

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

MONDAY, August 6, 1917.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 6, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session, President Michael J. Shea in the chair.

Present: The Hon. Michael J. Shea, President of the Common Council, and 8 members, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor and Graham.

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 21, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances:

1. General Ordinance No. 64, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance extending the time within which the various railroad or railway companies operating in the City of Indianapolis shall comply with the provisions of Sections 949 to 980, both inclusive, of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, passed February 28, 1917, approved by the Mayor March 3, 1917."

2. Special Ordinance No. 16, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell certain real estate therein described."

I return the said ordinances herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 23, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 46, 1817, the same being an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance amending Section 748 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, so far as the same relates to requiring of licenses for moving picture shows."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 25, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed Appropriation Ordinance No. 15, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance appropriating Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven and 50/100 (\$15,787.50) Dollars to the Department of Finance for payment of temporary loan heretofore authorized, and fixing a 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., July 25, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 65, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars in anticipation of current revenues, appropriating Three Hundred and Five Thousand (\$305,000) Dollars for the payment of the same, and fixing a 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., July 25, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances:

1. General Ordinance No. 69, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance amending Subdivision H of Section 983 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917."

2. General Ordinance No. 70, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance creating the position of assistant superintendent of fire alarm telegraph, and fixing the salary thereof."

I return the said ordinances herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

*Mayor.*EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—There will be presented to you to-night an ordinance from the Board of Public Works authorizing the Board to improve Massachusetts Avenue, or Pendleton Pike, which improvement is made necessary in order to provide for the traffic between the City of Indianapolis and Ft. Harrison.

The proceedings had before the Board of Public Works have been blocked by a majority remonstrance filed by property owners residing upon this street.

The improvement of the roadway of Massachusetts Avenue, or Pendleton Pike, as it is commonly called, covered by these proceedings is an absolute military necessity. As soon as the winter weather begins the heavy traffic between the City and the Fort will render the traveled roadway leading out of the city utterly impassable unless a permanent and substantial improvement is built.

When we consider the urgent needs of our country in the midst of the preparation for war, the improvement of this highway becomes a patriotic duty as a part to be contributed by this city in aiding this war preparation.

Your Honorable Body has already passed an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$75,000.00, to be procured by the sale of bonds, in part payment of the cost of this improvement.

It is the plan of the Board of Public Works to assess only a small portion of this cost against the abutting property owners, but, notwithstanding the plan to have a large part of the cost of this improvement borne by the city, a remonstrance has been filed, and unless overcome by the passage of the ordinance presented to your Honorable Body this evening by the Board of Public Works, this improvement cannot be made.

In view of the fact that you have already given your endorsement to the plan of the improvement of Massachusetts Avenue, or Pendleton Pike, as it is commonly called, I earnestly hope you will, in your meeting to-night, suspend the rules and give your unanimous endorsement to this improvement by passing the ordinance at to-night's meeting.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 31, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I return without my approval General Ordinance No. 67, 1917, the same being an ordinance passed for the purpose of increasing the salaries of the members of the Fire Department of this city.

Under the terms of this ordinance an increase of \$80,000 annually would be added to the salaries in the fire department.

In view of the fact that the city's income is limited to a levy of 75 cents upon each \$100 for general purposes, and we are now up to that limit, coupled with the fact that during the coming year the city's income from miscellaneous sources will be reduced to the extent of \$300,000 on account of the loss of fees from retail liquor licenses, it would be impossible for the city to meet the additional burden which this ordinance would impose without borrowing money to do so.

The city tax levy for general purposes for the present year is 75 cents, and in order to make the revenues of the city meet our necessary expenditures every department has been compelled to practice the strictest economy during the year, and in many instances the departments have been compelled to do without things which are really matters of necessity.

On account of the lack of revenue during the present year we have been compelled to forego many greatly needed street improvements because of lack of funds with which to pay the cost of intersections, which item falls upon the city.

Our lack of revenues has made it necessary to leave many of the vacancies in the police department unfilled, there being now thirty-eight vacancies in that department. The burden of policing the city has been made extremely hard for members of the police department because of the extended districts the men have been compelled to patrol on account of the shortage in the number of men upon the force.

