

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 18, 1946

7:30 P. M.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, Monday, February 18, 1946, at 7:30 P. M., in regular session. President Schumacher in the chair.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Mr. Bowers, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dauss, Mr. Kealing, Mr. Manly, Mr. White, Mr. Worley, President Schumacher.

Absent: Dr. Meriwether.

The reading of the Journal for the previous meeting was dispensed with on motion of Mr. Kealing, and seconded by Mr. Dauss.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

February 8, 1946

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 the City Clerk, Mr. Frank J. Noll, Jr., the following Ordinances:

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 8, 1946

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting parking at any time upon a certain part of a certain street in the City of Indianapolis; amending

Section 44, of General Ordinance No. 96, 1928, as amended, to include certain preferential streets; providing a penalty for violation thereof; and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 10, 1946

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND General Ordinance No. 114, 1922 (as amended), commonly known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Indianapolis; and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2, 1946 (As Ameded)

AN ORDINANCE appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars from the anticipated, estimated and unappropriated 1946 balance of the General Fund of the City of Indianapolis to Fund No. 13, other compensations, Department of Law, for the purpose of employing special counsel, engineers and accountants and for the payment of other expenses in connection with the intervention by the City of Indianapolis in the Indianapolis Street Railways, Inc., rate proceedings now pending before the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Respectfully,

ROBERT H. TYNDALL,
Mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

February 18, 1946

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

Gentlemen:

In Re: Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3, 4, 5, 1946

I beg leave to report that pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana, I caused "Notice to Taxpayers" to be inserted in the following newspapers, to-wit:

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A. O. Nos. 3, 4, 5, 1946—Friday, February 8 and 15, 1946—The Indianapolis Times and Indianapolis Commercial,

that taxpayers would have the right to be heard on the above ordinances at the meeting of the Common Council to be held February 18, 1946 and by posting copies of said notices in the City Hall, Court House and Police Station in the City of Indianapolis, which notices remained posted for ten days or more prior to date of hearing.

Very truly yours,

FRANK J. NOLL, Jr.,

City Clerk.

February 18, 1946

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

Gentlemen:

In Re: General Ordinances Nos. 8 and 10, 1946

I hereby report that pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana, I caused publication to be inserted in the following newspapers, to-wit:

G. O. No. 8, 1946—Friday, February 15 and 22, 1946—West Side Messenger and Marion County Mail,

G. O. No. 10, 1946—Thursday, February 14 and 21, 1946—The Indianapolis Star and Indianapolis News,

and that said ordinances are in full force and effect as of the last date of publication.

Very truly yours,

FRANK J. NOLL, Jr.,

City Clerk.

February 18, 1946

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

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is General Ordinance No. 13, 1946, establishing a certain passenger and/or loading zone in the City of Indianapolis, pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 of General Ordinance No. 96-1928, as amended; and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

We respectfully recommend the passage of this ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
WM. H. REMY, President.

February 16, 1946

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

Gentlemen:

Attached are copies of General Ordinance No. 14, 1946, amending General Ordinance No. 95, 1944, concerning bonding of city employees, to show changes in titles of certain positions.

I respectfully request passage of this ordinance under suspension of rules.

Yours very truly,

ROY E. HICKMAN,

City Controller.

At this time those present were given an opportunity to be heard on Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 3, 4, 5, 1946,

General Ordinances Nos. 102, 1945, 9, 12, 1946 and Special Ordinance No. 2, 1946.

Mr. Manly asked for recess. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowers, and the Council recessed at 7:55 P. M.

