.

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We believe that the \$10 per automobile vehicle tax will assist in improving the inner loop of the freeways, approaches to the freeways, widening of major streets, construction of bridges where necessary, and other improvements, all of which are so vital to the Downtown area of Indianapolis.

We believe that the funds can well be directed by a Thoroughfare Authority to attain this objective with the lowest possible cost to the residents of Marion County.

We would be pleased to have you take affirmative action at the meeting you have scheduled for Thursday, June 13, this week.

Respectfully yours,

H. C. KRANNERT

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INDIANAPOLIS CIVIC PROGRESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

624 Illinois Building - Indianapolis 4, Indiana - MElrose 5-5111

June 12, 1963

Honorable Albert H. Losche

Mayor

City of Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mayor:

I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend the public hearing to be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, June 13th, concerning the establishment of the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County.

Our Association is very, very much in favor of the establishment of the Thoroughfare Authority so that the necessary highways and bridges can be constructed. While we realize this imposes a tax of \$10 per vehicle in Marion County, we feel that this money which will be earmarked for capital improvements, will do much to improve our traffic pattern eliminating bottlenecks and reducing travel time.

Again, we trust that your actions on this hearing will be favorable towards the establishment of the Authority.

Sincerely yours,

OTTO N. FRENZEL,
President

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INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
INCORPORATED

240 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 9 — MELrose 5-9811

Roy C. Echols, President

June 12, 1963

The Honorable Albert H. Losche
Mayor of Indianapolis, Indiana
2501 City-County Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mayor Losche:

I have just received notification of the public hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, concerning the establishment of the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County. As a previous commitment makes it impossible for me to attend the hearing, I wish to take this opportunity to state this company's view on the subject.

We, of course, recognize the existing need as well as an even greater need in the future for adequate freeways in and around the Indianapolis Metropolitan area to handle the ever increasing demands of the traveling public. We also recognize that the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority is the only vehicle through which the necessary freeway construction can be accomplished at the earliest possible date. In our case, we fulfilled the communication needs of the public through the recent implementation of our metropolitan area telephone service plan which was accomplished in recognition of the related interests of members of the public in the metropolitan area.

We wish to express our wholehearted support of the prompt creation of the Authority recognizing that the costs of the necessary construction will be borne by the freeway users, including this company. We wish to express the further hope that in the design, construction and location of the freeways that all interested parties, including the affected utility companies, be consulted to the end that the overall cost of this program may be held to the lowest possible level to the benefit of all members of the public.

A similar letter has been sent to Mr. John M. Smith, President, County Commissioners.

Very truly yours,

ROY C. ECHOLS

Mr. Wallace nominated Mr. Koch for Permanent Chairman, seconded by Mr. Deluse. Mr. Buck moved that the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote of those present be cast for Mr. Koch. The vote was cast as directed.

Mr. Buck nominated Mr. Williamson for Secretary, seconded by Mr. Deluse. Mr. Brown moved that the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote of those present be cast for Mr. Williamson. The vote was cast as directed.

The following Committee on Drafting and Phraseology of the Resolution was appointed by Mr. Koch.

Mr. William H. Williamson, City Council

Mr. John Ambuhl, City Council

Mr. James Buck, County Council

Mr. William Brown, County Council

Mr. John Sutton, Marion County Auditor, presented the Proposed Resolution in its entirety, which was referred to the Committee on Drafting and Phraseology.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING AND ESTABLISHING
THE METROPOLITAN THOROUGHFARE AUTHORITY OF
MARION COUNTY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION of the Marion County Council and the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis providing for the creation of the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County and the establishment of a schedule of Thoroughfare Taxes to be imposed upon the owners of vehicles oriented in Marion County.

WHEREAS, The Indiana General Assembly of the State of Indiana in its Ninety-Third Session of the year 1963, Chapter 386, duly enacted said act, which was approved by the Governor of the State of Indiana on the 15th day of March, 1963, and declared an emergency; and

WHEREAS, The title to said act is in the following words, to wit:

