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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.

Daily meetings—June 28 to July 5, 1873.
Present Commissioners—Laimbeer, Bowen, Stern.
Communications, from Alms House, Charity, Smallpox, Fever, Bellevue, Reception, Convalescent hospitals, and New York City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island, reporting daily census of the several institutions.
From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, and New York City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island—Reporting amount of labor performed daily by inmates.
From Alms House—Reporting amount of labor of inmates for week ending June 28, 1873.
From Penitentiary—Reporting Owen McManus, keeper, derelict in duty. Warden to report all the facts to the Board.
Declining to allow an interview with James Watson, a prisoner, having twice made his escape.

David Roxbury reporting for duty as keeper. Jesse Wood, keeper, returning to duty.
From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, and New York City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island—History of patients admitted.
Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Report on affidavit of William Boyd relative to clothing of Annie Sheridan.
Epileptic and Paralytic Hospital—For transfer of Thomas Maney to Hospital for Incurables.
City Prison—Resignation of Dr. William T. Neales, physician.
From Infants Hospital—Men from Alms House refusing to work on Randall's Island ferry.
From Free Labor Bureau—On sending children on Randall's Island to the country.
Recommending Richardson Reynolds for appointment.
From City Prison—Henry K. Dubois to attend daily on persons requiring medical service.
Report of Supervising Engineer on application of Bernard.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, NEW YORK, July 1, 1873.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by Commissioner STERN.

Whereas, On a careful and thorough examination of the subject of Religious Instruction, as well as Religious Worship in public assembly, as well as clerical bed-side duties to be performed by the several Chaplains, for the benefit of the inmates of the different Departments under our charge, it is

Resolved, That all the inmates as specified in the foregoing Preamble receive Religious Instruction, and have Public Worship and the aid of chaplains in the following mode and manner, that is to say: all inmates professing, or belonging, or accustomed to Protestant faith or Protestant service shall have public worship and private clerical attendance by the Protestant chaplain or chaplains; and all the inmates professing, or belonging, or accustomed to Catholic faith or Catholic service, shall have public worship and private clerical attendance by the Catholic chaplain or chaplains. And no inmate shall be requested or forced to attend any other religious worship or service than that of their own faith, unless the inmates shall voluntarily and of their own record request the privilege of attending religious worship and service other than their own faith.

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing resolutions the following clergymen are hereby designated and appointed to perform all such religious duties, and their compensation shall be as follows;

Rev. Mr. Searle, Protestant chaplain at Blackwell's Island, at a salary of \$750, and free board and quarters at the Island.

Rev. R. H. Bourne, Protestant assistant chaplain at Blackwell's Island, at a salary of \$750, without board, but rooms only at the Island.

Rev. Mr. Willett, Protestant chaplain at Randall's, Ward's and Hart's Island, at a salary of \$750, per annum, without board and without quarters, except as per resolution under date of June 24, 1873.

Rev. Father Duranquet, principle Catholic chaplain at Blackwell's Island, at a salary of \$750, and free board and quarters at the Island.

Rev. Father Chambon, assistant Catholic chaplain at Blackwell's Island, at a salary of \$750, without board, but room only at the Island.

Rev. Father Renaud, assistant Catholic chaplain at Randall's Island, at a salary of \$750, per annum, without board, and without quarters except as per resolution under date of June 24th, 1873.

Commissioner Stern moved that the Preamble and resolutions be adopted. Carried.
AYES—Commissioners Stern, Bowen, Laimbeer.

Resolved, That Henry V. Freeman, Engineer at the Insane Asylum, Ward's Island, be paid at the rate of \$100 per month; and also John Sheridan, of Charity and Smallpox Hospital, receive the same compensation; and also John Conway, of Bellevue Hospital, the same compensation; that the salary of the Examining Clerk shall be at the rate of \$1,800 per annum from July 1.

From Work House, Inebriate Asylum, Randall's Island—Quantity of gas consumed during June.

From Penitentiary—R. P. H. Abel, clerk, for payment of bill (\$70 50) for services as Notary Public.

Resignation of John McInerney, keeper. Report on the complaint against Owen McManus, keeper.

From Charity, Epileptic and Paralytic, Bellevue, Nursery Infants' Hospital—Consumption of liquors during June.