The Council reconvened at 9:00 P. M., with the same members present as before.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Indianapolis, Ind., February 18, 1946

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. 3, 1946, entitled

AN ORDINANCE appropriating the sum of \$6,360.41 from the General Fund to Fund No. 53, Department of Public Works, Administration, to pay a judgement to the Indianapolis Power and Light Co.,

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

HERMAN E. BOWERS, Chairman
EDWARD R. KEALING
R. C. DAUSS
A. ROSS MANLY

Indianapolis, Ind., February 18, 1946

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. 4, 1946, entitled

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$3500.00 from the 1946 balance of the Aviation General Fund to the Weir Cook Airport Fund No. 72, equipment,

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

HERMAN E. BOWERS, Chairman
EDWARD R. KEALING
R. C. DAUSS
A. ROSS MANLY

Indianapolis, Ind., February 18, 1946

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. 5, 1946, entitled

AN ORDINANCE transferring \$10,466.76 from certain items under Fund No. 12, in certain divisions of the Department of Public Parks to certain other items, funds and divisions in the same Department,

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

HERMAN E. BOWERS, Chairman
EDWARD R. KEALING
R. C. DAUSS
A. ROSS MANLY

Indianapolis, Ind., February 18, 1946

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. 102, 1945, entitled

AN ORDINANCE, authorizing an additional 50 taxicab licenses,

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

R. C. DAUSS, Chairman
EDWARD R. KEALING
HERMAN E. BOWERS
OTTO H. WORLEY
MAX WHITE

Indianapolis, Ind., February 18, 1946

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Public Works to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 9, 1946, entitled

AN ORDINANCE ratifying and approving a certain contract for the Town of Woodruff Place,

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

EDWARD R. KEALING, Chairman
HERMAN E. BOWERS
R. C. DAUSS
WILLIAM A. BROWN
MAX WHITE

Indianapolis, Ind., February 18, 1946

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. 12, 1946, entitled

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 1946 Budget, City Hospital,

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

EDWARD R. KEALING
A. ROSS MANLY
OTTO H. WORLEY
WILLIAM A. BROWN

Indianapolis, Ind., February 18, 1946

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 Special Ordinance No. 2, 1946, entitled

AN ORDINANCE to repeal Special Ordinance No. 15, 1945,
beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

R. C. DAUSS, Chairman
EDWARD R. KEALING
HERMAN E. BOWERS
OTTO H. WORLEY
MAX WHITE

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL ORDINANCES

By the Board of Public Safety:

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 13, 1946

AN ORDINANCE establishing a certain passenger and/or loading zone in the City of Indianapolis, pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 of General Ordinance No. 96-1928, as amended; 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 for the purpose of providing the owners or

occupants of certain premises fronting on a certain street in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, with ingress and egress for passengers, materials and merchandise coming to or going from such premises, said owners or occupants having complied with the provisions of law relative to the establishment of same and the Board of Public Safety having caused investigation to be made thereof and having recommended its establishment, the following passenger and/or loading zone be and the same is hereby established in the City of Indianapolis, to-wit:

“Beginning at a point 15 feet North of the first alley North East of Ohio Street and extending North East 25 feet on the North West side of Massachusetts Avenue.”

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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

By the City Controller:

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 14, 1946

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 122 of General Ordinance No. 121-1925 (commonly known as the Municipal Code of 1925, and relating to Bonds of City Officials and Employees), as amended by General Ordinance No. 95-1944 and previous amendments, to be effective as of January 1, 1946; and fixing the time when this Ordinance shall take effect.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:

Section 1. That Section 122 of General Ordinance No. 121-1925 (Commonly known as the Municipal Code, and relating to Bonds of City Officials and Employees), as amended by General Ordinance No. 95-1944 and previous amendments to be effective as of January 1, 1946, be and the same is hereby amended as to the

following items so as to show the respective new, present titles, towit:

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amend to show New present title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City Controller	Account Clerk	Accounting Machine Operator	\$3000.00
Barrett Law	Account Clerk 1	Account Clerk-Typist 1	\$2000.00
Police	Captain of Traffic	Inspector of Traffic	\$1000.00
Dept. Public Health, Adm.	5 Clerks 2	4 Clerks 2	\$1000.00 ea.
	1 Clerk 2	1 Bond Record Clerk	\$1000.00
City Hospital	Supt. & Medical Director	Director of Hospitals	\$3000.00
Sanitation, Adm.	Account Clerk 2	Finance Officer	\$1000.00
Sewage	Account Clerk- Steno.	3 Office Manager	\$3000.00
Garbage	Account Clerk- Steno.	3 Account Clerk- Steno. 2	\$3000.00
Airport	Account Clerk- Typist 2	Account Clerk- Steno. 2	\$2000.00

