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RHODE ISLAND**



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No. 54 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 17, 1973, 8:00 P.M. (EDT)

**PRESIDING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ROBERT J. HAXTON**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Mascia, McKiernan, Moran, W. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Prete, Sciarretta and Xavier—22.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Goldin, Johnson and J. Murphy—4.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Reverend Father Joseph P. Hynes, Pastor, St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church of Providence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY J. AHERN leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 53 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 3, 1973, and posted May 10, 1973, on that Bulletin Board located on the ground floor of the City Hall, is approved as printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON appoints **MAJORITY LEADER SCJARRETTA** and **MINORITY LEADER PEARLMAN** to escort **HIS HONOR MAYOR JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.**, to the Chamber of the Council where he delivers the following Budget Message and submits the Budget Ordinance:

May 17, 1973

To The Honorable The City Council
of the City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

In the opening sentence of my Budget Message to you last year I reiterated my previous statement that the fiscal condition of this City was traumatic. Towards the conclusion of that Message I stated that the future appeared somewhat brighter due to the prospect of general federal revenue sharing which would be of some assistance to the Property Taxpayer.

While the new monies from General Revenue Sharing will not produce a Tax Reduction—and, I might add that such a move would be a boost to those members of Congress who oppose the whole concept of Revenue Sharing—these monies will allow for at least a temporary period of tax stabilization.

This balanced budget which I present to you this year provides for a maintenance of effort to meet our required Municipal needs and at the same time requires no Tax increase.

I mention a temporary period of Tax stabilization because I believe the facts indicate the way of the road ahead. This is the ninth budget I have presented to this honorable body. During the fiscal year I first assumed office the projected

expenditures were \$46,159,931. This year the anticipated costs of meeting the basic needs of this City are \$80,014,799.31. Last year at this time I projected expenditures of \$76,070,746.51. Subsequent to the passage of that budget we had Teacher, Police, Fire and General Employee Wage increases, New Fring Benefits and Pension Costs, runaway inflation—to name but a few of our financial crises. Without General Revenue Sharing the City would have had great difficulty in meeting its obligations.

This Year all Wage Packages have been firmed up with the exception of a Teacher Salary Structure. This does permit us to present a more realistic budget picture than has been presented in the past. However, costs of materials, equipment and new needs and requirements can only be anticipated not absolutely projected.

Let us examine the Revenue expectations before I start the review of the proposed expenditures. The projected receipts from property taxes is up by \$500,000 because of increased valuations. However, anticipated receipts from State Shared Taxes are down by almost the same amount because of the formulas which control distribution of such state taxes and the decline of Revenue from Pari-Mutual betting. The anticipated receipts from fines has been reduced by \$110,000 because our 1972-73 estimate was too high.

In the receipt category of grants-in-aid from the State of Rhode Island and the federal government an increase of almost \$450,000 is shown. However, it must be noted that this increase is for general public assistance which is strictly a wash item in our budget. In fact, it is my position that this item should no longer appear in our budget since it is strictly a state-federal program. The city handles all the accounting, advances the money, and then must wait for reimbursement. All employees are members of

the state service; there is no city money involved; the present system only inflates the city's budget figure. I propose that the state assume full control of the program.

In the same category as a result of the general public assistance item increase, it would appear we are receiving additional state aid. This is not the fact. Let us examine the various aid programs to the school department. Federal money for the Providence plan is down; federal money for handicapped children is down; all federal monies passing through the State of Rhode Island is way down. The only item that keeps the grants-in-aid to education in balance is state aid to education. I must point out that while there is a \$300,000 increase in this item the people of the City of Providence must expend seventy cents for every thirty cents it receives back in this revenue item. We spent \$1,000,000 to secure the \$300,000 reimbursement.

General department revenue is down by almost \$1,000,000. Last year we transferred that amount from the department of planning and urban development which it had accumulated from the sale of land in the various redevelopment projects and applied that money towards debt service. This year we do not have that accumulated source of funds.

The new substantial receipt is the general revenue sharing item. The anticipated \$5,531,750 is made up of \$1,227,371 already received and four payments totaling \$4,184,779 that is expected to be received in fiscal 1973-74. The balance of \$119,600 is interest we have received from temporary investments while waiting to use this fiscal year's money.

To balance the budget I am anticipating drawing from the reserve for extraordinary expenditures \$750,000. As of this date I naturally do not have a final figure as to what our surplus for this fiscal year will be, but whatever it is, if over and above the needed \$750,000 it will be set aside for next year's fiscal needs.