From Charity, Epileptic and Paralytic, Bellevue Hospital—Bureau of Medical and Surgical Relief for Out-Door Poor, attendance of Visiting Physicians and Surgeons during June, 1873.

From Lunatic Asylum, Epileptic and Paralytic Hospitals, New York City Asylum, Ward's Island, Charity Hospital—Statement of extra diet issued to patients June, 1873.

From R. Amabile, M. D., David Bucks, D. D., W. Harrington, M. D., for appointment as physician to City Prison.

Resolved, That Doctor David Buckes be appointed physician to Tombs Prison, providing he assents in a written communication to this Board that he will accept \$800 per annum as full compensation for his services to the Department.

From David Buckes, M. D., accepting appointment as physician at the Tombs Prison at the rate of \$800 per annum as full compensation.

From City Prison—Return of John Russell, who escaped from the Tombs, and of William Teraney from the Penitentiary.

From Bellevue Hospital—Complaint against James Bailey, night watch, and John J. Plunkett, orderly.

Penitentiary—Frances Martin appointed guard in place of James Irving, resigned.

Small-Pox Hospital—Dispensing with services of orderly and night nurse.

Bellevue Hospital—Leave of absence to Dr. Brooks for three weeks, Dr. Chapen acting.

New York Insane Asylum, Ward's Island—Charles Place, attendant, discharged.

Out-Door Poor—Monthly report of permits issued to visit institutions during June.

New York Insane Asylum, Ward's Island, Nursery, Infants Hospitals, and Bureau of Medical and Surgical Relief for Out-Door Poor—Reports of drugs, medicine, &c., received and on hand June, 1873.

From F. H. Hamilton, M. D., Surgeon-in-Chief—Report of visits and inspection of Reception Hospitals.

From Medical Board of Bellevue Hospital—Minutes of meeting June 30th, and of Medical Board of Charity Hospital July 1, 1873.

From Penitentiary—Francis Martin reporting for duty as guard.

On the qualifications of James T. Couenhoven as Deputy Warden.

From Bureau of Medical and Surgical Relief for Out-Door Poor—Number of prescriptions issued on orders of district physicians during June, 1873.

From Infants Hospital—To increase number of children farmed out, and compensation of attending physician to \$70 per month.

From Penitentiary—Non-attendance of physician on prisoners.

From Examination Office, Bellevue Hospital—Monthly report of assignment of patients to hospitals.

From New York City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island—Resignation of Edward Robason, attendant.

From Captain P. Geraud, off Barnegat—Report of cruise of School Ship Mercury to and from Bermuda.

From School of Medicine, Dublin, and Anderson's University of Glasgow, acknowledging receipt of Nomenclature, Tables of Bellevue and Charity Hospitals.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Statement for the week ending July 7, 1873:

Plans submitted for new buildings.....	10
Number of buildings embraced therein.....	10
Plans submitted for alterations.....	11
Number of buildings embraced therein.....	12
Complaints received from outside sources.....	10
Violations of the law reported.....	12
Unsafe buildings removed.....	3
Unsafe buildings reported.....	8
Unsafe buildings made safe.....	6
Unsafe buildings taken down.....	1
Buildings reported for fire-escapes.....	15
Fire-escapes provided.....	3
Special applications filed for the erection of frame structures.....	8

Special surveys held on hotels.....	4
Cases sent to Attorney for prosecution.....	3
Arch girders tested by iron inspector (all approved).....	3
Iron beams tested by iron inspector (four not approved).....	20
Box lintels tested by iron inspector (all approved).....	2
Fires attended.....	25
Fire-escapes inspected (which was according to law).....	1
Buildings reported for fire-escapes from January 1 to July 1, 1873.....	1,268
Violations of the law reported, from January 1 to July 1, 1873.....	276
Unsafe buildings reported, from January 1 to July 1, 1873.....	292
Violations removed, from January 1 to July 1, 1873.....	260
Unsafe buildings repaired, from January 1 to July 1, 1873.....	204
Unsafe buildings taken down from January 1 to July 1, 1873.....	28
New buildings commenced, from January 1 to June 1, 1873.....	464
Alterations commenced, from January 1 to June 1, 1873.....	563
New buildings in progress on June 1, 1873.....	1,046
Alterations in progress on June 1, 1873.....	349

List of Appointments and Re-appointments to July 1, 1873.

