

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 4, 1915, 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, 1915, at 7:30 P. M., in the Council Chamber, located in the City Hall, and was called to order by Thomas A. Riley, City Clerk, who called the roll of

the nine Councilmen-at-Large, all of whom answered to their respective names.

Present: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and Shea.

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 1915.

Councilman Connor placed in nomination Thomas C. Lee.

Which nomination was seconded by Councilman Young.

Councilman Shea placed in nomination Edward P. Barry.

Mr. Young moved that the nomination be closed. Carried.

The Clerk called the roll which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Lee, 5, viz.: Messrs. Young, McGuff, Lee, Connor and Graham.

Those voting for Mr. Barry, 4, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Miller, Porter and Shea.

City Clerk Riley announced the result of the vote and declared Councilman Lee elected President of the Common Council for the year 1915.

Mr. Connor moved that President Lee be escorted to the chair. Carried.

City Clerk Riley appointed Mr. Porter to escort Mr. Lee to the chair.

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

Councilman Young placed in nomination John F. Connor.

Councilman Shea placed in nomination Edward R. Miller.

There being no further nominations President Lee declared the nominations closed.

The Clerk called the roll which resulted as follows :

Those voting for Mr. Connor, 5, viz. : Messrs. Young, McGuff, Lee, Connor and Graham.

Those voting for Mr. Miller, 4, viz. : Messrs. Barry, Miller, Porter and Shea.

City Clerk Riley announced the result of the vote and President Lee declared Mr. Connor elected President pro tem of the Common Council for the year 1915.

President Lee announced the following standing committees for the year 1915.

*Finance*—John F. Connor, Edward McGuff, Frank Graham, W. Todd Young, Michael J. Shea.

*Public Works*—Edward McGuff, John F. Connor, W. Todd Young, Edward P. Barry, Edward R. Miller.

*Public Safety*—Frank Graham, Aubrey D. Porter, Edward P. Barry, John F. Connor, Edward McGuff.

*Public Health and Charities*—W. Todd Young, Edward McGuff, John F. Connor, Edward R. Miller, Michael J. Shea.

*Parks*—Michael J. Shea, Aubrey D. Porter, John F. Connor, Frank Graham, W. Todd Young.

*Law and Judiciary*—John F. Connor, Edward McGuff, Frank Graham, Michael J. Shea, Edward P. Barry.

*City Welfare*—Frank Graham, W. Todd Young, Aubrey D. Porter, Edward R. Miller, John F. Connor.

*Elections*—John F. Connor, Edward P. Barry, Edward R. Miller, Michael J. Shea, Aubrey D. Porter.

President Lee requested that all chairmen of 1914 committees turn over all ordinances which had been referred to their respective committee, and are now in their possession to the corresponding standing committees for 1915.

Mr. Barry moved that General Ordinance No. 73, 1914, be stricken from the files.

The roll was called and General Ordinance No. 73, 1914, was stricken from the files by the following vote :

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Thomas C. Lee.

#### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Miller moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. Carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 23, 1914.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances, to-wit:

1. General Ordinance No. 72, 1914, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance transferring certain funds of the Department of Public Safety and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

2. Appropriation Ordinance No. 38, 1914, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance making additional appropriations and transfers in the funds of the Department of Public Works, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

3. General Ordinance No. 42, 1914, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance fixing the salaries of Deputy Inspectors of Weights and Measures, repealing all conflicting ordinances, and fixing a time that same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinances herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BELL,  
*Mayor.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 29, 1914.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances, to-wit:

1. Special Ordinance No. 9, 1914, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance concerning the changing of the names of certain streets of the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith."

2. General Ordinance No. 69, 1914, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance amending Clause B of Section 7 of an ordinance entitled, 'An ordinance regulating street traffic in the City of Indianapolis,' and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith, being General Ordinance No. 30, 1914, approved Monday, July 14, 1914.

I return the said ordinances herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BELL,  
*Mayor.*

## REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 4, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith letter of the Board of Health, requesting a temporary loan of \$75,000, together with copy of letter explaining the financial status of the board, which was mailed to you on December 15, 1914. I recommend the loan, and inclose ordinance providing for it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,  
*City Controller.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 29, 1914.

*Mr. Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, Indianapolis, Ind.:*

DEAR SIR—Acting under instructions from the Board of Health, I desire to request that you submit a bill for an ordinance to the City Council authorizing a temporary loan of \$75,000 for Board of Health purposes.

A letter explaining the necessity of this loan has been mailed to each councilman.

Very respectfully yours,

H. G. MORGAN,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 15, 1914.

“Duplicate.”

DEAR SIR—I have been instructed to inform you that at the first meeting of the Common Council after January 1, 1915, a bill for an ordinance, authorizing a temporary loan of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), for the Department of Public Health and Charities, will be introduced.

It is especially urged that early action be given this bill, as the Department will be without funds. The occasion demanding the temporary loan twice each year for this Department is well known to you.

To date our Department has paid out upon voucher two hundred and two thousand dollars (\$202,000). Our expenses to carry us up to Janu-

ary 1, 1915, will be seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500). This will make our total expenses for the year two hundred and nineteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$219,500). The income of the Department through the ten-cent levy is two hundred twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$229,000). So we are living well within our tax levy.

We would further call your attention to the fact that all of the equipment, bedding, blankets, sheets, etc., even for the electric fixtures, wiring, etc., of the new units of the City Hospital, amounting to about twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000), has been paid out of the current funds for the maintenance of this Department.

