

SPECIAL MEETING:

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

MONDAY, September 28, 1908.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, September 28, 1908, at 7:30 o'clock, in special session, President William J. Neukom in the chair, pursuant to the following call: ;

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 26, 1908.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Common Council in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, September 28, 1908, at 7:30 o'clock, for the consideration and action on Appropriation Ordinance No. 30, 1908, and General Ordinances Nos. 75 and 77, 1908.

Yours truly,

WM. J. NEUKOM,  
*President.*

I, James McNulty, 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.

JAMES McNULTY,  
*City Clerk.*

The Clerk called the roll:

Present: The Hon. William J. Neukom, President of the Common Council, and 20 members, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Hamlet, Wood, Davis, Eppert, Smither, Rhodes, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Hartmann, Portteus, Royse, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Hilkene, Wright and Henry.

Absent, none.

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

## From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 28, 1908.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN: Your Finance Committee, in submitting its report upon the annual appropriations for the year 1909, commonly called "the budget," feels that it should make some more detailed explanation than is commonly carried in the formal report. The total reductions recommend by your committee aggregate \$78,070. The total net appraisalment of property, according to the communication of the City Controller, is one hundred seventy-six million eight hundred twenty-five thousand seventy-five dollars (\$176,825,075.00). On this appraisalment one cent of the tax levy would realize \$17,682.50, exclusive of any deduction to be made for delinquencies. The total reduction recommended by your committee might seem to warrant a greater reduction than one cent in the levy for general purposes, but your committee has recommended some reductions which it might be necessary to hereafter provide for, by specific appropriation, notably among such deductions are those for the equipment of two fire stations, amounting to eighteen thousand twenty dollars (\$18,020.00), and for public conveniences amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), which aggregate \$43,020.00. Your committee recommended that these appropriations be stricken from this ordinance, not because they are at this time opposed to these appropriations, but because they believe that these appropriations have no place in the annual appropriation ordinance or budget. It is the sense of your committee that the budget should carry with it only appropriations for the usual and ordinary expenditures of the various departments of the City Government, and that extraordinary and unusual expenditures should be provided for in special appropriation ordinances for specific purposes. For that reason your committee, although recommending what may seem a large cut in the proposed tax levy, has seen fit to recommend that the bulk of this cut shall be taken from the proposed levy for park purposes rather than from the proposed levy for general purposes. Your committee has been moved to take this position for the reason that it is always within the power of this body to grant specific appropriations for specific purposes to the Department of Public Parks, if such additional appropriations are shown to be reasonably necessary; and in that connection your committee calls attention to the fact that this body has, upon the recommendation of your committee, during the present year appropriated forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00), and now has pending before it an additional appropriation for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), which will in all probability be granted. Under the proposed levy for park purposes of four cents (4c) the total estimated revenues to the Department of Public Parks, from that source, will amount to \$70,730.00, to which should be added thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) received from the Indianapolis Traction & Terminal Company, under the provisions of its franchise, and to this must still be added the sum of about seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) miscellaneous receipts of this department from all sources, making a total of one hundred eight thousand two hundred thirty dollars (\$108,230.00), which sum is a fraction over five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in excess of the amount appropriated for this

department last year, exclusive of the special appropriations heretofore mentioned.