Thomas Donaldson, Chief Clerk, June 25.
John J. Tindale, Plan Clerk, re-appointed.
Wm. H. Class, First Assistant Clerk, re-appointed.
Samuel T. Webster, Clerk, re-appointed.
Henry Morton, Clerk, re-appointed.
Maurice F. Harris, Clerk, re-appointed.
O. C. Putnam, Clerk, July 1.
Wm. R. Spence, Clerk, July 1.
J. C. Wheeler, Clerk, June 24.
Jacob Seabold, Jr., Clerk, July 1.
Peter H. Jackson, Inspector, re-appointed.
Andrew Owens, Inspector, re-appointed.
Charles K. Hyde, Inspector, re-appointed.
Robert McGinnis, Inspector, re-appointed.
Frederick Clague, Inspector, re-appointed.
James W. Dikeman, Inspector, re-appointed.
Edward C. Maloy, Inspector, re-appointed.
P. J. Hennessy, Inspector, re-appointed.
J. M. Smith, Inspector, re-appointed.
Thomas S. Gayton, Inspector, re-appointed.
George Sherwood, Inspector, July 1.
Timothy L. West, Inspector, June 1.
Charles P. Edwards, Inspector, June 23.
S. M. Simpson, Inspector, June 23.
John Hughes, Inspector, June 24.
Wm. F. Croft, Inspector, July 1.
Thomas R. Frost, Inspector, July 1.
Wm. D. Tallman, Inspector, July 1.
Daniel G. Mackey, Inspector, July 1.
Andrew Morris, Inspector, July 1.
John Vanderbeck, Inspector, June 1.
F. M. McMillan, Inspector, July 1st.
Joseph McNamara, Inspector, July 1st.
James R. Mount, Messenger, re-appointed.
Laurence Bardou, Messenger, June 1st.
Morris Shannon, Messenger, June 25.

Removals.

George M. Smith, Chief Clerk, June 24.
John McKibbin, Messenger, June 2.

THOMAS DONALDSON,
Chief Clerk.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED SESSION.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

MONDAY, July 7, 1873.
1 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met in their Chamber, No. 15 City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. Samuel B. H. Vance, President.

ALDERMEN.

Oliver P. C. Billings, Patrick Lysaght,
Stephen V. R. Cooper, Robert McCafferty,
John Falconer, John J. Morris,
Richard Flanagan, Oswald Ottendorfer,
Peter Kehr, John Reilly,
George Koch, Jenkins Van Schaick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Aldermen Morris—
Petition of the property on Forty second, between Second and Third avenues, to have the roadway repaired.
Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavement.

By the President—
Petition for permission to set telegraph poles in Whitehall and other streets, in the lower part of the city.
Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—
Appeal of West & McKay from the decision of the Comptroller, which requires them to give up stand No. 21 (old No.) in Clinton market, to the Common Council.
Which was referred to the Committee on Markets, with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Alderman Morris moved to take from the table the message from his Honor the MAYOR, dated June 5, 1873, nominating Alfred T. Ackert and Solomon T. Streeter, as police justices.
Which was lost by the following vote:
Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Morris, and Ottendorfer—5.
Negative—Aldermen Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Reilly, and Van Schaick—7.
Alderman Cooper was excused from voting.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.
The following message was received from His Honor the Mayor.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, July 7, 1873.

On the 5th day of June last I nominated to your Honorable Body for confirmation two persons for Police Justices. The nominations were laid upon the table. At the next meeting of the Board, one week later, it was resolved not to act upon the nominations for Police Justices, until the names of ten persons should be submitted to your Honorable Body for confirmation. According to the wish of the Board thus expressed, I, at the next meeting following the adoption of the resolution in question, completed the list.

These nominations were made pursuant to the provisions of the statute passed May 17th, 1873, entitled an act to secure better administration in the Police Courts of the City of New York. This statute removes from place and power the present Police Justices upon the appointment of their successors. It was enacted in compliance with a necessity strongly felt, and almost universally acknowledged in this community, that some such measure was absolutely indispensable to enable the present government of the city to remedy, in one of its most important Departments, the corruptions and frauds which pervaded the whole fabric of the city government, as administered by our predecessors.

