

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

MONDAY, August 7, 1916.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 7, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock in regular session, President Edward P. Barry in the chair.

Present: The Hon. Edward P. Barry, President of the Common Council, and 5 members, viz.: Messrs. Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor and Graham.

Absent, 3, viz.: Messrs. Young, McGuff and Shea.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 20, 1916.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed Appropriation Ordinance No. 20, 1916, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance making appropriations to the Department of Public Works and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 10, 1916.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 24, 1916, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance prohibiting the carrying of banners, placards, advertisements and handbills in or upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys, or other public places in the City of Indianapolis."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 1, 1916.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1916, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance making appropriations to the Department of Public Works and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 2, 1916.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith Appropriation Ordinance No. 22, 1916, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance making appropriations to the Department of Finance and fixing the time when same shall take effect."

I am returning this ordinance without my approval because it is not worded correctly. As the ordinance is drawn it makes an appropriation to the Department of Finance without designating the purpose for which the money is to be used.

I have prepared a new form of ordinance and recommend its passage in place of the one which I now return.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

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

GENTLEMEN—I hand you herewith letter from the Corporation Counsel requesting an appropriation of \$250.00 to cover the payment of legal services to be rendered by Mr. Woodburn Masson to the Common Council in regard to the revision of city ordinances. I recommend this appropriation and inclose ordinance for the same.

I also hand you herewith letter from the Board of Public Works requesting an ordinance authorizing the appointment by the Board of Public Works of a clerk to perform certain duties incident to the holding of certain securities and guarantees on public improvements deposited with such Board, and an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300.00 per annum as compensation for such services; and also requesting an ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$500.00 from the fund for Appraisal Indianapolis Water Company to the fund for Fountains and Wells. I recommend these appropriations and the appointment of such clerk and inclose ordinances providing for them.

I also inclose ordinances from the Controller's office as follows:

No. 1—An ordinance fixing the compensation of the License Clerk in the Department of the Controller of the City of Indianapolis.

No. 2—An ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of Finance of \$100.00 for the floral design ordered by the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis for and in behalf of said city for the funeral of James Whitcomb Riley.

No. 3—An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan of \$250,000.00 in anticipation of current revenues and appropriating \$255,000.00 for payment of same and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

The City Controller has heretofore acted as deputy city treasurer, and as there seems to be some doubt about the legality of his right to do so, the practice has been discontinued, and the Treasurer of Marion County, ex-officio Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis, has deputized as Deputy City Treasurer the License Clerk in the Controller's office, who will handle the money derived from the sale of licenses in his capacity as Deputy City Treasurer, and not as License Clerk under the Controller. This change necessitates the issuance of a Treasurer's receipt to the City Controller for each license sold and makes very considerable more work for the License Clerk. The purpose of the ordinance is to pay said license clerk \$200.00 per year more for the additional duties than he heretofore received. This is much cheaper than hiring an additional clerk.

At the time of the death of James Whitcomb Riley, the City of Indianapolis, through the proper officials, ordered a floral design to be placed on the casket of Mr. Riley. There is no specific fund out of which to pay the bill of \$100.00 for said floral design. It seemed very appropriate that the city pay its respects to the memory of its distinguished citizen in this manner, and I respectfully ask that you appropriate said \$100.00 as provided by ordinance.

It is necessary at this time to make a temporary loan in order to defray the expenses of payroll and other expenses of the city due on or before August 15, 1916, and thereafter, and I accordingly submit to you an ordinance authorizing a temporary loan of \$250,000.00 and respectfully ask that you pass the same at the earliest possible moment.

In regard to the creation of a clerkship in the Board of Public Works and the payment of \$300.00 per annum to said clerk, I beg to advise you that this does not mean the payment of any additional money out of the city funds. The securities deposited by contractors for the maintenance of streets for a period of ten years was formerly held by the City Controller and the sum of \$300.00 per year paid to a clerk in the Controller's office for his services connected with the same. These securities have now been taken over by the Board of Public Works, where they rightfully belong, and said sum of \$300.00 per year will be paid to their clerk for said work, and the payment of said sum of money will be discontinued. I respectfully ask you to pass this ordinance at your earliest opportunity in order that the person having custody of such securities may pay for work connected therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. SULLIVAN,
City Controller.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 5, 1916.