Section 2. That Section 122 of General Ordinance No. 121-1925, as amended by general Ordinance No. 95-1944, and previous amendments, to be effective January 1, 1946, be and the same is hereby amended to include the following additional items, towit:

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Amend to Include</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Police	Deputy Inspector	\$1000.00
	Captain-Identification	\$1000.00
Dept. Health & Hospitals	Personnel Director	\$1000.00

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Which was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Mr. Bowers called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1946, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Bowers moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 3,

1946, be stricken from the files. Which was seconded by Mr. Worley and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 8, viz: Mr. Bowers, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dauss, Mr. Kealing, Mr. Manly, Mr. White, Mr. Worley, President Schumacher.

Mr. Bowers called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1946, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Dauss, Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1946, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1946, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 8, viz: Mr. Bowers, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dauss, Mr. Kealing, Mr. Manly, Mr. White, Mr. Worley, President Schumacher.

Mr. Bowers called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1946, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Manly, Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1946, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1946, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 8, viz: Mr. Bowers, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dauss, Mr. Kealing, Mr. Manly, Mr. White, Mr. Worley, President Schumacher.

Mr. Dauss called for Special Ordinance No. 2, 1946, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dauss, seconded by Mr. Bowers, Special Ordinance No. 2, 1946, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

Special Ordinance No. 2, 1946, was read a third time by the Clerk and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes 8, viz: Mr. Bowers, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dauss, Mr. Kealing, Mr. Manly, Mr. White, Mr. Worley, President Schumacher.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Worley made a motion that all correspondence in reference to utility rates be incorporated in the minutes. Which was seconded by Mr. Manly, and carried by the unanimous voice vote of those members present. The President so instructed the Clerk to incorporate the following correspondence in the minutes:

February 8, 1946

Indianapolis Power and Light Co.,
17 North Meridian Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gentlemen: Attention Mr.. H. T. Pritchard

The Governor of Indiana and the Public Service Commission have recently announced a plan to permit public utility companies voluntarily to reduce their rates sufficiently to pass on to customers the savings brought about by the current reduction of federal excess profit taxes.

The Finance Committee of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis has been directed to contact public utility companies operating in Indianapolis to learn their intention in this matter, both as to amount and applicability of such rate reductions and proposed effective dates.

In addition to seeing that the interests of the general public are represented, the Finance Committee is vitally concerned with the charges for street and park lighting service and charges for other service paid by all departments of the government of the City of Indianapolis.

It is our understanding that your charges to the City of Indianapolis for additional electricity for longer burning of street lights is approximately 2.1 cents per kwh. Comparing this 2.1c charge for this large essentially off-peak load, with the charge of less than 0.7 cents per kwh. for additional on-peak load electricity used by a number of industrial customers we would like to have a proposal from your Company to lessen the high charges to the City for all services.

We are also interested to know the amount of reduction that may be expected in domestic and commercial steam heating rates. These reductions can be of a load building nature and will materially aid in the Indianapolis Smoke Abatement program.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN E. BOWERS,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
Common Council, City of Indianapolis

HEB:mj

Indianapolis, Ind., February 12, 1946

Mr. Herman E. Bowers, Chairman
Finance Committee
Common Council, City of Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Bowers:

Acknowledging your letter of February 8th, please be advised that we are engaged at this time in a study and analysis of our decreased revenues, and of our increased labor and fuel costs, to determine the probable adverse effect on our 1946 earnings. We are not therefore yet in a position to ascertain what might be done with

respect to any of our electric rates. I will have someone in our organization contact you on this matter in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. PRITCHARD, President
Indianapolis Power & Light Co.

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Citizens Gas and Coke Utility,
49 South Pennsylvania St.
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gentlemen: Attention: Mr. T. L. Kemp

The Governor of Indiana and the Public Service Commission have recently announced a plan to permit public utility companies voluntarily to reduce their rates sufficiently to pass on to customers the savings brought about by the current reduction of federal excess profit taxes.