The appointment of the new Justices and consequent removal of the present officials is made by statute, to depend upon your confirmation of my nominees; so that your action and co-operation are indispensable to our obtaining that "better administration" in our Police Courts, to secure which the statute was passed. I have nominated and submitted for your consideration and confirmation the names of persons possessed, in my judgment, of character, and the qualifications necessary to discharge efficiently the duties of the important offices they are nominated to fill. For some unexplained reason these nominations have not been considered by you. No action on the subject has as yet been taken. Why this should be so, I do not pretend to understand; but in view of the fact that the summer season is already far advanced, and believing, as I do, that to delay this matter until the fall will expose us to the just censure of our constituents, I feel constrained to press the subject upon your attention, and to urge upon you the necessity of immediate action.

If my nominees are not acceptable to you the public have a right to know this, and the reasons therefor, at as early a date as possible consistent with a due regard to the proper discharge of your duty in the premises. Your early action, whatever it may be, the public have a right to expect.

The power vested in you ought not to be exercised in an arbitrary manner. A due regard will, I am satisfied, be awarded by you to the character and qualifications of the nominees of the Executive. If in either of these particulars any one of them is found to be deficient, and you will make known to me your objections, I will endeavor to avoid them in any future nominations I may be called upon to make.

My natural instincts, as well as my education in public life, have led me to believe that the safety of our institutions, under our form of government, demands that the interests of the community should be regarded as paramount to the interests of individuals, cliques, combinations, or rings, and that all delegated power should be exerted to promote the welfare of the people—not as a favor or a grant, but as their right.

With a firm conviction of the correctness of these views, and in the light of my past experience, I have essayed to discharge the duties which the law has imposed upon the office I hold; and I hope, in the matter of the Police Justices now before you, you will not permit any obstacle to be interposed to further delay you in the discharge of your duties, and thus obviate the action (which has been more than hinted at) of some of our constituents invoking the aid of another power to secure and maintain the public rights.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

On motion of Alderman Van Schaick the message was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

G. O. 92.

By Alderman Cooper—
Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be, and is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of New York, to execute a lease from John Shafert of the premises situated at the northeast corner of Second avenue and First street, in said city, for a period of five years from the first day of May, 1873, at the annual rent of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), with a condition in said lease that the premises be put in a proper condition for the use of the Fourth District Court of said city, at the expense of the owner, and the Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to pay said rent quarterly from the proper appropriation.

Which was laid over.
By Alderman Billings—
Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen, and

the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly and Van Schaick—13.

Alderman Koch called up G. O. 29,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Forty-third street from First to Second avenue, be paved with Belgian or Trap-block Pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote : Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, and Van Schaick—13.

Alderman Koch called up G. O. 40,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Fifty-sixth street, between Fourth and Lexington avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly and Van Schaick—13.

Alderman Falconer called up G. O. 3.

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Worth street, from Baxter street to Chatham square, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged full width where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, and Van Schaick—13.

Alderman Falconer called up G. O. 28.

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Spring street, opposite No. 100, and leading to the Ladies' entrance to Station A, United States Post Office, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly and Van Schaick—13.

Alderman Cooper called up G. O. 1,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to have Eighty-sixth street, between Eighth and Tenth avenues, brought up to the grade of September 2, 1871, in such manner as he deems most advantageous to the public interest under the direction of the said Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was lost by the following vote : Affirmative—Aldermen Billing, Cooper, Falconer, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty and Van Schaick—8.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Flanagan, Morris, Ottendorfer and Reilly—5.

Alderman Van Schaick moved the reconsideration of the above vote.

Which was adopted. On motion of Alderman Reilly, the Paper was then referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Alderman Cooper called up G. O. 18,

being a resolution as follows :

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts be built in Ninety-ninth street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote : Affirmative—The President, Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kerr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, Van Schaick—13.

Alderman Van Schaick called up G. O. 49,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to have one lamp, with blue glass, placed on each end of the lower step of the stoop at the entrance to the Fifteenth Precinct Police Station-house, in Mercer street near Fourth street.

Which was adopted by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly and Van Schaick—13.

