

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully,

CHAS. W. CASGRAIN,
Clerk.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Civil Service Commission
To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—This commission begs to advise your honorable body that the Pension Amendment of the City Charter, approved by the electorate at the election held April 2, 1923, provides that this commission shall have charge of, and responsibility for, the placing of municipal employes upon the list of retired employes and fixing the pensions thereon.

This has received the careful consideration of this commission since its enactment, and the duties and responsibilities carefully weighed. In order to carry out the provisions of the amendment, and at the same time to safeguard the interests of the city, this commission has tentatively outlined a plan of procedure and practice.

You will readily understand that the records of this department do not go back sufficiently far to enable this department to check up the claims of applicants by our records. We have nothing prior to May 3rd, 1913, the date of the creation of this commission.

Under the provisions of the amendment this commission is the whole authority for the granting of pensions that will be paid from public funds, and its action is without review, and it therefore carries the whole responsibility for the allowance of the pensions, and accordingly must be satisfied of the verity of testimony submitted in support of pension petitions.

It is therefore deemed prudent and wise that the claims of all applicants as to their periods of service rendered and their eligibility to be placed on the list of retired employes be most carefully checked and verified.

To do this, it will require the services of two employes in addition to the staff that the commission now has. We therefore respectfully recommend that permission and authority be given to employ one investigator at \$2,400.00 per year, and one grade II clerk at \$2,100.00 per year. We believe with this addition to our staff, this work can be handled. Inasmuch as this demand did not exist when the last budget was prepared and acted upon, we therefore ask your honorable body to consider, and if favorable, to authorize employment of

persons for the two positions above stated, and to provide for their compensation.

It is also necessary that a limited amount should be allowed for postage, stationery, printing (which will include the printing of forms for application, questionnaires, etc.) and incidental office expense, and inasmuch as the estimate of this department was reduced by the appropriating bodies to a point where it will be impossible to use any of the funds for that purpose, we suggest that a sum of \$500.00 be appropriated to be used as office expense in the administration of the Charter Amendment provided for the employes' pensions.

Respectfully submitted,
THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
Per Fred W. Smith,
Secretary.

General order for Thursday, June 14.

From the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—A deficit exists in Buildings and Safety Engineering Account No. 5, known as Sunday Inspection Account, due to the fact that the invoices sent out, which are credited to this account, have not been promptly paid.

In order to meet this deficit, we would respectfully request that your honorable body transfer the sum of \$125.00 from Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering Revenue Account to Account No. 5 within the same fund.

Yours very respectfully,

FRANK BURTON,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Kronk:

Resolved, That the sum of \$125 be and is hereby authorized and directed to be transferred within the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering fund from Revenue Account to Account 5 Sunday Inspections.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Ewald, Kronk, Littlefield, Nagel, Vernor, Watson and the President.—9.

Nays—None.

From the City Plan Commission.
To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In order to eliminate the duplication of street names and to facilitate the delivery of mail and parcels, it is recommended that the following street names be changed:

- 1—Lenox avenue, between Harper and Wade, to Coplin avenue.
- 2—Lakeview avenue, between Glenfield and Loretto to Newport avenue.

3—Eureka avenue, between its easterly terminus and Gratiot to Kilbourn avenue.

4—Street along westerly line of Memorial Park to be known as Burns avenue.

5—Fourteenth avenue, between alley north of Leslie and Indian-ale to Montville place.

6—Street opening between alley north of Calvert and alley south of Burlingame, connecting Fourteenth and Wabash, to be known as Fourteenth avenue.

7—Wabash avenue, between alley south of Burlingame and Ford Highway to Fourteenth avenue.

8—Carey avenue, between Chalmers and Pumpkinhook road, to Evanston avenue.

9—Sheffield avenue, between Dickerson and Coplin, to Linville avenue.

10—Chicago boulevard, between Dexter and McQuade, to Thomas avenue.

Your Honorable Body recently changed the name of Chicago boulevard, between Linwood and Dexter, to Thomas. The portion now proposed to be changed has been shown as Chicago avenue on the City Maps, and it was only by an investigation of the Compiled Ordinances that we found the name to be Chicago boulevard. We respectfully recommend that it be changed to Thomas avenue for the sake of uniformity.

Respectfully submitted,

T. GLENN PHILLIPS,
Consultant-Secretary.

General order for Thursday, June 14.

From the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—On April 22, 1919 (see page 568, J. C. C., 1919), the Common Council granted to the Knickerbocker Amusement Co. permission to place a sign upon their marquee. It is not stated in the resolution of what material the sign was to be constructed, or how large it was to be, but it is stated that it should be put up under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.

It appears that the Knickerbocker Theater Co. at 7237 E. Jefferson avenue, erected a banner sign three feet high, and later took the sign down and kept it down all winter. Since that time they have from time to time erected similar banner signs on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during the summer months, and have claimed as their right to erect such banner signs the permission granted them by the Council as referred to herein.

Since that time, however, the Common Council has repeatedly refused permits for banner signs to other theaters, and I do not believe it was their intention that this permission should be construed as running indefinitely. In order, however, to avoid misunderstanding I would respectfully request that the Council formally revoke their previous resolution.

Trusting that they will see fit to do this, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,
FRANK BURTON,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Kronk:

Resolved, That resolution by Councilman Bradley, dated April 22, 1919 (J. C. C., p. 568), granting permission to the Knickerbocker Amusement Co. to place a sign on marquee in front of the Knickerbocker Theater, 1425 Jefferson avenue, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Ewald, Kronk, Littlefield, Nagel, Vernor, Watson and the President.—9.

Nays—None.

From the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering.

Hon. Richard Lindsay,
City Clerk,

Dear Sir—I am sending you herewith an amended copy of Section 2, Article 7, of the Building Code, which is to take the place of the same article and section printed on pages 2625-7 of J. C. C. of January 2, 1923.

I am sending this at the request of members of the Common Council with whom I discussed this matter at a Committee meeting this morning.

Yours very respectfully,
FRANK BURTON,
Commissioner.

Section 2, Article 7. Type 1, Fireproof Construction.

This type of construction shall be applied to all buildings in which all parts that carry weights or resist strains, including materials of the roof construction, and all stairs, and all stair and elevator enclosures are to be made of incombustible material, and in which all metallic structural members are to be protected by fireproof coverings, except that steel trusses and purlins, supporting roofs only, in Class 4 buildings, need not be fireproofed if the clear headroom below the bottom chord is at least 20 feet and all other steel trusses supporting only roofs and theatre balconies may be fireproofed with a fireproofed ceiling one (1) inch in thickness suspended immediately beneath the truss, provided there are no openings into the