CHAPTER 386

AN ACT to facilitate vehicular traffic in counties containing a city of the first class according to the last preceding United States decen-

nial census by providing for the construction, broadening and improvement of thoroughfares in such counties; authorizing the creation of a Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority in such counties and defining its powers and duties; authorizing the county councils of such cities in levying a thoroughfare tax on motor vehicles oriented in such counties to defray the cost of constructing, broadening and improving thoroughfares therein; directing the Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles to collect such thoroughfare tax; constituting as criminal offenses certain violations of its provisions; and declaring an emergency." and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the terms and provisions of said act, the Marion County Council in legal session did, on the 10th day of April, 1963, pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 386 of the Indiana General Assembly of the State of Indiana, 1963, that it did desire to accept the provisions of the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority Act and thereby to assume the powers, rights, and duties provided by the act and resolve that it was the intent of the Council to create the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County and thereunder to establish a schedule of Thoroughfare Taxes to be imposed upon vehicles oriented in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the terms and provisions of said act, the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, on the 15th day of April, 1963, duly passed a separate resolution in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 386 of the Indiana General Assembly of the State of Indiana, 1963, that it did desire to accept the provisions of the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority Act and thereby to assume the powers, rights and duties provided by the act and resolve that it was the intent of the council to create the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County and thereunder to establish a schedule of Thoroughfare Taxes to be imposed upon vehicles oriented in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Metropolitan Authority Act herein referred to, the County Auditor of Marion County caused a notice of public hearing to be published once each week for two weeks, to wit, on the 22nd day and the 29th day of May, 1963, in the Indianapolis Times and the Indianapolis Commercial, two newspapers published and of general circulation in Marion County, wherein notice of public hearing was given on the time and place of a hearing to be held on the 13tr day of June,

1963, for the purpose of considering the enactment of this Concurrent Resolution and of creating the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County, pursuant to law and to accept the provisions of the act regarding the same and assuming the powers, rights and duties provided for thereunder and the establishment of a schedule of Thoroughfare Taxes to be imposed upon the owners of vehicles oriented in the County; and

WHEREAS, The Marion County Council and the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis now meeting in a joint session, pursuant to the notice of a public hearing herein referred to, and the public hearing having been held and both legal bodies having been duly advised in the premises; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that the public interest will be served by the acceptance of the provisions of the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority Act and the assumption of the powers and rights provided thereby;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marion County Council of the State of Indiana, the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis concurring:

SECTION 1. The public interest of the people of Marion County Indiana, will be served by the acceptance of the provisions contained in the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority Act duly enacted by the Indiana General Assembly of the State of Indiana in its Ninety-Third Session in the year 1963, by Chapter 386 of the Acts, which act was approved by the Governor of the State of Indiana on the 15th day of March, 1963, and declared an emergency, and the same is hereby accepted with all the powers and rights provided thereby and the same is now established.

SECTION 2. The Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County is hereby created with all of the rights, powers and duties provided for in the act being hereby assumed and adopted, and all of the provisions, including the definitions, contained in the act are hereby made a part of this resolution by reference thereto. Reference being made to the Acts of the Indiana General Assembly of 1963, Chapter 386.

SECTION 3. There is hereby established the following schedule of Thoroughfare Taxes to be imposed upon the owners of vehicles ori-

ented in Marion County, and a levy of the same is hereby made pursuant to the provisions of the act, and the amounts of such tax in the divisions and classifications of vehicles described in Section 64 of Chapter 304 of the Act of the Indiana General Assembly of 1945, as amended, shall be in the following amounts beginning with the year 1964, to wit:

a. For vehicles of all classifications of the first division, which shall include hearses and ambulances, and for the first two classifications of the second division, involving all classifications up to and including trucks, "the declared gross weight of which does not exceed seven thousand (7,000) pounds," a Thoroughfare Tax of \$10.00 for each vehicle.

b. For vehicles of the third to ninth classifications of the second division, involving the classifications from trucks, "the declared gross weight of which does not exceed eleven thousand (11,000) pounds" to and including trucks, "the declared gross weight of which shall not exceed thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds," a Thoroughfare Tax of \$20.00 for each vehicle.

c. For the seven classifications of trailers used with a motor vehicle (except as hereinafter provided) involving the classification of trailers, "the declared gross weight of which does not exceed three thousand (3,000) pounds" to and including trailers, "the declared gross weight of which is in excess of twenty-two thousand (22,000) pounds," A Thoroughfare Tax of \$5.00 for each trailer.

d. For the eleven classifications of semi-trailers used with a tractor (except as hereinafter provided), involving the classifications of a semi-trailer and tractor, "the declared gross weight of which does not exceed fourteen thousand (14,000) pounds" to and including a semi-trailer and tractor, "the declared gross weight of which is fifty-two thousand (52,000) pounds or more," a Thoroughfare Tax of \$25.00 for each semi-trailer and tractor; and so that each semi-trailer shall be limited by such concurrent resolution of the county council of the County and the common council of the City to a Thoroughfare Tax of \$12.50 for each semi-trailer operated separately from a semi-trailer shall be limited by such concurrent resolution of the county council of the County and the common council of the City to a Thoroughfare Tax of \$12.50.