The Mayor says in his communication to this body concerning the recommendations for appropriations, "municipal housekeeping does not differ except in matters of detail from domestic housekeeping," and we agreed with the Mayor in that statement, and for that reason your committee has not seen fit to recommend materially the extensive cutting in any single item of appropriations which it was deemed had a proper place in the budget, but has on the other hand recommended slight reductions in many items where a careful examination of expenditures, made during the past year, has seemed to warrant a slight reduction. An examination of the recommendations of your committee will show that the aggregate reduction of seventy-eight thousand and seventy dollars (\$78,070.00) has been made by what may appear to be insignificant reduction in many items rather than by wholesale cutting of the larger items of appropriations. The Mayor also says, in speaking of necessity for recommending increased appropriations and an increased tax levy, "but let me call to your attention, and to the attention of the tax payers of Indianapolis, as additional evidence that extreme care has been exercised in fixing appropriations for the coming year, that we have been actuated by a purpose to apply the strictest economy in each department, and to the fact that this item of increase is in a great degree covered by the increases of salaries made in the Police Force and Fire Force and other city departments over my protest." That this statement is misleading is evidenced by the fact that no increase in the levy is proposed by the Mayor for general purposes, out of which levy must be paid these increases in the salaries granted in the Police Force and Fire Force and other such departments. The entire increase in tax levy, proposed and recommended by the Mayor, is exclusively for park purposes and cannot be used under the law for any other purposes. If the increased levy were necessitated by the increased salaries granted, the increased levy must necessarily have been asked for in the general fund and not for the park fund, which is not subject to appropriation of this body. In this connection your committee desires to call the attention of this body, and as the Mayor says, "of the tax payers" to the fact that the first increases in salaries to city officials and employes was granted by this body at the urgent and persistent solicitation of the Mayor himself, and the ordinance granting the first increases in salaries granted to said officials and employes was drawn at the Mayor's request by the City Attorney and presented to this body as an administration measure and was so received and considered by this body. The subsequent increase in salaries were made by this body largely because they believed that the equities of the situation demanded that the little or insignificant, if you please, employes were entitled to the same consideration that was given to the so-called "big fellows." The salary increase granted to the members of the Police Force and Fire Force received the unanimous vote of this body after the ordinance granting the same had been vetoed by the Mayor, your committee deems it unnecessary at this time to take up any defense of the other members of this body on this question. We believe that the tax payers are willing to pay a reasonable amount for the services received from the departments, and we believe that economy might well be practiced in other lines than in withholding decent wages for worthy service.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. ROYSE.  
W. O. BANGS.  
JOHN L. DONAVON.  
FAY WRIGHT.  
W. A. RHODES.  
H. C. SMITHER.  
BENJ. A. BROWN.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 28, 1908.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN: Your Finance Committee, to which was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 30, 1908, entitled "An ordinance appropriating moneys for the purpose of defraying current expenses of the City Government of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and for the use of the several executive departments thereof, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1909, and ending December 31, 1909, including all outstanding claims and obligations which become due and payable within said period; and fixing the time when the same shall take effect," begs leave to report that it has had the same under consideration and recommend that said ordinance be amended as follows, to-wit:

In Item 4, Department of Finance, strike out the words and figures "six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00)."

In Item 6, Department of Finance, strike out the words and figures "three hundred dollars (\$300.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)."

In Item 8, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "fifteen thousand dollars (\$1,500.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00)."

In Item 11, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)."

In Item 13, Board of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "thirty-two thousand six hundred twenty dollars (\$32,620.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Thirty-one thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$31,280.00)."

In Item 17, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "one hundred forty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$142,500.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "One hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000.00)."

In Item 18, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

In Item 19, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

In Item 22, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00)."

In Item 24, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00)."

In Item 27, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)."

In Item 30, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof

the words and figures following, to-wit: "Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00)."

In Item 39, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "One thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)."

In Item 40, Department of Public Works, strike out the words and figures "one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "One hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$117,000.00)."

Strike out all of Item 42, Department of Public Works, which said Item 42 reads as follows, to-wit: "For purchase of automobile, the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00)."

Strike out all of Item 43, Department of Public Works, which said Item 43 reads as follows, to-wit: "For maintenance and repair of automobile, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)."

Strike out all of Item 44, Department of Public Works, which said Item 44 reads as follows, to-wit: "For public conveniences, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)."

In Item 1, Department of Public Safety, strike out the words and figures "seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

In Item 3, Department of Public Safety, Building Inspection, strike out the words and figures "seven thousand eight hundred dollars (\$7,800.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Six thousand six hundred dollars (\$6,600.00)."