The Finance Committee of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis has been directed to contact public utility companies operating in Indianapolis to learn their intention in this matter, both as to amount and applicability of such rate reductions and proposed effective dates.

Your Company, of course, has been exempt from these taxes. Our Committee is familiar with your favorable earning experience and relatively low gas rates. We are interested to know your willingness to cause increase in the \$160,000 annual payment to the City in lieu of taxes, and also a downward revision in the price of locally distributed domestic coke to aid in the Indianapolis Smoke Abatement program and to make this desirable product more fully and economically available to the citizens of Indianapolis.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN E. BOWERS, Chairman
Finance Committee, Common Council,
City of Indianapolis

HEB:mj

Indianapolis, Ind., February 11, 1946

Mr. Herman E. Bowers, Chairman,
Finance Committee
Common Council
City Hall
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of February 8th, and to advise you that same will be presented to the Utility's Board of Directors at its next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 1946.

Very truly yours,

THOS. L. KEMP, General Manager
CITIZENS GAS AND COKE UTILITY.

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Indianapolis Water Company,
113 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, Indiana

Gentlemen: Attention: Mr. H. S. Morse

The Governor of Indiana and the Public Service Commission have recently announced a plan to permit public utility companies voluntarily to reduce their rates sufficiently to pass on to customers the savings brought about by the current reduction of federal excess profit taxes.

The Finance Committee of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis has been directed to contact public utility companies operating in Indianapolis to learn their intention in this matter, both as to amount and applicability of such rate reductions and proposed effective dates.

In addition to seeing that the interests of the general public are represented, the Finance Committee is vitally concerned with the charges for public fire protection facilities and for other service

paid for by all departments of the government of the City of Indianapolis.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN E. BOWERS, Chairman
Finance Committee, Common Council,
City of Indianapolis

February 15, 1946

Mr. Herman E. Bowers, Chairman
Finance Committee, Common Council
City of Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

In acknowledgment of your letter of Feb. 8th, we have not yet had a conference with the Public Service Commission of Indiana to discuss our situation with respect to the Governor's suggestion of a possible reduction in our rates because of less excessive federal taxes for the current year than during the war years. Undoubtedly you are aware that all of our operating expenses have gone up and are continuing to go steadily upward.

When we have completed our conferences with the Public Service Commission, I shall be pleased to advise you as to the results.

Yours very truly,

H. S. MORSE, V. P. & Mgr.

Indianapolis Water Co.

February 8, 1946

Indiana Bell Telephone Co.,
240 North Meridian St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Gentlemen: Attention: Mr. J. F. Carroll

The Governor of Indiana and the Public Service Commission have recently announced a plan to permit public utility companies

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voluntarily to reduce their rates sufficiently to pass on to customers the savings brought about by the current reduction of the federal excess profit taxes.

The Finance Committee of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis has been directed to contact public utility companies operating in Indianapolis to learn their intention in this matter, both as to amount and applicability of such rate reductions and proposed effective dates.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN E. BOWERS,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
Common Council, City of Indianapolis

February 12, 1946

Mr. Herman E. Bowers, Chairman
Finance Committee, Common Council
City of Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 8, 1946.

The question recently raised by the Governor and the Public Service Commission as to whether or not certain public utility rates should be adjusted as a result of the repeal of the excess profits tax law has been given careful consideration by this company. The matter has been discussed with the Commission, which has regulatory powers over the rates charged by this company. The Commission is acquainted with our earnings situation over a period of years and in a preliminary way has been informed of our post war outlook in view of commitments made for wage increases and plant expansion and rehabilitation costs.

At the request of the members of the Commission these matters will be reviewed with them again just as soon as our outlook can be determined more definitely than it can be at this time.

Yours very truly,

J. F. CARROLL

Indiana Bell Telephone Co.