e. A self-propelled vehicle operated as a tractor and one semi-trailer shall be considered as a truck in computing the above Thor-

oughfare Tax. A semi-trailer used with any device for converting it to a trailer or attached to a leading trailer or semi-trailer, shall be taxed as a trailer. Each additional semi-trailer to be used with a tractor taxed as above shall be taxed at \$12.50 for each such semi-trailer.

f. Tractors not used with semi-trailers, traction engines or other similar vehicles, used for hauling purposes (except as hereinafter provided) shall pay the same Thoroughfare Tax according to their weight as hereinafter required for trucks.

g. For the twelve classifications of busses operated for hire (except as hereinafter provided), involving the classification of busses, "the declared gross weight of which does not exceed fourteen thousand (14,000) pounds" to and including busses, "the declared gross weight of which is fifty-two thousand (52,000) pounds or more," a Thoroughfare Tax of \$25.00 for each bus.

h. No Thoroughfare Tax shall be assessed or collected with respect to vehicles described in Section 64, subsection (d), of the Indiana Motor Vehicle Law.

i. No Thoroughfare Tax shall be assessed or collected with respect to a vehicle described in and covered by the provisions of paragraphs b through g above if the total vehicle miles travelled by such vehicle falls within the standards and exceptions and exemption provided for in Section 13, subsection i of the Act.

SECTION 4. All vehicles of the type required to be registered under the laws of the State of Indiana by the United States Government, by the State of Indiana, by Marion County, township, city, town or school corporation in the County, and used in the transaction of official business, are herein exempted from the payment of the Thoroughfare Tax herein provided.

SECTION 5. Should the owner of any vehicle oriented in Marion County fail to pay the Thoroughfare Tax levied and provided for under this Concurrent Resolution, such person shall be deemed in violation hereof and shall be subject to a penalty as for an ordinance violation, and upon conviction shall be penalized in any such not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months or both to which shall be added the amount of any delinquent Thoroughfare Tax found to be due with interest at the rate of ten per-

Which was referred to the Committee on Drafting and Phraseology.

Those who spoke in favor of the Resolution were as follows:

Mr. Jack Harris, Indianapolis Civic Progress Assn.

Mr. Robert Hammer, Indianapolis Morris Plan and Building Owners & Managers Assn. of Indianapolis

Mr. Richard James, Hoosier Motor Club

Mr. Frank Murray, Indianapolis Taxpayers Association

Mr. John M. Smith, Marion County Commissioner

Mr. Herman Schalffer, Automobile Dealers of Indiana

Mr. John Barnett, Downtown Merchants Association

Mr. Carl Dortch, Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Otto N. Frenzel, Inland Container Corporation

Mr. P. Waldo Ross, Indianapolis Power & Light Company

Mr. Allen Nutting, Bureau of Motor Vehicles of Indiana

There were no dissenters.

Mr. Koch called for a 15 minute recess, for a Commit-

tee meeting, and the meeting recessed at 11:45 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 12:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORT

To the President and Members of the
Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
and the Marion County Council

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Drafting and Phraseology to whom was referred the Concurrent Resolution Creating and Establishing the Metropolitan Thoroughfare Authority of Marion County, beg leave to report that we have had said Resolution under consideration and recommend that the same be passed, as amended.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON, City Council
JOHN AMBUHL, City Council
JAMES BUCK, County Council
WILLIAM BROWN, County Council

AMENDMENT

Mr. Buck made a motion that the Resolution before the Authority be amended by addition of the following sentence in line 15 of sub-section I on page 7:

“Any affidavit presented for exemptions and exceptions hereunder shall be issued and approved by the “Authority,” prior to the issuance of the registration of any vehicle under the “Motor Vehicle Laws.”

Which was seconded by Mr. Williamson, and passed

by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 13, viz: Mr. Koch, Mr. Cottingham, Mr. Brown, Mr. Servaas, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Foxworthy, Mr. Buck, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Hasbrook, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Deluse, Mr. Ambuhl.

Noes 0, viz:

Mr. Buck moved that the Resolution, As Amended, be passed. Which was seconded by Mr. Williamson, and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 13, viz: Mr. Koch, Mr. Cottingham, Mr. Brown, Mr. Servaas, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Foxworthy, Mr. Buck, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Hasbrook, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Deluse, Mr. Ambuhl.

Mr. Koch named the following to the "Authority."

Mr. Albert H. Losche, Mayor, City of Indianapolis

Mr. John Koch, President, Marion County Council

Mr. William Williamson, Vice-president, Common Council

Mr. John Smith, Marion County Commissioner

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.