Our total anticipated receipts amount to \$80,-

034,555. Our expenditures are projected to be \$80,014,799.

As we review the expenditure differences in this year's budget over those of last year's we can see that Item 0 — Personal Services — in each department accounts for the substantial increases. This is for the most part a result of warranted wage increases.

In the Mayor's office two additional people are being added to the staff. Both have been with the office for some time and until this fiscal year have been paid under the Emergency Employment Act.

In the Law Department the appropriation for claims against the city has been doubled. Last year we gave this department a fund to satisfy all legitimate claims against the city. That \$50,000 required a supplementary appropriation during the present fiscal year. This year we are providing \$100,000. This may be the time to consider insuring the city or at least securing coverage beyond specific claim level.

Other than general wage increases the only other major change in the Department of Finance is data processing. Here again, increased costs and wages to the provider of this city service warrants an increase.

In the Department of Public Safety there are increases all across the board. Police wages and benefits are being increased. However, the number of personnel is being reset at the figure the department has actually operated at for the past several years. That is why Item 0 does not show a substantial increase. I will cover this point in more detail in a moment. As a result of the purchase of new equipment and the centralization of maintenance and repair in cooperation with the Fire Department, repairs to automotive equipment have been dramatically reduced. The cost of materials and supplies has been increased due to inflation and anticipated fuel cost increases.

In the Fire Department I have provided \$300,000 to implement a physical plant improvement

program. Within the very near future an intensive, professional study of that department will be completed. We are well on our way to greatly improving our apparatus rating. Now I propose to improve conditions in the fire stations.

I would like to take a moment to review the initial concept of the creation of a Department of Communications. Our purpose was to centralize this important aspect of public safety and put back into the field those police and fire personnel who were trained for actual field work. The plan was to replace this trained personnel with civilians who could operate the communications facilities. This we have done. There are more policemen available for field work and more firemen in the fire fighting force. For some time under the Emergency Employment Act we have been supporting the civilian force with federal funds. Now is the time to make it a fully supported municipal operation. For that reason the personnel budget is increased by \$130,000. In addition our telephone costs have increased by \$50,000.

The Department of Public Works increases are again the result of wages, increased costs of power, fuel, chemicals, materials and supplies. There are no new positions. We are combining the garbage and waste collection sections into one section — waste collection and processing. This area deserves special mention.

As of this date we are experimenting with a new disposal operation. If it is successful, major readjustments in this budget will be required during the fiscal year. It is premature to make specific recommendations tonight. If this system works, the entire waste collection and processing system will be revamped.

May I point out that our street lighting bill has again increased. We may expect further increases as we continue to brighten the streets of the residential and downtown areas.

The Department of Recreation budget has been separated into two parts — permanent and

seasonal. This more properly reflects the activities of the department.

The same concept has been applied to the Department of Public Properties. However, other than the already mentioned wage increases, there are no major item increases. During the year, I propose to transfer out of public property back to recreation certain allocations for personnel and materials. This should pinpoint responsibility for the maintenance of our recreation centers, playgrounds and pools.

I have decreased the appropriation for the Board of Canvassers because this is not an election year. However, I have already received requests for additional monies to support a constitutional convention primary and election. I will do my best to minimize the cost of this activity to the Providence taxpayers.

The budget of the Department of Planning and Urban Development has been cut. Positions have been eliminated. Until we can determine in what direction the federal government intends to travel we can only maintain our effort in on-going projects.

A new item has been recommended in this budget. I am recommending that all emergency, temporary and seasonal help dollars be combined into one account under the control of the mayor and the finance director. As an emergency arises, as temporary or seasonal help is needed the same shall be funded. This will provide for better fiscal control and personnel record keeping.

Increases in contributions to the Employees Retirement System, the Laborers International Pension Fund, Blue Cross and Major Medical, and FICA are all due to wage settlements and negotiations.

Just a few years ago our demolition account was initiated with a \$10,000 appropriation. Tonight I am asking for \$100,000 for the demolition of unsafe and abandoned structures.

The City of Providence has never had a realistic Insurance Fund. We have always faced each crisis as it came along. A basic fund of \$50,000 was always patched up with a supplementary appropriation as the fund was drawn on to make repairs after a fire. I propose to add \$50,000 to the existing fund this year and to continue to do so as long as fiscally able. In that way if we are spared a disaster, the fund can accumulate and when and if needed will be available to meet a real need without crippling the General Fund.