In Item 1, Department of Public Safety, Scales, Weights and Measures, strike out the words and figures "six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

In Item 10, Department of Public Safety, Fire Force, strike out the words and figures "five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00)."

In Item 11, Department of Public Safety, Fire Force, strike out the words and figures "two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)."

In Item 14, Department of Public Safety, Fire Force, strike out the words and figures "five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00)."

Strike out all of that part of Section 1, under Department of Public Safety, Fire Force, pertaining to the equipment and maintenance of two new fire stations, as follows, to-wit: "Additional appropriations on account of the proposed two new fire stations."

- (1) For one fire engine, the sum of five thousand dollars.... \$5,000 00
- (2) For one combination chemical and hose wagon, the sum  
of one thousand five hundred dollars..... 1,500 00
- (3) For two thousand feet of hose, the sum of two thousand  
dollars ..... 2,000 00
- (4) For four horses, the sum of one thousand dollars..... 1,000 00
- (5) For harness, the sum of one hundred twenty dollars..... 120 00

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| (6) For furniture and furnishings, the sum of two hundred dollars ..... | 200 00   |
| (7) For miscellaneous, the sum of two hundred dollars.....              | 200 00   |
| (8) For salaries, eight men, the sum of eight thousand dollars .....    | 8,000 00 |

In Item 4, Department of Public Safety, Police Force and Stations, strike out the words and figures "three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)."

In Item 12, Department of Public Safety, Police Force and Stations, strike out the words and figures "one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

In Item 15, Department of Public Safety, Police Force and Stations, strike out the words and figures, "two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)."

In Item 1, Department of Public Health and Charities, Board of Health Office, strike out the words and figures "one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the following, to-wit: "One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)."

In Item 2, Department of Public Health and Charities, Board of Health Office, strike out the words and figures "one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

In Item 6, Department of Public Health and Charities, Board of Health Office, strike out the words and figures "five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00)."

In Item 4, Department of Public Health and Charities, City Hospital, strike out the words and figures "six hundred dollars (\$600.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Four hundred dollars (\$400.00)."

In Item 10, Department of Public Health and Charities, City Hospital, strike out the words and figures "two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)."

In Item 17, Department of Public Health and Charities, City Hospital, strike out the words and figures "one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)," and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)."

After being amended as hereinabove recommended, your Finance Committee recommends that said ordinance do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. ROYSE.  
H. C. SMITHER.  
W. A. RHODES.  
FAY WRIGHT.  
BENJ. A. BROWN.  
W. O. BANGS.  
JOHN L. DONAVON.

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

## From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 28, 1908.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN: Your Finance Committee, to which was referred General Ordinance No. 77, 1908, entitled "An ordinance providing for the transfer and re-appropriation of the sum of \$15,000.00 heretofore appropriated to the Department of Public Works, and to and for the use of the Department of Public Parks, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect," begs leave to report that it has had the same under consideration and recommends that said ordinance be amended, as follows, to-wit: By adding to Section 1 thereof, the following, to-wit, "*provided*, however, that any unexpended balance remaining in such fund, shall revert to the general park fund."

After being amended as herein recommended, your committee recommends that said ordinance do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. ROYSE.  
W. O. BANGS.  
FAY WRIGHT.  
JOHN L. DONAVON.  
W. A. RHODES.  
H. C. SMITHER.  
BENJ. A. BROWN.

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

## From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 28, 1908.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN: Your Finance Committee, to which was referred General Ordinance No. 75, 1908, entitled "An ordinance ordering and directing the levy of an annual tax and fixing the rate of levy, or levies, and taxation for the City of Indianapolis, for the year 1909; and fixing the time when the same shall take effect," begs leave to report that it has had the same under consideration and recommends that said ordinance be amended as follows: By striking out in lines 7, of Section 1, the words and figures following, to-wit: "Eighty-two (82)," and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures following, to-wit: "Eighty-one (81)," and also by striking out in lines 17, of Section 1, the words and figures following, to-wit: "Six (6)," and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures

following, to-wit: "Four (4)." After being so amended, your committee recommends that said ordinance do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. ROYSE.  
W. O. BANGS.  
FAY WRIGHT.  
JOHN L. DONAVON.  
W. A. RHODES.  
H. C. SMITHER.  
BENJ. A. BROWN.

