

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 18, 1926.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday, August 18, 1926, at 7:30 p. m., in special session, President Boynton J. Moore in the chair, 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 Council Chamber on Wednesday, August 18, 1926, at 7:30 P. M., the purpose of such meeting being to receive communications from the Mayor or City Controller of said City and for consideration of General Ordinances No. 27 and 62.

Respectfully,

BOYNTON J. MOORE.

William A. Boyce, Jr., 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 meeting, pursuant to the rules.

WILLIAM A. BOYCE, JR.,

City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Hon. Boynton J. Moore and eight members, viz.: Otis E. Bartholomew, Walter R. Dorsett, Claude E. Negley, Austin H. Todd, Robert E. Springsteen, Millard W. Ferguson, Edward B. Raub and O. Ray Albertson.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with on motion of Mr. Dorsett, seconded by Dr. Todd.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

August 18, 1926.

Gentlemen—I would recommend for your approval General Ordinance No. 64, an ordinance fixing and establishing the annual rate of taxation and tax levy for the year 1926 for the City of Indianapolis, Indiana and for such fund for which a separate tax levy is authorized by law to be collected and expended in 1927, and fixing a time when same shall take effect.

This above mentioned tax levy is attached for your inspection.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN L. DUVALL,

Mayor.

Statement of Tax Levy for 1926 payable in 1927.

General City Fund	_____	\$.5675
City Sinking Fund	_____	.05
Police Pension Fund	_____	.01
Firemen Pension Fund	_____	.01

School Health -----	.015
Park General -----	.06
Park District Bonds -----	.055
Recreation Fund -----	.0125
Track Elevation -----	.02
Tuberculosis Fund -----	.005
Sanitary Bond Fund -----	.035
Sanitary Maintenance -----	.065
Board of Health -----	.09
Flood Prevention -----	.015
Street Resurfacing -----	.02
Thoroughfare Fund -----	.005
Total -----	\$1.035

August 18, 1926.

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

Gentlemen—I hereby send to you Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, covering the appropriations asked for in the Budget for the year 1927, which have all been finally approved by me.

I have requested the Boards and the Heads of the Departments in making their estimates to keep them just as low as possible. There has been several changes made in this Budget by the City Controller and myself which have all been done with the one thought in mind, of public economy and to still maintain efficiency in the proper management of our City affairs.

A copy of the itemized Budget as made up by the various departments and showing the changes made by the City Controller and myself is now in process and I have been informed by the City Controller that it will be ready for your Honorable Body within the next two or three days.

I hope that you will give this Budget favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

JOHN L. DUVALL,

Mayor.

August 18, 1926.

Honorable John L. Duvall, Mayor,
City of Indianapolis:

My dear sir:—I submit herewith for your consideration estimates of the amount of money that will be necessary for the operation of the several departments of the City of Indianapolis for the year 1927, under the General Fund. The estimates submitted by the different Boards and Departments under them in the General Fund were carefully gone over at a meeting between you and myself and finally approved by you as follows:

Mayor's Office -----	\$ 9,925.00
City Clerk -----	8,865.00
Common Council -----	6,140.00
Controller's Office -----	216,243.00
Barrett Law -----	14,480.00
Legal Department -----	28,795.00
City Plan Commission -----	16,375.00

Department of Public Purchase	16,105.00
Board of Public Works	1,347,870.00
Board of Public Safety	2,574,863.00
Total	\$4,249,421.00

At the same meeting the tax levies for the various Departments not included in the General Fund were carefully gone over and finally approved by you as follows:

City Sinking Fund	\$.05
Police Pension Fund .....	.01
Firemen Pension Fund .....	.01
School Health .....	.015
Park General .....	.06
Park District Bonds .....	.055
Recreation Fund .....	.0125
Track Elevation .....	.02
Tuberculosis Fund .....	.005
Sanitary Bond Fund .....	.035
Sanitary Maintenance .....	.065
Board of Health .....	.09
Flood Prevention .....	.015
Street Resurfacing .....	.02
Thoroughfare Plan .....	.005
Total .....	.4675
General City Fund .....	.5675
Total	\$1.035

I firmly believe that the designated amounts of money and tax levy together with revenues other than taxes will be sufficient for the various Departments to operate efficiently during the year of 1927.

Attached you will find a statement of the tax levy for the year 1927 as made up on an estimated valuation of \$653,000,000.00 together with the revenues received from license fees and poll tax for the City General Fund purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. BUSER,
City Controller.

Estimated Value	\$653,000,000.00
Tax Levy of \$.5675	\$3,705,775.00
Estimated License and Fees	500,000.00
Estimated Revenues from Poll Tax	30,000.00
Total Revenues	\$4,235,775.00
Total of General Fund Expenses:	\$4,249,461.00
Less:	
Flood Prevention	\$10,000.00
Police and Fire Department	
Salaries Forfeitures	4,000.00 14,000.00
General Fund Net Expense	\$4,235,461.00

Total Revenues -----	\$4,235,775.00
Net Expenses -----	4,235,461.00
Balance -----	\$ 314.00

Mr. Albertson moved that it be the sense of the Council that the Budget as submitted by the Mayor in Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, inasmuch as it was not submitted with detailed figures and estimates from the heads of the City Departments, be not accepted by the Council in its present form. Motion seconded by Mr. Dorsett.

Mr. Raub voiced his objection to the motion.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew, seconded by Dr. Todd, the Council recessed for ten minutes.

At 8:35 the Council reconvened, the same members being present as before.

Mr. Bartholomew moved that the Common Council refuse to accept the Budget as presented by the City Controller in Appropriation Ordinance No. 3 and General Ordinance No. 64 and that the Council be called in special meeting Thursday, August 19, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of receiving the complete Budget from the City Controller. Motion seconded by Mr. Dorsett and carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Albertson, Bartholomew, Dorsett, Ferguson, Negley, Todd and President Moore.

Noes, 2, viz.: Messrs. Raub and Springsteen.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis adjourned at 8:50 o'clock p. m.

Raynton J. Moore
President.

Attest:

William A. Boyce, Jr.

City Clerk.