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Alderman Van Schaick called up G. O. 74,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That from and after the approval of this resolution by his Honor, the Mayor, all persons shall be prohibited, under the full penalty now prescribed by law from constructing or placing any show or bay window, balcony, piazza or other like projections, on any house or building on any street, avenue or public place within the corporate limits of the City of New York, unless permission therefor be first given by the Common Council, nor shall any petition for, or resolution giving permission for the construction of any such bay or show window, balcony, piazza, or like projection, be received, entertained or passed, in either branch of the Common Council, unless the owner of such building shall request permission, by written application, signed by such owner, personally, which shall contain street, number of the house, a diagram showing the exact location and dimensions of the proposed projection, and be accompanied by the written consent of the owners of fifty feet of the property on each side, of such house, if in or near the centre of a block, and of fifty feet adjoining such house, exclusive of the lot upon which said house is built, if on a corner building fronting a street, and fifty feet adjoining, if on a corner building, and fronting on an avenue. The provisions of this resolution in no way to affect any bay or show window, balcony, piazza, or like projection, now erected, or in process of erection, by virtue of any resolution of the Common Council, or other legal authority; the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby empowered and directed to enforce the provisions of this resolution.

Which was adopted by the following vote : Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, and Van Schaick—12.

Negative—Alderman McCafferty—1. Alderman Billings called up G. O. 46.

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That gas mains be laid, and street lamps lighted in Seventy-fifth street from First to Third avenue, by the Metropolitan Gas Light Company, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Alderman Reilly moved to amend by striking out the words "by the Metropolitan Gaslight Company."

Which was agreed to. The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly and Van Schaick—13.

Alderman Billings called up G. O. 63,

being a resolution as follows :

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the east side of Madison avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote : Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly, —12.

Alderman Billings moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Monday next, the 14th of July, at 3 p. m.

JOS. C. PINCKNEY, Clerk.

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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- FINANCE. Aldermen Van Schaick, Clausen, Kehr, Morris, Ottendorfer. LANDS AND PLACES. Aldermen McCafferty, Koch, Monheimer. LAW DEPARTMENT. Aldermen Cooper, Billings, Flanagan. MARKETS. Aldermen Morris, Kehr, Lysaght. PRINTING AND ADVERTISING. Aldermen Kehr, Ottendorfer, Falconer. PUBLIC WORKS. Aldermen Koch, Morris, Clausen. RAILROADS. Aldermen Billings, Van Schaick, Ottendorfer. REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES. Aldermen Kehr, Cooper, Flanagan. ROADS. Aldermen Cooper, Clausen, Reilly. SALARIES AND OFFICES. Aldermen Ottendorfer, Koch, McCafferty. STREETS. Aldermen Monheimer, Billings, McCafferty. STREETS AND PAVEMENTS. Aldermen Falconer, Monheimer, Van Schaick. SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President. JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Clerk.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ADOPTED, JUNE 26, 1873.

I. At the hour appointed for the meeting of the Board, the President shall take the chair, and the members be called to order.

II. In case the President shall not attend, the Clerk, on the appearance of a quorum, shall call the Board to order, when a President pro tem. shall be appointed for that meeting, or until the appearance of the President.

III. After the reading and approving of the minutes, the order of business, which shall not in any case be departed from, except by the consent of a majority of the members present voting therefor, shall be as follows:

- 1st. Presentation of Petitions. 2d. Motions or Resolutions. 3d. Reports of Committees. 4th Communications and Reports from the Department or Corporation offices. 5th. Unfinished Business. 6th. Special Orders of the Day. 7th. Messages and papers from the Mayor or the Board of Assistant Aldermen may be considered at any time.

IV. Whenever the President may wish to leave the chair, he shall have power to substitute a member in his place, provided that substitution shall not continue beyond the day on which it is made.

V. The President, in all cases, has the right of voting; and when the Board shall be equally divided, including his vote, the question shall be lost.

VI. Whenever it shall be moved, or carried, that the Board go into Committee of the Whole, the President shall leave the chair, and shall appoint a Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, who shall report the proceedings of the Committee. The rules of the Board shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole, except the rules respecting the call for the ayes and noes, and limiting the time for speaking.

VII. On motion, in Committee, to rise and report, the question shall be decided without debate.

VIII. No amendment shall be allowed in the Board on any question which has been decided in Committee of the Whole, unless by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

IX. If the question in debate contains several points, any member may have the same divided.

X. A motion to refer or lay on the table, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments to the main question.

XI. When any question has been once put and decided, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof; but no motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be made after the ordinance, resolution, or act shall have gone out of the possession of the Board; and no motion of reconsideration shall be taken more than once.

XII. No act, resolution, or ordinance shall be sent from this Board to the other Board for concurrence on the same day on which it passed this Board, nor shall any ordinance sent to this Board from the other Board for concurrence be acted upon the same day it passed the other Board.