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

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Royse called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 30, 1908, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Royse moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 30, 1908, be amended as recommended by the committee. Carried.

Mr. Royse moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 30, 1908, be ordered engrossed as amended, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 30, 1908, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 20, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Hamlet, Wood, Davis, Eppert, Smither, Rhodes, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Hartmann, Porteus, Royse, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Wright, Henry and President William J. Neukom.

Noes, 1, viz.: Mr. Hilken.

Mr. Royse called for General Ordinance No. 77, 1908, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Royse moved that General Ordinance No. 77, 1908, be amended as recommended by the committee. Carried.

Mr. Royse moved that General Ordinance No. 77, 1908, be ordered engrossed as amended, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 77, 1908, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 21, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Hamlet, Wood, Davis, Eppert, Smither, Rhodes, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Hartmann, Portteus, Royse, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Hilkene, Wright, Henry and President William J. Neukom.

Noes, none.

Mr. Royse called for General Ordinance No. 75, 1908, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Royse moved that General Ordinance No. 75, 1908, be amended as recommended by the committee. Carried.

Mr. Royse moved that General Ordinance No. 75, 1908, be ordered engrossed as amended, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 75, 1908, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 21, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Hamlet, Wood, Davis, Eppert, Smither, Rhodes, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Hartmann, Portteus, Royse, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Hilkene, Wright, Henry and President William J. Neukom.

Noes, none.

On motion of Mr. Rhodes, the Common Council at 8:40 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

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*President.*

ATTEST:

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*City Clerk.*



## SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

MONDAY, September 28, 1908.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, September 28, 1908, at 8:45 o'clock, in special session, President William J. Neukom in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 28, 1908.

*To James McNulty, City Clerk of the City of Indianapolis:*

You are hereby requested to call a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis for Monday evening, September 28, 1908, at 8:45 o'clock to consider General Ordinance No. 72.

BENJ. A. BROWN.  
HARRY E. ROYSE.  
CHAS. G. DAVIS.  
JOHN F. WOOD.  
JOHN L. DONAVON.  
OTTO HOFMANN.  
ALBERT E. COTTEY.

I, James McNulty, 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.

JAMES McNULTY,  
*City Clerk.*

The Clerk called the roll:

Present: The Hon. William J. Neukom, President of the Common Council, and 14 members, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Wood,

Davis, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Hartmann, Portteus, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Hilkene, Wright and Henry.

Absent, 6, viz.: Messrs. Cottey, Hamlet, Eppert, Smither, Rhodes and Royse.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Public Property and Improvement:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 28, 1908.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Public Property and Improvements, to which was referred General Ordinance No. 72, entitled "An ordinance authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Parker avenue from north property line Tenth street, to south property line Nowland avenue, with asphalt roadway and brick gutters," begs leave to report that it has had the same under consideration and recommends that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. A. BROWN.  
HARRY E. ROYSE.  
JOHN L. DONAVON.

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:

Mr. Brown called for General Ordinance No. 72, 1908, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Brown moved that General Ordinance No. 72, 1908, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 72, 1908, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 15, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Wood, Davis, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Hartmann, Portteus, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Hilken, Wright, Henry and President William J. Neukom.

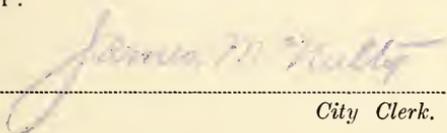
Noes, none.

On motion of Mr. Bangs, the Common Council at 9:10 o'clock P. M., adjourned.



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*President.*

ATTEST:



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*City Clerk.*

