

# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# COMMON COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

In Marion County, in the State of Indiana.

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FIRST REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

MONDAY, January 1, 1912, 7:30 P. M.

Pursuant to Section 49 of "An Act concerning municipal corporations," approved March 6, 1905 (see Laws 64th Regular Session, Chapter 129, pages 219 to 410, and commonly called "The Cities and Towns Act"), the Common Council held its first meeting on the first Monday in January, 1912, at 7:30 P. M., in the Council Chamber, located in the City Hall, and was called to order by Edward A. Ramsay, City Clerk, who called the roll of the nine Councilmen-at-Large, all of whom answered to their respective names, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Blumberg and Troy.

The City Clerk announced nine members present, and stated the first business in order to be the election of a President of the Common Council for the year 1912.

Whereupon Councilman Copeland placed in nomination Frank E. McCarthy.

Councilman Troy placed in nomination George B. Rubens.

Councilman Blumberg placed in nomination Charles B. Stilz.

Councilman Denny placed in nomination William H. Johnson.

There being no further nominations, City Clerk Ramsay declared the nominations for President closed.

The Clerk called the roll which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Johnson, 2, viz.: Messrs. Johnson and Denny.

Those voting for Mr. McCarthy, 3, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Copeland and Owen.

Those voting for Mr. Rubens, 2, viz.: Messrs. Rubens and Troy.

Those voting for Mr. Stilz, 2, viz.: Messrs. Stilz and Blumberg.

City Clerk Ramsay announced the result of the vote and declared no election, no candidate receiving a majority of all votes of the Council.

The Clerk then called the roll on the second ballot, which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Johnson, 2, viz.: Messrs. Johnson and Denny.

Those voting for Mr. McCarthy, 3, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Copeland and Owen.

Those voting for Mr. Rubens, 2, viz.: Messrs. Rubens and Troy.

Those voting for Mr. Stilz, 2, viz.: Messrs. Stilz and Blumberg.

City Clerk Ramsay announced the result of the vote and declared no election, no candidate receiving a majority of all votes of the Council.

The Clerk then called the roll on the third ballot, which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Johnson, 2, viz.: Messrs. Johnson and Denny.

Those voting for Mr. McCarthy, 3, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Copeland and Owen.

Those voting for Mr. Rubens, 2, viz.: Messrs. Rubens and Troy.

Those voting for Mr. Stilz, 2, viz.: Messrs. Stilz and Blumberg.

City Clerk Ramsay announced the result of the vote and declared no election, no candidate receiving a majority of all votes of the Council.

The Clerk then called the roll on the fourth ballot, which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Johnson, 2, viz.: Messrs. Johnson and Denny.

Those voting for Mr. McCarthy, 3, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Copeland and Owen.

Those voting for Mr. Rubens, 2, viz.: Messrs. Rubens and Troy.

Those voting for Mr. Stilz, 2, viz.: Messrs. Stilz and Blumberg.

City Clerk Ramsay announced the result of the vote and declared no election, no candidate receiving a majority of all votes of the Council.

The Clerk then called the roll on the fifth ballot, which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Johnson, 2, viz.: Messrs. Johnson and Denny.

Those voting for Mr. McCarthy, 3, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Copeland and Owen.

Those voting for Mr. Rubens, 2, viz.: Messrs. Rubens and Troy.

Those voting for Mr. Stilz, 2, viz.: Messrs. Stilz and Blumberg.

City Clerk Ramsay announced the result of the vote and declared no election, no candidate receiving a majority of all votes of the Council.

The Clerk then called the roll on the sixth ballot, which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Johnson, 2, viz.: Messrs. Johnson and Denny.

Those voting for Mr. McCarthy, none.

Those voting for Mr. Rubens, 2, viz.: Messrs. Rubens and Troy.

Those voting for Mr. Stilz, 5 viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Copeland, Owen, Stilz and Blumberg.

City Clerk Ramsay announced the result of the vote and declared Councilman Stilz elected President of the Common Council for the year 1912.

City Clerk Ramsay appointed Messrs. Blumberg and McCarthy to escort Mr. Stilz to the chair.

Whereupon the President took the chair, and, after briefly addressing the Council, announced as the next order of business the election of a presiding officer pro tem.

Council Copeland placed in nomination Frank E. McCarthy.

Councilman Rubens placed in nomination Mr. Johnson, Mr. Johnson declined the nomination.

Councilman Johnson placed in nomination Mr. Rubens, Mr. Rubens declined the nomination.

Mr. Owen moved that the nominations be closed. Carried

Mr. Denny moved that the Clerk be instructed to cast the entire vote of the Council for Mr. McCarthy for President pro tem. Carried.

City Clerk Ramsay thereupon cast the entire vote of the Council for Frank E. McCarthy for President pro tem.

President Stilz declared Mr. McCarthy elected President pro tem of the Common Council for the year 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be extended to Hon. John Blumberg for the fair and able manner in which he has presided over this body as its president during the past year.

