

## SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

THURSDAY, December 7, 1916.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Thursday evening, December 7, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock in special session, President Edward P. Barry in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 7, 1916.

*To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:*

GENTLEMEN—You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday evening, December 7, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving reports from committees, consideration of and final action on General Ordinance No. 71, 1916, and the introduction, consideration of and action on Resolution No. 5, 1916.

Respectfully,

EDWARD P. BARRY,  
*President.*

I, Thomas A. Riley, Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., 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.

Respectfully,

THOMAS A. RILEY,  
*City Clerk.*

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Edward P. Barry, President of the Common Council, and 6 members, viz.: Messrs. Young, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and Shea.

Absent, 2, viz.: Messrs. McGuff and Lee.

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 7, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 71, 1916, entitled "An ordinance transferring funds of the Department of Public Works to the funds of the same department, re-appropriating the same, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

A. D. PORTER,  
JOHN F. CONNOR,  
FRANK GRAHAM.

Mr. Porter moved that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

## INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Graham:

## RESOLUTION NO. 5, 1916.

WHEREAS, It is currently reported and accepted as a fact that the prices of foodstuffs sold in the city market are fixed and regulated by the wholesale dealers, brokers and middlemen supplying such foodstuffs to stand-holders on market, and that such prices are so fixed and regulated without regard to supply and demand, or the cost of production; and

WHEREAS, It is also reported and accepted as a fact that the prices at which such foodstuffs are sold in the city market, to a very large extent, control the prices at which the same are sold by retail dealers therein throughout the city, as well as by the producers outside of the city who sell to the citizens thereof.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis deems it necessary, in order to properly regulate the sale of such foodstuffs, that an investigation be made into the sources of supply, the control of such supply, the prices paid to and by producers, wholesalers, brokers and middlemen, and the prices charged therefor on the market.

(2) That an investigation be made of the control of space, dealers and leases in the city market by wholesalers, brokers, middlemen and others in so far as the same relates to the control of prices and the business of the market.

(3) That hearings shall be had by the Council as a whole or by a committee to be appointed by it; that witnesses shall be subpoenaed and their testimony taken regarding the matters mentioned in this resolution; and that books, papers and other evidence shall be ordered produced at hearings held by the Council upon such investigation, or by any committee duly appointed by such Council.

(4) That the City Clerk shall issue such subpoenas and attachments for evidence and witnesses as he may be directed to by this Council from time to time and that the Sergeant-At-Arms of the Council shall serve and execute the same.

FRANK GRAHAM.

Which was read.

Mr. Graham moved that the rules be suspended and Resolution No. 5, 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, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

Mr. Connor moved that Resolution No. 5, 1916, be adopted.

The roll was called and Resolution No. 5, 1916, was adopted by the following vote:

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

Noes, none.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Porter called for General Ordinance No. 71, 1916, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that General Ordinance No. 71, 1916, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

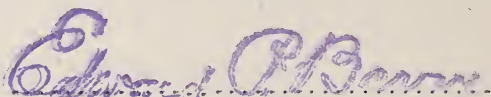
General Ordinance No. 71, 1916, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

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

Noes, none.

Mr. Graham moved that the Council form a committee of the whole Council to enforce the provisions of Resolution No. 5, 1916. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Porter the Common Council, at 8:00 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

  
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President.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk.