

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 21, 1942.

7:30 P. M.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Monday, December 21, 1942, at 7:30 p. m., in regular session. President Bach in the chair.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wood, President Bach.

The reading of the Journal for the previous meeting was dispensed with on motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Moynahan.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

December 8, 1942.

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

Gentlemen:

I have this day approved with my signature and delivered to Mr. John M. Layton, City Clerk, the following ordinances:

GENERAL ORDINANCE No. 80, 1942

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting parking on a certain part of Sherman Drive in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana; providing a penalty

for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE No. 81, 1942

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 44 of General Ordinance No. 96, 1928, of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as amended, by adding thereto sub-section (116), and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE No. 82, 1942

AN ORDINANCE transferring moneys from certain funds within the current budget of the City of Indianapolis; and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SPECIAL ORDINANCE No. 5, 1942

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the sale, alienation and conveyance of certain land of the City of Indianapolis, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Respectfully,

R. H. SULLIVAN,
Mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

December 21, 1942.

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

Gentlemen:

In Re: Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1942.

I beg leave to report that in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana, I caused notice of public hearing to be inserted in

the Indianapolis Star and Indianapolis Times that taxpayers would have the right to be heard on the above ordinance at the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, to be held on the 21st day of December, 1942, and by posting copy of said notice in the City Hall, Court House and Police Station.

Very truly yours,

JOHN M. LAYTON,
City Clerk.

At this time those present were given an opportunity to be heard on Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1942.

Mr. Moore asked for a recess. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hemphill and the Council recessed at 8:00 p. m.

The Council reconvened at 9:50 p. m. with the same members present as before.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21, 1942.

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. 21, 1942, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE reallocating and appropriating \$7,000
—City Hospital.

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

ERNEST C. ROPKEY, Chairman
F. B. RANSOM
JOSEPH G. WOOD
T. A. MOYNAHAN
GUY O. ROSS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21, 1942.

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. 83, 1942, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE supplementing G. O. 87, 1935 (Taxi-
cabs)

beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consider-
ation, and recommend that the same be reported without recom-
mendation.

JOSEPH G. WOOD, Chairman
ERNEST C. ROPKEY
F. B. RANSOM
HARMON A. CAMPBELL
RALPH F. MOORE

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21, 1942.

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 General
Ordinance No. 84, 1942, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing temporary loan of \$750,000.
beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consid-
eration, and recommend that the same be passed.

ERNEST C. ROPKEY, Chairman
F. B. RANSOM
JOSEPH G. WOOD
T. A. MOYNAHAN
GUY O. ROSS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21, 1942.

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 General Ordinance No. 85, 1942, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing temporary loan of \$125,000.

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

ERNEST C. ROPKEY, Chairman
F. B. RANSOM
JOSEPH G. WOOD
T. A. MOYNAHAN
GUY O. ROSS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21, 1942.

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 General Ordinance No. 86, 1942, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing temporary loan of \$75,000.

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

ERNEST C. ROPKEY, Chairman
F. B. RANSOM
JOSEPH G. WOOD
T. A. MOYNAHAN
GUY O. ROSS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21, 1942.

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 General Ordinance No. 87, 1942, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing temporary loan of \$25,000.

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

ERNEST C. ROPKEY, Chairman
F. B. RANSOM
JOSEPH G. WOOD
T. A. MOYNAHAN
GUY O. ROSS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21, 1942.

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 General Ordinance No. 88, 1942, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing temporary loan of \$20,000.

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

ERNEST C. ROPKEY, Chairman
F. B. RANSOM
JOSEPH G. WOOD
T. A. MOYNAHAN
GUY O. ROSS

Indianapolis, Ind., December 21, 1942.

Gentlemen:

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

We, your Committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred
General Ordinance No. 89, 1942, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE amending General Ordinance No. 60,
1939, and General Ordinance No. 92, 1941.

beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under considera-
tion, and recommend that the same be passed.

JOSEPH G. WOOD, Chairman
ERNEST C. ROPKEY
F. B. RANSOM
HARMON A. CAMPBELL
RALPH F. MOORE

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Mr. Ropkey called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 21,
1942, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ropkey, seconded by Mr. Moynahan,
Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1942, was ordered en-
grossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1942, was read a third
time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore,
Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr.
Wood, President Bach.

Mr. Wood called for General Ordinance No. 83, 1942,
for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Ransom presented the following written motion to amend General Ordinance No. 83, 1942.

December 21, 1942.