Hon. Reginald H. Sullican, City Controller, City:

DEAR SIR—The revision of city ordinances prepared by Woodburn Masson and George Shirts, was completed on July 14, 1916, and submitted by me to the Council on July 17.

I am advised by Mr. Barry, President of the Council, that that body, sitting as a committee of the whole, will give consideration to the revision section by section. He suggests that necessarily they will need the help of one of the two men who prepared the revision, and that I request an appropriation to cover services to be rendered by Mr. Masson in giving the required help.

I have talked with Mr. Barry and Mr. Masson, and we mutually agree that \$250 would be a reasonable fee for such services.

I request that you ask the passage of an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$250 for the purpose named.

Yours truly,

WM. A. PICKENS,
Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 7, 1916.

Mr. R. H. Sullivan, City Controller, Indianapolis, Ind.:

DEAR SIR—I am directed by the Board of Public Works to request that you recommend to the Common Council the passage of the following appropriation ordinances:

An ordinance authorizing the appointment by the Board of Public Works of a clerk to perform duties incident to the holding of securities and guarantees on public improvements deposited with such board, and appropriating the sum of three hundred dollars per annum as compensation for such services; and

An ordinance authorizing the transfer of five hundred dollars from the fund for Appraisement Indianapolis Water Company to the fund for Fountains and Wells. This appropriation is asked to cover cost of alterations and repairs to fountains and wells recommended by City Civil Engineer.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH P. TURK,
Clerk, Board of Public Works.

From the Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 7, 1916.

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN—I am directed by the Board of Public Works to submit for your consideration and approval ordinances authorizing the following improvements:

An ordinance authorizing the construction of cement sidewalks in Fourteenth street, from east property line of Meridian Street to west property line of Pennsylvania Street, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 8521; and

An ordinance authorizing the permanent improvement of the roadway of Ruckle Street, from the north property line of Seventeenth Street to the south property line of Twenty-first Street, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 8474.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH P. TURK,
Clerk, Board of Public Works.

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. Mr. Young entered the Council Chamber and took his seat.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 23, 1916: An ordinance making appropriations to the Department of Finance and fixing the 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 \$4,715.58 be and is hereby appropriated

out of any moneys in the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for payment of salaries of City Purchasing Agent and Assistants.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 23, 1916, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 23, 1916, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 23, 1916, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 23, 1916, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 24, 1916: An ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of Finance and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that there be and hereby is appropriated to the Department of Finance the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to pay for the floral design ordered by the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis for and in behalf of said city for the funeral of James Whitcomb Riley.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 24, 1916, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 7, viz. : Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 24, 1916, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 24, 1916, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 24, 1916, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

Ayes, 7, viz. : Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

By City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 25, 1916: An ordinance appropriating \$250 for the use of the Department of Law to cover services to be rendered by Woodburn Masson in assisting the Common Council in the detailed consideration of the revision and codification of City Ordinances.

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

SECTION 1. That there is hereby appropriated to and for the use of the Department of Law the sum of \$250 to be expended in the payment for services to be rendered by Woodburn Masson in assisting the Common Council in the detailed consideration of the new revision and codification of the ordinances of the City of Indianapolis.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 39, 1916: An ordinance providing for the appointment of a clerk for the Board of Public Works to perform duties incident to the holding of securities and guaranties deposited with such board, fixing the compensation, and providing for an emergency.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That there shall be employed by the Board of Public Works a clerk to perform duties incident to the holding of securities and guaranties deposited with such board as provided by law, who shall receive as compensation the sum of three hundred dollars per year, payable in the same manner as other salaries of other city officers are paid.

SECTION 2. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance, the same shall be in force from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 39, 1916, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for General Ordinance No. 39, 1916, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that General Ordinance No. 39, 1916, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 39, 1916, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

By City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 40, 1916: An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan of \$250,000.00 in anticipation of current revenues, appropriating \$255,000.00 for payment of same and fixing 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 in anticipation of the revenues of said city for the current year not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for a period not exceeding four (4) months, and at the rate of interest not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum. The said loan shall be made on competitive bidding after at least three (3) days' notice in two daily papers of the City of Indianapolis, the bidding to be on the rate of interest to be paid and the loan to be made from the lowest bidders under such other conditions as may be directed by the City Controller. The Mayor and City Controller are hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper obligations of said city for the payments of the amounts so borrowed; and for the payment of the said obligations the faith of said city is hereby irrevocably pledged, and the sum of \$255,000.00 is hereby appropriated out of the general fund for payment of the same.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 40, 1916, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for General Ordinance No. 40, 1916, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that General Ordinance No. 40, 1916, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 40, 1916, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

