

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

THURSDAY, September 20, 1917.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Thursday evening, September 20, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock in special session, President Michael J. Shea in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 20, 1917.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

GENTLEMEN—You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday evening, September 20, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of the introduction and consideration of Miscellaneous Business, in which President Michael J. Shea prefers charges against Councilman Edward P. Barry on account of his (Edward P. Barry's) insinuating remarks regarding the motive of Michael J. Shea in voting as he did on General Ordinance No. 83, 1917.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL J. SHEA,
President.

I, Thomas A. Riley, 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.

Respectfully,

THOMAS A. RILEY,
City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Michael J. Shea, President of the Common Council, and 6 members, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Lee, Connor and Graham.

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

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Shea :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 20, 1917.

To the Hon. Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Whereas, it has been charged by Councilman Edward P. Barry from the First District at the regular meeting of the Common Council, held on Monday evening, September 17, 1917, that there was one of three motives prevalent in the passage of General Ordinance No. 83, 1917, at that time.

I, Michael J. Shea, hereby deny the charge, and I also desire to call your attention to the fact that under the rules of the Council no member has any right to question or impugn the motive of any member. Therefore, I ask that Councilman Edward P. Barry be made to substantiate the charge, and if unable to do so, that he be dealt with according to law.

With this purpose in view I ask that there be a committee of five appointed to make a thorough investigation, and sit in judgment, and report back to the Council their findings, and that the report of said committee be made a matter of record.

(Signed) MICHAEL J. SHEA,
President Common Council.

Mr. Graham moved that a committee of five members be appointed. Seconded by Mr. Young.

The roll was called, 7 members voting.

Mr. Lee explained his vote.

President Shea declared Mr. Lee not in order.

Mr. Lee raised a point of order.

President Shea declared him out of order.

Mr. Lee appealed from the decision of the Chair.

President Shea called Mr. Connor to the Chair.

Mr. Barry raised the point of order that on appeal from the decision of the Chair the President must call the President Pro Tem. to the Chair.

President Shea did not decide Mr. Barry's point of order and called Mr. Connor to the Chair.

Mr. Connor called for the business before the Council.

Mr. Lee stated his point of order was that the President could not question the Clerk, but must be governed by the Journal for any proceedings or actions of the Council or its members.

Mr. Shea made no statement.

Mr. Connor left the Chair.

President Shea took the Chair and declared Mr. Graham's motion to appoint a committee carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 4, viz.: Messrs. Young, Miller, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, 3, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Lee and Connor.

On motion of Mr. Connor, the Common Council, at 8:15 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Michael J. Shea

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President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Riley

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City Clerk.