The regular members of the fire department now receive a salary of \$1,095 per annum, and there are upon file in the Board of Public Safety's office hundreds of applications of men who seek to be appointed as members of the fire department. The position and salary is an attractive one to the persons whose applications are on file. The compensation provided for members of the department is, I am sure, above the average of what might be earned if the men were engaged in private employment outside the department. There has been no complaint anywhere that the compensation provided for the members of the fire department is not adequate to provide a comfortable livelihood, even in this time of high prices.

The question of an increase in the salaries in any department should not be considered at this time unless the salaries provided are not sufficient to provide an adequate means of support for those employed in the department.

I say this because of the fact that property owners and business men are now being taxed upon every hand by the national, state, county, city and township governments. Special forms of taxes are being provided in order to meet the demands of our preparation for war, which will add additional burdens to the taxpayers of this city, and in addition to all these taxes, which every citizen will be compelled to pay, the demands made upon citizens for private contributions to the causes of charity have become so great and so insistent as to make these donations to charity almost a permanent tax which the individual citizen, recognizing his patriotic duty, can scarcely escape.

While we think of the burden the high cost of living places upon the citizens, we must not lose sight of the fact that the tremendous burden in the matter of the increasing taxes is becoming a serious question to all of the business interests, not only in Indianapolis, but everywhere.

There is no good reason for passing this ordinance at this time, because, according to the terms of the ordinance, it is not to take effect until January 1, 1918.

"It can not with reason be said that the ordinance is passed at this time in order that the increase of salaries in the fire department can be added in the budget which is to be made up for the coming year because of the fact that the city's tax levy is now 75 cents upon each \$100, being the limit that can be made under the law, and this levy for general purposes will not produce sufficient revenue to meet the absolute needs of the city under conditions as they now exist.

Therefore the tax levy as it now stands will not permit the adding of additional amounts for the maintenance of the fire department because the levy will not produce revenue sufficient to meet these added amounts.

It has been suggested to me that special license fees can be levied upon various industries of the city to produce the additional revenue to meet the increase provided for in this ordinance.

I seriously doubt the wisdom of attempting to place further burdens upon the business industries of this city, who now, under the war conditions, are being so heavily taxed; and I am not aware of any industry in this city upon which a special license tax could be levied that would produce sufficient revenue to meet the increase provided in this ordinance.

If this ordinance should become a law, then an immediate demand would be made for an increase in the salaries of the members of the police department, who would be just as much entitled to an increase as the members of the fire department.

To provide for a similar increase in the police department would mean an additional \$110,000 to the salary expense of the city, which, added to that of the fire department, would make an addition of \$190,000 annual increase in the expenditures of this city.

In view of the fact that the revenues of the city, which now are inadequate to meet its legitimate needs, will be reduced during the coming year to the extent of \$300,000 from the loss of revenue from the 600 retail liquor licenses in this city, it would seem to be the worst kind of business management to add additional expenditures to the various departments of the city with no means of raising the revenue to meet these expenditures.

While this ordinance provides by its terms that it shall not take effect until January 1, 1918, and therefore this administration will not be called upon to meet the additional burden imposed, yet it seems to me that in all fairness we should not add to the burdens of the next administration unless at the same time we provide means by which to meet this added burden.

Since this ordinance is not to take effect until the next administration, I think the right thing to do is to let the question of the salaries in the next administration rest entirely with that administration, whatever it may be.

I regret exceedingly that I have been compelled, in view of the present financial conditions, to disagree with the members of the Common Council, but, for the reasons stated, I am compelled to withhold my approval of this ordinance. I feel that our present financial situation and the many burdens which the business interests of this city are compelled to bear demand that this ordinance should not be passed at this time, but the matter should be left for the next administration to deal with as it may deem best. I therefore return the said ordinance without my approval.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

By Mr. Porter:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1917.

MR. PRESIDENT—I respectfully move that General Ordinance No. 67, 1917, be passed over the veto of the Mayor.