GEORGE L. DENNY.

Which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

President Stilz announced the following standing committees for the year 1912:

*Finance*—Messrs. Johnson, Blumberg, Owen, Rubens, Troy.

*Public Works*—Messrs. Owen, Johnson, Copeland, Troy and McCarthy.

*Public Safety*—Messrs. Blumberg, Denny, Johnson, Copeland and McCarthy.

*Public Health and Charities*—Messrs. Rubens, McCarthy, Johnson, Denny and Copeland.

*Parks*—Messrs. Troy, Rubens, Owen, Blumberg and Denny.

*Law and Judiciary*—Messrs. Denny, Owen, Johnson, Troy and McCarthy.

*Elections*—Messrs. McCarthy, Owen, Blumberg, Rubens and Copeland.

*City's Welfare*—Messrs. Copeland, Troy, Blumberg, Denny and McCarthy.

Mr. Copeland moved that the rules be suspended and the Council receive communications from the City Controller and the

Introduction of Appropriation Ordinances, which motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stiliz.

Noes, none.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
OFFICE OF CITY CONTROLLER.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 1, 1912.

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

GENTLEMEN: I submit herewith a communication from the Department of Public Works, requesting me to recommend an appropriation of \$147,500.00 for the purchase of certain real estate for a site for a Fire Headquarters, which real estate is described as follows:

The south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 10, known as No. 221 N. Alabama street, north  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 10, known as No. 223 N. Alabama street, Lot No. 11 and part of Lot No. 12, known as Nos. 225-27-29 N. Alabama street, 58 feet off of the south end of Lot No. 12 known as No. 233 N. Alabama street, all being in Square 39 to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, being all of lots numbered ten (10) eleven (11) and twelve (12) in Square 39 in the City of Indianapolis.

I submit herewith an ordinance providing for the amount of the appropriation requested and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. WALLACE,  
*City Controller.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 18, 1911.

*Mr. Harry R. Wallace, City Controller:*

DEAR SIR: You are hereby requested to recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$147,500.00 for the purchase of certain real estate for a site for a fire headquarters, which real estate is described as follows:

The south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 10, known as No. 221 N. Alabama street, north  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 10, known as No. 223 N. Alabama street, Lot No. 11 and part of Lot No. 12, known as Nos. 225-27-29 N. Alabama street, 58 feet off of

the south end of Lot No. 12 known as No. 233 N. Alabama street, all being in Square 39 to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Respectfully,

C. A. SCHRADER,  
CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON,  
E. J. O'REILLY.  
*Board of Public Works.*

From City Controller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.  
OFFICE OF CITY CONTROLLER.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 1, 1912.

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

GENTLEMEN: I submit herewith a communication from the Department of Public Safety, requesting me to recommend an appropriation of \$3,500.00 under a fund known as "Automobile Maintenance and Repairs."

I submit herewith an ordinance providing for the amount of the appropriation requested and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. WALLACE,  
*City Controller.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,  
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 28, 1911.

*Mr. Harry R. Wallace, City Controller:*

DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the Board of Public Safety, held December 27th, it was decided to please request you to ask the Common Council to appropriate in the Police Force Accounts, under a fund known as "Automobile Maintenance and Repairs," the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) for the use of this department for the year 1912, as no provision has been made thus far.

Respectfully yours,

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,  
WM. E. DAVIS, *President.*

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 1—1912: An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$147,500.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Works, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the sum of one hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$147,500.00) be, and is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to and for the use of the Department of Public Works, the amount appropriated herein for the purchase of certain real estate for a site for a fire headquarters, which real estate is described as follows:

The south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 10, known as No. 221 N. Alabama street, north  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Lot 10, known as No. 223 N. Alabama street, Lot No. 11 and part of Lot No. 12, known as Nos. 225-27-29 N. Alabama street, 58 feet off of the south end of Lot No. 12 known as No. 233 N. Alabama street, being all of lots numbered ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12), in Square No. thirty-nine (39), in the City of Indianapolis, Ind.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Owen moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1912, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stiliz.

Noes, none.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1912, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1912, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1912, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stiliz.

Noes, none.



By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2—1912: An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3,500.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) be, and is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety, the amount appropriated herein to be added to and form a part of the fund known as "Automobile Maintenance and Repairs."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Owen moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1912, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules failed to carry for want of a unanimous vote by the following vote:

Ayes, S, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stiltz.

Noes, 1, viz.: Mr. Denny.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1912, was thereupon referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 1, 1912.

MR. PRESIDENT: I move that the clerk be instructed to have the rules, together with the other information in connection therewith as usual printed in pamphlet form and distributed.

GEORGE L. DENNY.

Which motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Copeland, the Common Council, at 8:25 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

*Charles B. Etily*  
President.

ATTEST:

*Edward A. Ramsay*  
City Clerk.