In this Budget I have allowed for something I believe every Councilman in this room supports. A Tax Exemption of Owner occupied real property of Senior Citizens. I have not detailed who would be entitled to this exemption for there are many views and much study is needed. I support the concept and will join with you in developing an equitable formula.

In conclusion, I trust that I have presented a philosophy of municipal finance which will not satisfy all of our people or all of our taxpayers, but which is based on what we can realistically afford when we are so dependent on the Real Property Tax. That philosophy is taking hold. I have cut department requests by over \$2,000,000. However, last year those requests ran \$6,000,000 over the final recommended budget. After years of frustration, the School Department and

the School Committee recognize our ability to pay. For this reason I am recommending to you their final request. It calls for an increase, but a realistic one. I encourage them to continue to get maximum utilization of every dollar. Educational personnel needs, as in the City, must be consistently reviewed. A declining school population mandates less personnel. We need apologize to no one for our teacher pupil ratio. We must apologize if we maintain the status quo.

The City is moving forward. The Civic Center is everything we hoped for. New buildings are coming out of the ground and others moving towards completion.

The greatest inducement for the revitalization of a City is the expansion of its Tax Base and the relative stabilization of its Tax Rate.

Thank You,

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.
Mayor of Providence

MAJORITY LEADER SCIARRETTA and MINORITY LEADER PEARLMAN thereupon escort HIS HONOR MAYOR JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR., to the Executive Chamber.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

MAYOR DOORLEY PRESENTS:

An Ordinance making Appropriation of Eighty Million Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$80,014,799.31), for the Support of the City Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1974.

COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA and COUNCILMAN LYNCH (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Chapter 1973-8 and 1973-9, approved February 5, 1973.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees, and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1972-33, approved June 23, 1972.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

MEMBERS OF THE PROVIDENCE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

In accordance with the Provisions of Article XVI, Section 2-264, of the Providence Code of Ordinances, entitled Human Relations Commission, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in writing, that He has on May 7, 1973, Appointed MRS. JASON H. COHEN, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission, for the Ensuing Term Expiring in September, 1975, and Respectfully Submits the Same for Approval.

In accordance with the Provisions of Article

XVI, Section 2-264, of the Providence Code of Ordinances, entitled Human Relations Commission, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in writing, that He has on May 7, 1973, Reappointed FREDERICK C. WILLIAMSON, JOSEPH FINKLE and FRANK TABELLA, as Members of the Providence Human Relations Commission, for the Ensuing Term Expiring in September, 1975, and Respectfully Submits the Same for approval.

Communications Read and Appointments Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

Street Lighting Bills for the Month of March, 1973, in the Amount of \$79,095.31 and for the Month of April, 1973, in the Amount of \$78,640.23.

Severally Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Mascia, McKiernan, Moran, W. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Prete, Sciarretta and Xavier—22.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Goldin, Johnson and J. Murphy—4.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council May 3, 1973, Read and Passed the first Time and are Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1972-32, Approved June 23, 1972, by Appropriating the Sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$286,898.30) to Item 0, Various Departments (Laborers' Contract).

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 1972-32 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as approved June 23, 1972 entitled: "An Ordinance making Appropriation of \$76,070.746.51 for the Support of the City Government for the Fiscal Period Beginning July 1, 1972 and Ending June 30, 1973," as amended is hereby further amended by appropriating the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$286,898.30) to Item 0, in the following Departments:

City Collector	11-06	\$ 273.00
Bldg. Inspection Administration	21-11	273.00
Traffic Engineering	21-49	8,736.00
P.W. Street Cleaning	31-23	18,014.10
" Sewage Pumping	31-25	5,678.40
" Sewage Disposal	31-26	19,468.80
" Garbage Collection	31-28	46,644.00
" Refuse Coll. and Disposal	31-29	6,240.00
" Highway Dept.	31-42	49,634.00
" Bridge Maintenance	31-43	3,432.00
" Sewer Construction and Maintenance	31-47	19,156.80
" Municipal Docks	31-65	2,745.60
" Environment Control	31-68	4,461.60
Dept. of Communications	21-08	2,808.00
Water-Administration	81-01	468.00
Water-Source of Supply	81-02	10,545.60
Water-Transmission and Distribution	81-03	28,142.40

Water-Accounting and Commercial	81-06	3,744.00
Dept. of Public Property	87-10	56,160.00
Bureau of Licenses ,	87-05	273.00
<i>Total:</i>		<u>\$286,898.30</u>

Sec. 2. The said sum of Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$286,898.30) as thus added and appropriated shall be obtained by authorizing and directing the City Controller and City Treasurer to transfer Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$286,898.30) from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account to the Receipt Account.

Sec. 3. The Estimated Receipts from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account are hereby increased by Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$286,898.30).

Sec. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1972-32, Approved June 23, 1972, by Appropriating the Sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$120,883.02) to Item 0, Various Departments (5½ % General Raise).

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 1972-32 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as approved June 23,

1972, entitled: "An Ordinance making Appropriation of \$76,070,746.51 for the Support of the City Government for the Fiscal Period Beginning July 1, 1972 and Ending June 30, 1973," as amended is hereby further amended by appropriating the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$120,883.02) to Item 0, in the following Departments:

02-01	City Clerk	\$ 1,404.00
03-01	Board of Canvassers	2,834.00
04-01	Probate Court	1,352.00
05-01	Prov. Municipal Court	2,730.00
06-01	Mayor's Office	1,716.00
07-01	Law Department	1,898.00
08-01	Recorder of Deeds	2,002.00
09-01	City Sergeant	312.00
11-01	Finance Director	2,834.00
11-03	Controller's	4,706.00
11-04	Employees' Retirement	702.00
11-06	City Collector's	3,198.00
11-07	Water Board Collections	858.00
11-08	Assessor's	4,472.00
12-01	Treasurer's Office	858.00
13-01	Board of Tax Assessment Review	351.50
41-04	Vital Statistics	988.00
62-01	Recreation Department	1,820.00
62-04	Prov. Elderly Multi-Purpose Center	899.60
87-01	Zoning Board of Review	1,048.00
87-02	Building Board of Review	320.00
87-05	Bureau of Licenses	1,170.00
87-08	Housing Board of Review	286.00
87-94	Civilian Defense	234.00
87-99	Human Relations	1,144.00
87-10	Public Property	10,998.00
87-09	Dept. of Planning and Urban Development	8,000.00
81-01	Water-Administration	5,758.00
81-02	Water-Source of Supply	2,028.00
81-03	Water-Transmission and Distribution	858.00
81-06	Water-Accounting and Commercial	3,250.00
31-01	Public Works Administration	4,498.00
21-03	P.W. Engineering Office	6,162.00
31-21	" Sanitation Administration	780.00
31-26	" Sewage Disposal	676.00

31-28	" Garbage Collection and Disposal	650.00
31-42	" Highway Department	780.00
31-47	" Sewer Construction and Maintenance	260.00
31-63	" Street Lighting	208.00
31-65	" Municipal Docks	468.00
31-40	" Revolving Fund	260.00
21-01	Commissioner of Public Safety	2,236.00
21-02	Police Department	14,453.92
21-03	Fire Department	286.00
21-08	Dept. of Communications	5,642.00
21-06	Supt. of Weights and Measures	832.00
21-11	Bldg. Inspection Administration	2,730.00
21-14	" " Structures and Zoning	2,314.00
21-16	" " Plumbing, Drainage and Gas Piping	1,482.00
21-18	" " Electrical Installations	1,470.00
21-21	" " Mech. Equipt. and Installations	1,430.00
21-49	Traffic Engineering	2,236.00
Total:		\$120,883.02

Sec. 2. The said sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$120,883.02) as thus added and appropriated shall be obtained by authorizing and directing the City Controller and City Treasurer to transfer One Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$120,883.02) from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account to the Receipt Account.

Sec. 3. The Estimated Receipts from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account are hereby increased by One Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and Two Cents (\$120,883.02).

Sec. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1972-32, Approved June 23,

1972, by Appropriating the Sum of Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars and Eight Cents (\$453,016.08) to Various Departments.

Be It ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 1972-32 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as approved June 23, 1972, entitled: "An Ordinance making Appropriation of \$76,070,746.51 for the Support of the City Government for the Fiscal Period Beginning July 1, 1972 and Ending June 30, 1973," as amended, is hereby further Amended by appropriating the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars and Eight Cents (\$453,016.08) to the following items and the following departments.

1) School Department	Item 0	\$420,000.00
2) FICA Taxes (82-04)	Item 3	33,016.08

Sec. 2. The said sum of Four Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars and Eight Cents (\$453,016.08) as thus added and appropriated shall be obtained by authorizing and directing the City Controller and City Treasurer to transfer Four Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars and Eight Cents (\$453,016.08) from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account to the Receipts Account.