Mr. President:

I move to amend General Ordinance No. 83, 1942, to read as follows:

GENERAL ORDINANCE No. 83, 1942

AN ORDINANCE increasing the number of taxicabs, licensed pursuant to General Ordinance No. 87, 1935, as amended, of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; to amend Section 3 of said ordinance; 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. It is hereby determined by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis that by virtue of the present war emergency, the declaration of public policy heretofore adopted and contained in Section 2 of General Ordinance No. 87, 1935, limiting the number of taxicabs, does not permit enough taxicabs to be licensed in order to provide adequate taxicab service to the residents of said city and that in particular the taxicab facilities afforded the Negro population of said city under said ordinance are at present grossly inadequate. Therefore, it is hereby determined that the number of taxicab licenses permitted to be issued under the provisions of General Ordinance No. 87, 1935, as amended, be and is hereby increased so that there may be a total of four hundred twenty (420) taxicabs duly licensed to operate within the City of Indianapolis. All additional taxicab licenses issued by virtue of the passage of this ordinance shall be subject to all the terms, conditions and provisions contained in General Ordinance No. 87, 1935, as amended; subject, however, to the condition that not less than twenty (20) of such additional taxicab licenses shall be issued to persons of the Negro race or to partnerships or corporations composed of persons of the Negro race. The said declaration of public policy contained in Section 2 of General Ordinance No. 87, 1935, is hereby expressly re-ordained, except in so

far as said policy may at present limit the number of taxicab licences below the number of four hundred twenty (420), which number is at present deemed essential to the public welfare.

Section 2. That Section 3 of General Ordinance No. 87, 1935, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 3. Any person, persons, firm, company, association, partnership or corporation issued licenses under this ordinance shall be entitled to have a renewal license issued for each year for each license issued under this ordinance, provided an application for such renewal license is filed with the City Controller within ten (10) days of the date of the expiration of any such license, and provided that said applicant otherwise qualifies for such licenses by complying with all the provisions of this ordinance required as conditions precedent to the issuance of the renewal licenses. No license may be transferred or assigned from one licensee to any other person, firm, company, association, partnership or corporation. Any licensee may, however, transfer a license from one cab to another of which such licensee is the owner and/or operator; provided that the first cab be permanently retired from service, upon application to the said city controller, and the payment of a transfer fee of fifty cents (50c).

“Any such transfer or renewal of license shall be granted upon the application of the person or party who is registered in the office of the Secretary of State of Indiana as the owner of the vehicle for which said license was issued, and where such license was issued jointly to the owner of such vehicle and any other person, firm or corporation designated in the application for such license as an operator having use or control of such vehicles, such transfer or renewal shall be granted upon the application of the owner of such vehicle, without requiring the signature of the operator designated as having use or control of such vehicle.

“The City Controller may require any such applicant for transfer or renewal of such license to exhibit the certificate of title issued by the Secretary of State of Indiana for the vehicle for which license was issued, and the person or party in whose name such vehicle is registered in the office of the Secretary of State of Indiana shall be deemed to be the owner thereof.

“If the City Controller shall determine that the public interest is affected by any such application for transfer or renewal of license, he may refer such application for transfer to the Board of Public Safety, and shall grant or refuse such application for transfer of such license upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Public Safety shall fix. The City Controller shall refer any application for a new license to the Board of Public Safety and shall grant or refuse such application for a new license upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Public Safety shall fix.”

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the mayor.

F. B. RANSOM,
Councilman.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wood, President Bach.

On motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Ransom, General Ordinance No. 83, 1942, as amended, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance No. 83, 1942, as amended, was read a third time, by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 8, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, President Bach.

Noes, 1, viz: Mr. Wood.

Mr. Ropkey called for General Ordinance No. 84, 1942, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ropkey, seconded by Mr. Wood, General Ordinance No. 84, 1942, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance No. 84, 1942, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wood, President Bach.

Mr. Ropkey called for General Ordinance No. 85, 1942, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ropkey, seconded by Mr. Wood, General Ordinance No. 85, 1942, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance No. 85, 1942, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wood, President Bach.

Mr. Ropkey called for General Ordinance No. 86, 1942, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ropkey, seconded by Mr. Wood, General Ordinance No. 86, 1942, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance No. 86, 1942, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wood, President Bach.

Mr. Ropkey called for General Ordinance No. 87, 1942, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ropkey, seconded by Mr. Wood, General Ordinance No. 87, 1942, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance No. 87, 1942, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wood, President Bach.

Mr. Ropkey called for General Ordinance No. 88, 1942, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ropkey, seconded by Mr. Wood, General Ordinance No. 88, 1942, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance No. 88, 1942, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wood, President Bach.

Mr. Wood called for General Ordinance No. 89, 1942, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Moynahan, General Ordinance No. 89, 1942, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance No. 89, 1942, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 9, viz: Mr. Campbell, Dr. Hemphill, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moynahan, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Ropkey, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wood, President Bach.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Council adjourned at 10:20 p. m.

Ollie A. Bach

Attest:

President.

John M. Layton

City Clerk.

(SEAL)

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, from the 1st day of January, 1942, to the 31st day of December, 1942.

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

Ollie A. Bach

President

Attest:

John M. Layton

City Clerk.

(SEAL)