We would ask the courtesy of the consideration of this matter of the temporary loan as soon as possible after the ordinance is introduced.

We are informed that there are legal points that make the introduction of an ordinance prior to January 1, 1915, impossible. We are also mindful of the desire of your body to have this appropriation ordinance in hand to give it proper study, and were there no legal points the ordinance would be in your hands now.

We take this means of notifying you of our needs and intentions.

Respectfully yours,

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#### INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 1, 1915: An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan for the use of the Board of Health, payable out of the current funds of said board, 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 City Controller be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan for the use of the Board of Health in anticipation of the current revenues of said board, the said loan to be for the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), at the rate of interest not exceeding six per cent (6 per cent.) and for a period of four months. The loan shall be let to the lowest bidder, in competitive bidding, on the annual rate of interest, under conditions prescribed in notice of the same, which shall be published for three days in two daily papers of said city. The Mayor and City Controller are authorized and directed to execute the proper obligations of the city for the amount so borrowed, which shall also be countersigned by the president of the Board of Health, and to the payment of said obligation the faith of the city is hereby irrevocably pledged, and the sum of seventy-six thousand one hundred dollars (\$76,100) is hereby appropriated for payment of said loan when due.

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

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

By Mr. Barry :

General Ordinance No. 2, 1915: An ordinance relating to the sale of seats at theaters and opera houses in the City of Indianapolis, providing a penalty for violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

SECTION 1. That every theater or opera house in the City of Indianapolis, where a minimum charge for admission to any one entertainment is 25 cents or more, shall hereafter offer for sale reserved seats for such performance in advance of said performance, and shall, upon the payment for the same, issue a ticket with a coupon attached to the purchaser of every seat, upon which ticket and coupon attached shall be indicated the number of the seat so sold and the row and floor in which it is located.

SECTION 2. That all of said seats for which a charge of 25 cents or more is made shall be placed on sale at the same time and place and in the same manner, and all of said seats shall be sold and reserved subject to the same rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each violation thereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication once each week for two weeks in the Star, a daily newspaper printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Communication from Fletcher Savings and Trust Company.

FLETCHER SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 31, 1914.

*Mr. Thomas A. Riley, Clerk, City Council, City:*

DEAR SIR—The placing of signs at the intersection of all streets in the City of Indianapolis is very essential.



We wish to ask your honorable Council to assist us in securing them by voting for its immediate approval. We would like for you to use your influence at the next meeting of the council in passing such an action.

As agents for owners and residents of the city, we earnestly wish that you could get this action put through at once, as it is very inconvenient for residents as well as non-residents in finding the names of streets in parts of the city unfamiliar to them.

We will assure you that your co-operation in this work will be greatly appreciated by us and our clients. If we can be of any assistance to you in this matter, we will gladly do so.

Hoping that you will try to secure the much-needed street signs for the City of Indianapolis, we are,

Yours very truly,

ROBF. B. KERSHAM.

Fletcher Savings and Trust Company, City.

### Communication from Union Trust Company.

THE UNION TRUST COMPANY.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 31, 1914.

*Mr. Thomas A. Riley, Clerk, City Council, City:*

HONORABLE SIR—We are more than anxious to have the names of streets put up at all street intersections in the City of Indianapolis where they are not now found. We are members of the Indianapolis Real Estate Rental Board, and it is the unanimous wish of every member of our board that these signs be placed for the benefit it will bring to our members. Furthermore, it does seem a shame that Indianapolis, claiming to be a convention city and begging the patronage of conventions, has been so indifferent in the past to these things that accommodate visitors most. An ordinance calling for the putting up of names of streets will probably be presented to your honorable body on next Monday night. Won't you, as a favor to our Real Estate Rental Board and the citizens of Indianapolis, do your part in seeing that this ordinance pass, or any modification of the ordinance that you wish to make, just so we get some kind of street sign at the street intersections.

Thanking you most heartily for the favor you may do us, we remain,

Yours very truly,

By F. L. THOMAS.

The Union Trust Company, Rental Department.

### Communication from State Savings and Trust Company.

THE STATE SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 31, 1914.

*Mr. Thomas A. Riley, Clerk, City Council, City:*

DEAR SIR—We wish to ask of your honorable Council that immediate action be taken with a view of placing street signs at the intersection of all

streets in the City of Indianapolis, believing as we do that the matter of further delay in this direction should not be countenanced, as it is a public necessity and demand, and we, as agents representing the owners of property and the residents of the city, most earnestly ask of you that when the ordinance calling for this work is presented, that you vote for its immediate approval and action that the signs may be ordered and placed in position with the least possible delay. The best interests and the future good of our city demand that this work shall be promptly taken care of, and we ask that you use your personal influence to put this Council measure through at its next meeting. We assure you that your co-operation in this work will be appreciated by us and by the clients and tenants we represent. If we can be of any assistance to you, command us.

Yours very truly,

W. P. SOCWELL,

*Manager Real Estate Department.*

The State Savings and Trust Company.

Mr. McGuff moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President which shall consult with the City Engineer as to the best and quickest way to have street names placed at all street intersections. Carried.

President Lee appointed Messrs. Graham, Young and Porter.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Shea moved that General Ordinance No. 57, 1914, be stricken from the files.

The roll was called and General Ordinance No. 57, 1914, was stricken from the files by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Thomas C. Lee.

On motion of Mr. Connor, the Common Council, at 8:10 o'clock  
P. M., adjourned.

*Thomas C. Lee*

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*President.*

ATTEST:

*Thomas A. Paly*

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*City Clerk.*

