

May 4th, 1901. (b) For money to aid and assist him in the political campaign for the fall of 1904.

Eighth Charge.

We charge said Robert E. Bolger with incompetency, unfitness, gross neglect of duty in this:

SPECIFICATION: (a) That he adopted and approved plans, specifications, blue prints, and estimates for paving to be done upon the boulevards which were not designed to and did not protect the best interests of the City of Detroit.

(b) That in violation of the law, he changed said plans, specifications and blue prints after the bids and proposals on the same were made and received, by cutting off said plans and specifications part of the cement curb; in changing the course of the pavement at Lafayette and the Boulevard, and in the hauling of dirt from the Vine-wood avenue job to Clark Park, instead of to Atkinson Park, as provided in said specifications; that said changes were all made in the interests of the contractor, stifled competition, and were not in the interests of the City of Detroit.

(c) That he advertised for bids to make a speedway forty (40) feet wide on the Western Boulevard, and let the contract to Lennane Bros. for thirty (30) feet wide, without re-advertising the same.

(d) That he allowed concrete to be put behind the curbing without in any manner providing for the composition or the component parts of the same, either as to stone, cement or other ingredients.

(e) That he accepted bids on said work and let the contracts for the same without designating therein the kind of cement and without the bidders naming the kind of cement to be used.

(f) That the reinforced cement curb was not constructed according to the specifications, but that the iron pipe of one inch dimension and the reinforcing rods and wires were not put therein as required by the specification; that in about half of said work the same were entirely omitted, which was well known to said commissioner, or could have been easily known, had he made a personal inspection or provided for adequate and proper inspection of said work.

Ninth Charge.

Your committee charges that said Robert E. Bolger, Commissioner of Parks and Boulevards, is guilty of gross negligence and unlawful practices in the letting of the contract with the Huber Automobile Company for carrying passengers around Belle Isle and across Belle Isle Bridge.

SPECIFICATION: The contract was let with the Huber Automobile Company. That at the time of the letting of said contract one of the members of the company, and who had a financial interest in the contract was William D. Healy, at that time superintendent of parks and boulevards under, and an appointee of, said Commissioner Bolger. That he and Bolger were on the most intimate terms, said Healy at the time of the letting of the contract, was living with him in his house on said Belle Isle Park, and at the time of the letting of said contract said Bolger knew that said Healy, his superintendent, was finan-

cially interested in said contract, and said Bolger fixed and established an exorbitant price for the carrying of passengers in said automobiles around said island, and withdrew the park wagons from competing with said automobiles, all in the interests of said contractor, and against the interests of the City of Detroit, and of its citizens.

Tenth Charge.

We charge the said Robert E. Bolger with incompetency, mismanagement, and the performance of his duties as Park Commissioner in an unsatisfactory manner, and not in accordance with the best interests of the city, in this:

SPECIFICATION: That he was ordered, on his own request and recommendation, to cut down, burn and destroy certain infected hickory trees on Belle Isle Park, and allowed \$1,000 for expenses for that purpose. That he cut down said trees, left portions thereof on the ground for many months thereafter, and sold said trees, amounting to upwards of eleven carloads, for \$75, when in reality said hickory wood was worth in the market upwards of \$1,000, and that he furnished to the purchaser thereof some of the labor at the expense of the city in cutting down said trees.

Eleventh Charge.

That said Robert E. Bolger was and is guilty of unlawful acts in his office as Park and Boulevard Commissioner, of gross negligence in the performance of his duties in said office, maladministration, incompetency and unfitness therein.

MAX C. KOCH,
HIRAM L. ROSE,
RICHARD M. WATSON,
GODFREY FREIWAJD,
CHARLES H. WIEBER.

Committee on Parks and Boulevards.

Accepted and leave being granted the following resolutions were offered:
By Ald. Koch:

Whereas, the Committee on Parks and Boulevards have preferred charges of misconduct in office on the part of Robert E. Bolger, Commissioner of Parks and Boulevards;

Resolved, That said charges be served personally on said Robert E. Bolger; that he have the right to appear before said committee with counsel, and put in such defense as he may deem proper. That said charges be, and the same are hereby referred to said committee for hearing, and for the purpose of taking testimony, to examine all witnesses in reference thereto, and to report all testimony taken back to the Common Council for final action and decision. Further, that said committee make such further investigation of the Department of Parks and Boulevards and of the official acts and doings of said Commissioner, Robert E. Bolger, as may come to their notice from time to time, and as they may deem necessary, and to hear and take testimony thereon.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Ald. Allan, Brozo, Burns, Burton, Ellis, Fisher, Freiwald, Gadde, Gibbons, Goeschel, Grindley, Gutman, Heineman, Hillger, Jeffries, Keating, Kingsley, Koch, Korte, Moeller, Mohn, Ostrowski, Owen, Reinhardt, Rose, Tossy, Vernor, Watson, Weibel, Weil-

er, Wieber, Wing, Zink and the President—34.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Koch:

