

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, 1917.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, Nov. 14, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock in special session, President Michael J. Shea in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 14, 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 Wednesday evening, November 14, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock, for receiving reports from city officers and for the introduction, consideration and final action on an ordinance transferring funds in the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL J. SHEA,

President.

I, Thomas A. Riley, Clerk of the Common Council, 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.

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 4 members, viz.: Messrs, Young, McGuff, Miller and Graham.

Absent, 4, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Porter, Lee and Connor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 14, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I enclose herewith a letter from the Board of Public Works asking for the passage of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$2,000 from funds of the Department of Public Works to funds of the same department for the grading of Illinois Street between Maple Road and Forty-sixth Street. I also enclose a letter from the Mayor upon this subject.

I am informed by the City Engineer, and also by the Mayor, that an emergency exists for the passage of the ordinance, and I therefore submit to you an ordinance transferring \$2,000 and recommend the same.

Yours very truly,

R. H. SULLIVAN,
City Controller.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 14, 1917.

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

DEAR SIR—In connection with the contract let for the improvement of Illinois Street from Thirty-eighth Street to Forty-sixth Street, the Board of Public Works issued an order requiring the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company to extend its tracks in Illinois Street north to Forty-sixth Street. A contract was entered into for the improvement of the street upon either side of the street railway tracks and the contractor began the work of improvement.

On account of the fact that a new grade is established in Illinois Street for the improvement thereof, the Street Railway Company claims that under their franchise where tracks are to be extended they are not required to cut down the grade of the street to the new established grade, but can only be required to put the tracks upon the street after the street has been put to the new established grade.

The City has demanded of the Street Car Company that it do this excavation work at its own cost, but the company has refused to do so, claiming it is not liable therefor.

Under the terms of the street railway franchise under which the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company operates, where the Board of Public Works issues an order to make any particular improvement required by the franchise, and the Street Railway Company refuses to do so, the City has a right to make such improvement and recover the cost thereof from the company.

Therefore the City has arranged to do the work of excavating that part of the roadway of Illinois Street which will be occupied by the tracks when extended, and when the work is completed will seek to recover the cost thereof from the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company.

The City Engineer has made an estimate of the amount needed for the doing of this work and a bid has been received, the estimate being \$2,000.00.

There is a great and general demand for the improvement of Illinois Street and the extension of these tracks to Forty-sixth Street.

In order that the City may enter into this contract for the excavation of that part of the street that will be occupied by the street car tracks, it is necessary to first obtain a transfer of funds by the Common Council in such manner as to authorize the entering into of this excavation contract.

I therefore ask that you present a formal request to the Council for the transfer of funds amounting to \$2,000.00 from such funds already appropriated to the Board of Public Works that will not be needed in the expenditures of that department, and that you present to the Common Council at its special meeting to-night an ordinance providing for the necessary transfer of these funds.

I ask that you confer with the City Engineer concerning the same.

On account of the emergency which now exists and the need of taking action at once to complete the work before the freezing weather sets in, I suggest that you request the Council to pass the ordinance transferring these funds under a suspension of the rules.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,

OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 14, 1917.

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

DEAR SIR—I am directed to request that you recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$2,000.00 from the fund for Bridge Gang Salary and Wages to a special fund to provide for the grading of 18 feet in the center of Illinois Street between Maple Road and Forty-sixth Street.

This thoroughfare is now being permanently improved, and in order that the work may not be delayed it is desirable that the work of grading the space to be occupied by car tracks be done by the City and the cost of such work later recovered from the Street Car Company. This becomes necessary on account of the Street Car Company taking the position that it is not required to cut the present grade to new curb grade that is now established.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH P. TURK,

Clerk, Board of Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 100, 1917. An ordinance transferring funds of the Department of Public Works to funds of the same department, 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 Two Thousand (\$2,000) be and is hereby transferred from the Bridge Gang Salaries and Wages fund of the Department of Public Works to and reappropriated to funds of the same department for grading Illinois Street between Maple Road and Forty-sixth Street.

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.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Common Council, at 8:10 o'clock P .M., adjourned.

Michael J. Green

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President.

ATTEST :

Thomas A. Wiley

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City Clerk.