By the Board of Public Works:

General Ordinance No. 41, 1916: An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Fourteenth Street from the east property line of Meridian Street to west property line of Pennsylvania Street by construction of cement sidewalks, under Improvement Resolution No. 8521, adopted June 28, 1916.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis did on the 28th day of June, 1916, adopt Improvement Resolution No. 8521, for the improvement of Fourteenth Street from the east property line of Meridian Street to the west property line of Pennsylvania Street by the construction of cement sidewalks, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 8521; and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Public Works did at the same time fix July 24, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M., as the time to hear all persons interested, or whose property is affected by said improvement; and the notice of the passage of said resolution and of the same time for hearing was published on the 29th day of June, 1916, and on the 6th day of July, 1916, in the Indiana Daily Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, and notices by mail duly forwarded as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, On the 24th day of July, 1916, the board having met in regular session, took final action on said improvement resolution, the same being confirmed without modification; and

WHEREAS, On the 24th day of July, 1916, a written remonstrance of all of the resident property owners was filed with the Board of Public Works against said improvement; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works has submitted to the Common Council, for their consideration and action thereon, an ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works to proceed with the improvement of said street under said resolution; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis be and are hereby ordered to improve Fourteenth Street from the east property line of Meridian Street to the west property line of Pennsylvania Street by construction of cement sidewalks, under Improvement Resolution No. 8521, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the 28th day of June, 1916.

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 Public Works.

By the Board of Public Works:

General Ordinance No. 42, 1916: An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Ruckle Street from the north property line of Seventeenth Street to the south property line of Twenty-first Street, by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 8474, adopted June 5, 1916.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis did on the 5th day of June, 1916, adopt Improvement Resolution No. 8474, for the improvement of Ruckle Street from the north property line of Seventeenth Street to the south property line of Twenty-first Street, by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works did at the same time fix June 28, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M., as the time to hear all persons interested, or whose property is affected by said improvement; and the notice of the passage of said resolution and of the said time for hearing was published on the 9th day of June, 1916, and on the 16th day of June, 1916, in the Indiana Daily Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, and notices by mail duly forwarded as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, On the 28th day of June, 1916, the board having met in regular session, took final action on said improvement resolution, the same being confirmed without modification; and

WHEREAS, On the 28th day of June, 1916, a written remonstrance of a majority of the resident property owners was filed with the Board of Public Works against said improvement. Signed by thirty-seven (37) out of forty-four (44) resident owners; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works has submitted to the Common Council, for their consideration and action thereon, an ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works to proceed with the improvement of said street under said resolution; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis be and are hereby ordered to improve Ruckle Street from the north property line of Seventeenth Street to the south property line of Twenty-first Street by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, under Improvement Resolution No. 8474, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the 5th day of June, 1916.

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 Public Works.

By City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 43, 1916: An ordinance providing for the transfer of five hundred dollars (\$500) from the Fund for Appraisement Indianapolis Water Company to the Fund for Fountains and Wells, both

funds being in 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 five hundred dollars (\$500) be, and the same is hereby transferred from the Fund for Appraisalment Indianapolis Water Company to the Fund for Fountains and Wells, both funds being in and for the use of the Board of Public Works.

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

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

By City Controller :

General Ordinance No. 44, 1916: An ordinance fixing the compensation of the License Clerk in the Department of the Controller of the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that the License Clerk in the Controller's office of the City of Indianapolis shall receive as compensation for his services as such License Clerk a salary at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, payable as other salaries of the city officials are paid.

SEC. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are now hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage.

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

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

From the City Smoke Inspector :

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 5, 1916.

To the Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN—A lecture will be given on smoke abatement by Mr. Monnett of Chicago on Tuesday evening, August 8, in the Council Chamber, to which your honorable body is cordially invited.

Yours truly,

S. P. LEACH,

City Smoke Inspector.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the Common Council, at 8:20 o'clock
p. m., adjourned.

Edward J. Barry

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President.

ATTEST:
Thomas A. Tully

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City Clerk.