A. D. PORTER.

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

The roll was called and General Ordinance No. 67, 1917, was passed over the Mayor's veto by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, 1, viz.: Mr. Connor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I enclose herewith three ordinances per letters from the Departments of Public Works, Legal and Public Health and Charities.

As you know, the Board of Health was compelled to begin its career by borrowing money, which sum has reduced from year to year. This loan

is similar in character to others which have always been made at this time of year.

The Department of Public Health and Charities wants this money before August 15, and I ask you to suspend your rules or call a special meeting in order that you may pass this ordinance in time for them to obtain this money.

Respectfully,

R. H. SULLIVAN.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW,

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 31, 1917.

Mr. Reginald H. Sullivan, City Controller, City Hall, City:

DEAR SIR—We have in our fund for the payment of judgments, compromises and costs only \$56.22. A judgment has just been rendered in favor of Frank H. Blackledge for \$161.25, which should be paid at once. Please request the Council to make an appropriation to this department for the payment of judgments, compromises and costs for \$500. We have other claims pending that can be compromised for small sums if they are settled at once.

Yours truly,

WM. A. PICKENS,

Corporation Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND CHARITIES.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 1, 1917.

Mr. Reginald Sullivan, City Controller, City:

DEAR SIR—Acting under instructions from the Board of Health, I respectfully request that you submit to the City Council a bill for an ordinance authorizing a loan of \$45,000.00 for Board of Health purposes.

As has been stated on previous occasions, this loan is made necessary on account of an emergency clause which was placed on an act of the Legislature in 1913, causing the Board of Health to operate for six months without any available funds.

Very respectfully yours,

H. G. MORGAN.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1917.

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

DEAR SIR—I am directed to request that you recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$85.00

from the bridge construction and repair fund to the fund for construction of Villa Avenue bridge over Pleasant Run.

This bridge has been completed and accepted by City and the above transfer is made necessary to pay balance due contractor for certain extra and additional work ordered by the Board of Public Works on recommendation of the 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 6, 1917.

To the Honorable City Council, City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN—I am directed to submit for your consideration and approval the following ordinances:

An ordinance authorizing the permanent improvement of the roadway of Massachusetts Avenue from the north property line of Tenth Street to the west property line of Jefferson Avenue, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 9012;

An ordinance authorizing the permanent improvement of the roadway of Massachusetts Avenue from the west property line of Jefferson Avenue to the west property line of Rural Street, except 653½ lineal feet of space improved by track elevation, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 9010; and

An ordinance authorizing the permanent improvement of the roadway of Massachusetts Avenue from the west property line of Adams street to the west property line of School Street, except the crossing of the Belt Railroad tracks, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 9013.

The prompt passage of the foregoing ordinances is requested in order that the city may proceed with the work of constructing its part of a suitable roadway leading to Fort Benjamin Harrison, the urgent need of which has been impressed upon the Board of Public Works by the military authorities and civic organizations.

The Board plans to do this work under five separate resolutions, and as majority remonstrances have been filed against the above three sections, authority of Council must be had before the work can proceed.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH P. TURK,

Clerk Board of Public Works.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1917.

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 Appropriation Ordinance No. 14, 1917, entitled "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Department of Finance, for the purpose of refunding certain license fees, 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,
EDWARD P. BARRY,
JOHN F. CONNOR,
THOS. C. LEE,
FRANK GRAHAM.

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

From the Committee on Finance :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1917

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 General Ordinance No. 66, 1917, entitled "An ordinance transferring certain funds in the Department of Public Works, reappropriating 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,
EDWARD P. BARRY,
JOHN F. CONNOR,
THOS. C. LEE,
FRANK GRAHAM.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1917

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 General Ordinance No. 68, 1917, entitled "An ordinance directing the corporation counsel to procure the publication in pamphlet form of all general and special ordinances of general interest passed since July 1, 1916, and before July 1, 1917, and appropriating One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the purpose of such publication," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

A. D. PORTER,
EDWARD P. BARRY,
JOHN F. CONNOR,
THOS. C. LEE,
FRANK GRAHAM.

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

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 16, 1917. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 to the Department of Law, 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 there be, and hereby is, appropriated to the Department of Law the sum of \$500.00, to be used for the payment of judgments, compromises and costs.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By the Board of Public Works:

General Ordinance No. 73, 1917. An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Massachusetts Avenue from North property line of Tenth Street to the West

property line of Jefferson Avenue by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 9012, adopted on the 27th day of June, 1917.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis did on the 27th day of June, 1917, adopt Improvement Resolution No. 9012, for the improvement of Massachusetts Avenue from the North property line of Tenth Street to the West property line of Jefferson Avenue by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick; and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Public Works did at the same time fix July 15, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M., as the time to hear all persons interested or whose property is affected by said improvement; and the notices of the passage of said resolution and of the said time for hearing was published on the 28th day of June and the 5th day of July, 1917, 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 16th day of July, 1917, the Board, having met in regular session, took final action on said improvement resolution, the same being confirmed without modification; and

WHEREAS, On the 25th day of June, 1917, a written remonstrance was filed, signed by seven (7) out of the eleven (11) resident property owners against said improvement; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works has submitted to the Common Council, for 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 is, hereby ordered to improve Massachusetts Avenue from the North property line of Tenth Street to the West property line of Jefferson Avenue by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, under Improvement Resolution No. 9012, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the 27th day of June, 1917.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Connor moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 73, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, 1, viz.: Mr. Young.

General Ordinance No. 73, 1917, was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the Board of Public Works :

General Ordinance No. 74, 1917. An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Massachusetts Avenue from West property line of Jefferson Avenue to West property line of Rural Street, except 653½ lineal feet of space improved by track elevation, by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 9010.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis did on the 27th day of June, 1917, adopt Improvement Resolution No. 9010 for the improvement of Massachusetts Avenue from the West property line of Jefferson Avenue to West property line of Rural Street, except space improved by track elevation, by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick ; and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Public Works did at the same time fix July 16, 1917, 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 28th day of June and the 5th day of July, 1917, 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 16th day of July, 1917, the Board, having met in regular session, took final action on said improvement resolution, the same being confirmed without modification ; and

WHEREAS, On the 25th day of July, 1917, a written remonstrance of eleven (11) out of the thirteen (13) 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 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 is, hereby ordered to improve Massachusetts Avenue from West property line of Jefferson Avenue to West property line of Rural Street, except 653½ lineal feet of space improved by track elevation, by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, under Improvement Resolution No. 9010, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the 27th day of June, 1917.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Connor moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 74, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 8, viz. : Messrs. Barry, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, 1, viz. : Mr. Young.

General Ordinance No. 74, 1917, was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the Board of Public Works :

General Ordinance No. 75, 1917. An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Massachusetts Avenue from West property line of Adams Street to West property line of School Street, except the crossing at the Belt Railroad tracks, by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 9013, adopted June 27, 1917.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis did on the 27th day of June, 1917, adopt Improvement Resolution No. 9013, for the improvement of Massachusetts Avenue from the West property line of Adams Street to the West property line of School Street, except crossing of the Belt Railroad tracks, 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 July 16, 1917, 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 said time for hearing was published on June 28 and July 5, 1917, 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 16th day of July, 1917, the Board, having met in regular session, took final action on said improvement resolution, the same being confirmed without modification ; and

WHEREAS, On the 25th day of June, 1917, a written remonstrance of the only resident property owner 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 consideration and action thereon, an ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis 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 is, hereby ordered to improve Massachusetts Avenue from the West property line of Adams Street to the West property line of School Street, except crossing at Belt Railroad tracks, by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, under Improvement Resolution No. 9013, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the 27th day of June, 1917.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Connor moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 75, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 8, viz. : Messrs. Barry, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, 1, viz. : Mr. Young.

General Ordinance No. 75, 1917, was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

At 8:05 o'clock P. M. Mr. Barry was excused from further attendance at this meeting of the Council by President Shea.

By City Controller :

General Ordinance No. 71, 1917. An ordinance transferring funds of the Department of Public Works, reappropriating the same 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 Eighty-five (\$85.00) Dollars be, and hereby is, transferred from the Bridge Construction and Repair Fund of the Department of Public Works to and reappropriated to the fund for Construction of Villa Avenue Bridge over Pleasant Run, of the same department.