February 8, 1946

The Indianapolis Railways, Inc.,
110 North Illinois St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Gentlemen: Attention: Mr. Harry Reid

The Governor of Indiana and the Public Service Commission have recently announced a plan to permit public utility companies voluntarily to reduce their rates sufficiently to pass on to customers the savings brought about by the current reduction of the federal excess profit taxes.

The Finance Committee of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis has been directed to contact public utility companies operating in Indianapolis to learn their intention in this matter, both as to amount and applicability of such rate reductions and proposed effective dates.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN E. BOWERS,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
Common Council, City of Indianapolis

February 12, 1946

Hon. Herman E. Bowers
Chairman, Finance Committee
Common Council, City of Indianapolis
City Hall
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Bowers:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. to Indianapolis Railways in which you state that the Common Council has directed its Finance Committee to learn what rate reductions this utility can make on the basis of passing on to customers "the savings brought about by the current reduction of the federal excess profit taxes."

The question of what rates Indianapolis Railways shall charge is now before the Public Service Commission of Indiana in a pend-

ing rate case, and that body is by law vested with exclusive jurisdiction to determine those rates.

In that case the Commission made a temporary order on January 9 by which it reduced our token rates from 8 for 55 cents to 4 for 25 cents. The question of what the rates shall be upon the full hearing now in progress is yet to be determined by the Commission.

The evidence which the Company is placing before the Commission will show that it will be impossible for the Company to keep its system and service modernized and efficient under the 6¼ cent token rate now in effect, and that a higher token rate comparable with token rates in effect in comparable cities will have to be fixed if Indianapolis is to have a modern transportation system and good and adequate service.

THE SIMPLE AND FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE IS WHETHER INDIANAPOLIS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO HAVE MODERN, EFFICIENT AND ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AT REASONABLE RATES COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN COMPARABLE CITIES, OR WHETHER INDIANAPOLIS MUST SLIP BACK TO OUTMODED, INEFFICIENT AND INADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR THE SAKE OF CHEAP RATES.

So far as the repeal of the excess profits tax is concerned, the evidence before the Commission will show that if this tax had not been repealed this Company would not under present rates have any excess profits tax to pay in 1946 and subsequent years. Hence, no reduction can be made on the theory of savings from the repeal of the excess profits tax.

This is not difficult to understand in view of the inflationary costs of operation and the post-war decline in riding.

Our transportation operating expenses, including taxes, for 1945 were \$1,148,013.29 more than the total annual operating revenues from transportation in any year prior to 1943. Our payroll alone rose from \$1,831,178 in 1941 to \$3,323,343.62 in 1945, and we now

have a new union demand for a 30% increase in wages amounting to more than \$1,000,000 annually.

Meanwhile riding is declining. The competition from the automobiles and taxicabs has again set in. The Interstate Commerce Commission, in a post-war traffic levels study by its Bureau of Transport Economics and Statistics, estimates that by 1947 local transit riding will have declined to approximately the prewar level.

In Indianapolis the peak of transit riding occurred in 1944. In 1945, the total number of rides on our system was 116,459,997, compared with 120,003,489 during 1944—or a drop of 9,708 rides a day. At the same time, operating costs before depreciations and all taxes continued to climb upward. They jumped from a total of \$4,798,947.27 in 1944 to \$5,106,597.03 in 1945—an increase of \$842.87 every day in the year. The picture will get progressively worse as operating expenses rise and riding continues to decline.

In these circumstances it is apparent that no reduction in rates can be made, and that the necessity is for higher token rates if Indianapolis is to have A-1 transportation service.

Very truly yours,

INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAYS, INC.

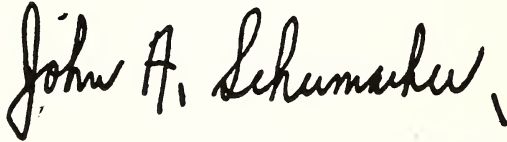
By HARRY REID, President.

On motion of Mr. Manly, seconded by Mr. Kealing, the Common Council adjourned at 9:20 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, held on the 18th day of February, 1946, at 7:30 P. M.

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

ATTEST:



President



City Clerk

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