XIII. Immediately after the adjournment of each meeting of the Board, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to prepare a brief abstract, omitting all technical and formal details, of all resolutions and ordinances introduced or passed, and of all recommendations of Committees, and of all final proceedings, as well as full copies of all Messages from the Mayor, and all reports of Departments or offices, and at once transmit the same to the person authorized to supervise the publication of THE CITY RECORD. No resolution or ordinance providing for or contemplating the alienation or appropriation, or leasing any property of the city, terminating the lease of any property or franchise, or the making of any specific improvement or the appropriation or expenditure of public moneys, or authorizing the incurring of any expense, or the taxing or assessing of property in the city, shall be passed or adopted until five days after such abstract of its provisions shall have been published, and in all cases the yeas and nays upon the final passage of the resolution or ordinance shall be published. He shall thereafter certify and send to the other Board every act, ordinance, and resolution which has originated in and passed this Board, and which requires a concurrent vote of the Board of Assistant Aldermen; and to deliver to the Mayor, certified in like manner, all such ordinances and resolutions which shall have been received from the Board of Assistant Aldermen and concurred in by this Board, and which are required to be submitted to him for approval; and shall certify the proceedings of this Board in reference to all

acts or business originating with the other Board. It shall also be the duty of the Clerk to make and keep a list of all messages, acts, resolutions, ordinances and reports, not finally or specially disposed of, being unfinished business, in order of priority, which list shall be called "General Orders," and each member in his turn shall be entitled to call up two in succession, alternating each meeting with the member occupying seat No. 1 and seat No. 16.

XIV. The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

XV. Every member previously to his speaking, shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

XVI. When two or more members shall rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

XVII. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

XVIII. While a member is speaking, no member shall entertain any private discourse, or pass between him and the Chair.

XIX. No question on motion shall be debated and put unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate; and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it.

XX. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Board; but it may be withdrawn at any time by the mover before the decision or amendment.

XXI. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless—

- 1. To amend it; 2. To commit it; 3. To lay on the table 4. To postpone it; 5. For the previous question; or 6. To adjourn.

XXII. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without amendment or debate; and a motion to commit, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debates of the main question.

XXIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate, and, upon being disposed of, shall not be renewed, until some intermediate question has been proposed, or other business shall have intervened.

XXIV. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate, and shall be put in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?"

XXV. Every member who shall be present when a question is put shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote; but no member shall be permitted to vote upon a question when a division is called, unless present when his name is called in regular order.

XXVI. A member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

XXVII. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except, in filling up blanks, the longest time and the largest sum shall be first put.

XXVIII. The yeas and noes shall be taken at the request of a member, the name of a member calling for a division shall be entered on the minutes.

XXIX. Upon a division of the Board, the names of those who vote for and those who vote against the question shall be entered on the minutes; any member may change his vote previous to the announcement of the vote of the Board by the President.

XXX. All appointments of officers shall be by ballot, unless dispensed with by the consent of the Board, and a majority of the whole number of the members elected to the Board, shall be necessary to constitute a choice.

XXXI. No member shall absent himself without permission from the President.

XXXII. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

XXXIII. Committees appointed to report on any subject, referred to them by the Board shall report the facts in relation to the subject referred with their opinion thereon, in writing, and shall attach thereto all resolutions, petitions, remonstrances, and other papers, relative to the matter referred; and no report shall be received, except the same be signed by a majority of the committee; but nothing contained in this rule shall prevent a minority of any committee from submitting a report. And no report shall be printed, unless by the express direction of the Board, specifying the number of copies to be printed.

XXXIV. Every petition, remonstrance, or other written application intended to be presented to the Common Council may be delivered to the President or any member of the Board and the member to whom it shall be given shall examine the same, and indorse thereon the name of the applicant and the substance of such application, and sign his name thereto; which indorsement only shall be read by the President, unless a member shall require the reading of the paper, in which case the whole shall be read.

XXXV. Standing Committees, consisting of three members each, except the Finance Committee, which shall consist of five members, shall be appointed on the following subjects:

- 1. Arts and Sciences, including Public Instruction. 2. Public Works. 3. Ferries. 4. Finance. 5. Law Department. 6. Markets. 7. Printing and Advertising. 8. Railroads.