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 City Controller :

General Ordinance No. 72, 1917. 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, appropriating \$46,200 for payment of same, 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 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 Forty-five Thousand (\$45,000.00) Dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. (6%) and for a period not exceeding five months. The said loan shall be made on competitive bidding after one notice in a daily newspaper 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 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 obligations the faith of the city is hereby irrevocably pledged, and the sum of Forty-six Thousand Two Hundred (\$46,200.00) Dollars 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 City Controller :

General Ordinance No. 76, 1917. An ordinance fixing the salaries and compensation of all officers and members of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that the officers and members of the Police Force of said city shall receive the following salaries and compensation, to-wit :

(a) The salary of the chief of plice shall be four thousand dollars a year, payable in equal monthly installments.

(b) The captains of police and captain of detectives shall each receive a salary of two thousand dollars a year, payable in equal monthly installments.

(c) The inspector of police shall receive a salary of two thousand eight hundred dollars a year, payable in equal monthly installments.

(d) The lieutenants of police shall each receive a salary of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars a year, payable in equal monthly installments.

(e) The sergeants of police and detectives shall each receive a salary of one thousand five hundred dollars a year, payable in equal monthly installments.

(f) Each bicycleman, turnkey, traffic man, mounted man and plain-clothes man of the Police Force shall receive the sum of three dollars seventy-five cents a day.

(g) Each patrolman shall receive the sum of three dollars fifty cents a day.

SECTION 2. The salaries and compensations specified in the foregoing section of this ordinance shall be paid out of the city treasury, from appropriations for such purposes, at the times and in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the first day of January, 1918.

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

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Thomas A. Riley, Secretary of the City Board of Registration Commissioners, submitted the following bills contracted by the commission for approval of the Council:

RECEIVERS, CENTRAL UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY.

May 17, 1917—Telephone rent for May.....	\$ 3.34
July 2, 1917—Telephone rent for June and July.....	9.00
August 2, 1917—Telephone rent for August.....	4.50

REMINGTON TYPEWRITER COMPANY.

May 22, 1917—Typewriter supplies per invoice.....	26.50
July 31, 1917—Typewriter supplies per invoice.....	29.50

UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER COMPANY.

June 20, 1917—Typewriter supplies per invoice.....	1.50
July 8, 1917—Typewriter supplies per invoice.....	.75
July 23, 1917—Typewriter rental	14.50

PAUL P. KOESTERS.

June 1, 1917—Tables per invoice.....	21.05
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BAKER BROS.

June 2, 1917—Rent of roll top desk May 10 to Oct. 8, 1917.....	8.00
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PYRENE MFG. CO.

June 12, 1917—Brass extinguisher with bracket.....	10.00
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WM. B. BURFORD.

June 1, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	5.00
June 7, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	200.30
June 9, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	9.50
June 14, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	2.60
June 21, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	90.00
June 22, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	3.75
June 23, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	.35
July 3, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	2.65
July 13, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	9.90
July 17, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	12.80
July 18, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	3.70
July 24, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	10.55
July 28, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	9.00

CENTENNIAL PRESS.

June 30, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	18.55
July 17, 1917—Supplies as per itemized bill.....	11.65
July 24, 1917—400,000 Application for Registration blanks.....	1,800.00
July 30, 1917—5,000 letter heads.....	20.00

R. L. POLK & Co.

July 2, 1917—Indianapolis City Directory, 1917.....	8.00
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POSTAGE.

July 7, 1917—200 2c postage stamps.....	4.00
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Mr. Miller moved that the Council approve the bills.

Seconded by Mr. Porter. Carried.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 14, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 14, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 14, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

Ayes, 8, viz. : Messrs. Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for General Ordinance No. 66, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that General Ordinance No. 66, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 66, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

Ayes, 8, viz. : Messrs. Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for General Ordinance No. 68, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that General Ordinance No. 68, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 68, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

Ayes, 8, viz. : Messrs. Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Common Council, at 8:25 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Michael J. Brea
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President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Riley
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City Clerk.