Whereas, Charges of official misconduct have been preferred against Robert E. Bolger, in his office of Park and Boulevard Commissioner, and,

Whereas, the Committee on Parks and Boulevards, have been directed to hear and take the testimony in said matter:

Resolved, That said Committee be, and they are hereby empowered to employ all stenographers, clerks, assistants, counsel and such other persons as said committee may deem proper to aid and assist them in carrying on said hearing and investigation, and that the same be paid for by the City of Detroit.

Objected to and laid on the table.

Ordinances.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the petition of R. H. Post et al., requesting changing name of Chester avenue to Bagley avenue, respectfully report that we have had the matter under consideration and find that all of the property owners on Chester avenue have petitioned for changing the name of said street to Bagley avenue for the reason that said streets are a direct continuation of each other; that the property owners on Bagley avenue were duly notified of the proposed change and but few manifested any interest whatever in the matter. In view thereof and other reasons we recommend that the request of petitioners for changing name of said street be granted and we therefore offer the following ordinance,

Respectfully submitted,

WM. GUTMAN,
JAMES VERNOR,
MAURICE J. KEATING,
GODFREY FREIWAJD,
JOHN WEIBEL,

Accepted.
The following is the ordinance:

Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE changing the name of Chester avenue to Bagley avenue. It is hereby ordained by the people of the City of Detroit:

Section 1. That the name of the 2 street and highway in the City of 3 Detroit heretofore known as Chester 4 ter avenue be and the same is 5 hereby designated and shall here- 6 after be known as Bagley avenue.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take 2 immediate effect.

Read twice by title, ordered printed, and unanimous consent being granted placed on the order of third reading.

Third Reading of Ordinance.

The title to the ordinance was read a third time.

The ordinance was then read.

The question being, "Shall this ordinance now pass?" The ordinance was passed, a majority of the Aldermen present voting therefor as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Brozo, Burns, Burton, Ellis, Fisher, Freiwald, Gadde, Gibbons, Goeschel, Grindley, Gutman,

Heineman, Hillger, Jeffries, Keating, Kingsley, Koch, Korte, Moeller, Mohn, Ostrowski, Owen, Reinhardt, Rose, Tossy, Vernor, Watson, Weibel, Weiler, Wieber, Wing, Zink, and the President—34.

Nays—None.

The title to the ordinance was confirmed.

City Hospitals.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on City Hospitals, to whom was referred the communication from the Controller submitting tenders for the Grosse Pointe Hospital Grounds, respectfully report that we have made a visit to the property, and find that the present tenant, Mrs. Schultz, has lived on the property for upwards of twenty years; that she has always paid the rent promptly in advance, and that she has expended considerable time and labor in keeping the fences and buildings in repair.

Your committee has had various parties before it making bids. We find that while considerable repairs are necessary to put the roof of the house in good condition, Mr. Schultz informs the committee that he is willing to do the same and to increase what he is paying for rent to \$150 per year. We therefore recommend that his tender be accepted and that the Controller be authorized to enter into a lease with him for a period of three years from March 1 at the rate of \$150 per year, all repairs on the property to be made at his own expense.

We also further recommend that the Commissioner of Public Works be and is hereby directed to report to this Council an estimate of the expense necessary to level off the ground occupied by the graves, to put a suitable fence around it, and to erect a marker or tablet in memory of the deceased.

We herewith offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT F. GADDE,
CHAS. W. BURTON,
M. J. OSTROWSKI.

Accepted and leave being granted, the following resolution was offered:
By Ald. Gadde:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and is hereby directed to enter into a lease with August Schultz for the property known as the Grosse Pointe Hospital Grounds, excepting that used for cemetery purposes, for a term of three years, at the rate of \$150 per year, all repairs to be made by the tenant at his own expense; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and is hereby directed to report to this Council the expense necessary to be incurred in leveling off the cemetery ground, putting a substantial fence around the property and for the erection of a tablet thereon.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Brozo, Burns, Burton, Ellis, Fisher, Freiwald, Gadde, Gibbons, Goeschel, Grindley, Gutman, Heineman, Hillger, Jeffries, Keating, Kingsley, Koch, Korte, Moeller, Mohn, Ostrowski, Owen, Reinhardt, Rose, Tossy, Vernor, Watson, Weibel, Weil-