

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL,
CITY OF SACRAMENTO,
SPECIAL MEETING,
FEBRUARY 16th,
1924.

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Pursuant to Call issued by the Mayor, which was read and ordered filed, the Honorable City Council met in Special Session on this date at 9.35 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of hearing charges to be presented by City Manager versus Robert H. Dundas, Traffic Superintendent of Police Department and Roll Call was answered by following members of the Council:-

Anderson, Brown, Elkus, Frazier, Goddard, Kiernan, John H. Miller, Royal Miller.

City Manager presented following charges:-

February
Sixteenth,
Nineteen
Twenty-four.

Honorable City Council,
Sacramento,
Cal.

Members in Session:

I hereby charge R. H. DUNDAS of the Sacramento Police Department with an offense which, under the rules of the Department, the provisions of the Charter, and in my judgment, justifies his expulsion from the service of the City. The facts of such offense are as follows:

The said R. H. Dundas has been guilty of circulating reports to the effect that his Superior Officer, Bernard McShane, the Chief of the Police Department, has been guilty of accepting money from one Jim Wright for the purpose of the protection of a gambling game claimed by Dundas to be operated by Wright at his pool room on Fifth Street between "J" and "K" Streets. Particularly such statements were made by Dundas to E. S. Carpenter, the foreman of the Grand Jury. At a conference at my office in the presence of myself, Mr. Carpenter and Chief of Police Bernard McShane, Dundas admitted that he had made the statements and that he did not know why he had made them. His acts constitute a violation of the rules of the Department, insubordination and wilful neglect of duty, and in my judgment, no individual who would make the statements made by Mr. Dundas, without the facts to support them, is fit to be, or to remain, a member of the Police Department.

I therefore ask that the City Council, acting as a Trial Board, fix a time for the hearing of this matter, and that it be tried and determined by this Board, acting as such Trial Board, under the provisions of Sections 180 and 181 of the Charter, and that if the said R. H. Dundas shall be found guilty of the offense above specified, that he be dismissed from the service of the city, or that the Board inflict such other punishment upon him as in the judgment of the Board shall be adequate.

Respectfully,

H. C. BOTTORFF

City Manager.

CHARGES
AGAINST
R.H.DUNDAS
READ TO
COUNCIL &
ORDERED
FILED.

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Councilman Brown moved that charges be filed. Seconded by Councilman Royal Miller and carried by following vote:

AYES: Anderson, Brown, Elkus, Frazier, Goddard, Kiernan, John H. Miller, Royal Miller.

ABSENT: Bidwell.

City Manager thereupon presented the following Resolution:-

RESOLUTION NO. 44, CITY COUNCIL.

"WHEREAS, H. C. BOTTORFF, City Manager, has filed with the City Council, acting as a Trial Board, an accusation against R. H. DUNDAS, a member of the Police Department, accusing the said R. H. Dundas with an offense, which under the City Charter, the rules of the Police Department, and in the judgment of the City Manager, and in the judgment of this Council, justifies the expulsion of said R. H. Dundas from the service of the city,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO that the hearing of the said accusation be, and the same is hereby, set for the 28th day of February, 1924, at the Council Chamber in the City Hall at the hour of 9.00 o'clock P. M., at which time and place the said R. H. Dundas is required to attend and submit any defense to said accusation that he deems advisable.

"IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said accusation and of this resolution, duly attested by the City Clerk, shall be served upon the said R. H. Dundas at least ten (10) days before the said hearing."

Councilman Bidwell arrived.

Councilman Kiernan moved that foregoing Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilman John H. Miller and carried by following vote:

AYES: Anderson, Bidwell, Brown, Elkus, Frazier, Goddard, Kiernan, John H. Miller, Royal Miller.

Council Adjourned at 9.40 o'clock P. M.

APPROVED:

Albert Elkus
Mayor.

ATTEST:

H. G. Denton

City Clerk.

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RES 44
SETTING
DATE OF
TRIAL
OF R.H.
DUNDAS FOR
FEB 28th
AT 9 PM
WAS ADPT.