Sec. 3. The Estimated Receipts from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account are hereby increased by Four Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Sixteen Dollars and Eight Cents (\$453,016.08).

Sec. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 853 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, Approved May 20, 1954, and Entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Willard Center Unit Two Project Area D2-A2," as Amended.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Whereas, On May 20, 1954, the City Council of the City of Providence adopted and approved by Chapter 853, No. 299 of its Ordinances, the Official Redevelopment Plan for Willard Center Unit Two Project Area D2-A2; and

Whereas, Said Plan required among other things that a private redeveloper or private redevelopers develop the land for commercial uses including a neighborhood shopping center; and

Whereas, The redeveloper, subsequent to the passage of the aforementioned ordinance, did construct on a portion of the land within the Willard Center Unit Two Project Area a shopping center in accordance with the terms of the aforementioned Redevelopment Plan; and

Whereas, It is now determined that said building or buildings in addition to use for a shopping center are also useful as a community center owned and operated by a government agency or by a charitable or non-profit agency;

Now, Therefore, be it ordained by the City of Providence:

That Chapter 853 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved May 20, 1954 and entitled "Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Willard Center Unit Two Project Area D2-A2," as heretofore amended be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

1. Any and all references to the use of a portion of the land in the project area exclusively for a shopping center be and the same is hereby deleted.

2. Any and all references to the exclusive use of a portion of the land within the project area by private persons, firms or corporations be and the same is hereby deleted.

3. That the portion of the land within the

project area be and shall henceforth be used as a community center owned and operated by a government agency or by a charitable or non-profit agency in addition to a shopping center operated by private persons, firms or corporations.

4. That Chapter 853 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed in all other respects.

5. That this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and all portions of said Chapter 853 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

6. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this

Ordinance to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Mascia, McKiernan, Moran, W. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Prete, Sciarretta and Xavier—22.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Goldin, Johnson and J. Murphy—4.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA and COUNCILMAN LYNCH (By Request):

An Ordinance amending the Appropriation Ordinance, Chapter 1972-32, Approved June 23, 1972, by Appropriating the Sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$284,751.00) to Various Departments.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1972-32, Approved June 23, 1972, by Transferring Certain Sums of Money within the School Department.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1972-32, Approved June 23, 1972, by Transferring Certain Sums of Money within Certain Public Works Departments.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1972-32, Approved June 23, 1972, by Appropriating the Sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to Laborers International Pension Fund.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1972-32, Approved June 23, 1972, by Transferring the Sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) Federal Revenue Sharing from Fire Department to Blue Cross and Physicians Service.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN PAYNE:

Resolution Requesting the Installation of a Motor Vehicle Traffic Signal Light at the Intersection of Cranston Street with Linwood Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a motor vehicle traffic signal light or a motor vehicle flashing traffic signal light at the corner of Cranston Street at its intersection with Linwood Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE BEATTINI:

Resolution Requesting that Cheshire and Sussex Streets be Resurfaced.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Cheshire and Sussex Streets to be resurfaced.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE BEATTINI, COUNCILMAN DeVITO, COUNCILMAN LORENZO and COUNCILMAN PRETE:

Resolution in Appreciation of the Allocation of State Funds for the Repair of those Certain Bridges along Branch, Smithfield, and Atwells Avenues, over and across the Penn-Central Railroad Tracks.

Whereas, The General Assembly, in its wisdom, has allocated the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the repair of certain bridges over and across the Penn-Central Railroad tracks along Branch, Smithfield, and Atwells Avenues, and

Whereas, His Excellency the Governor has approved that allocation of funds to be expended under the direction of the State Director of Transportation so that the state of disrepair which exists upon the same bridge decks may be repaired and eliminate the chagrin and possible damage to motor vehicles as has occurred in the past,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, In recognition of the allocation of the sum of \$10,000 for the aforementioned repairs, His Honor, Mayor

Joseph A. Doorey, Jr., and the City Council, particularly those members that represent the several wards in which the bridges are located, express their appreciation to His Excellency the Governor, the Members of the General Assembly, the State Director of Transportation, and the staff of Public Works Engineers who, having recognized this problem, collectively move for its elimination.

COUNCILMAN AHERN and COUNCILMAN CROWLEY:

Resolution Requesting a Clean-Up Drive be Undertaken within the Twelfth Ward.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause a Clean-Up Drive to be undertaken within the Twelfth Ward.

Resolution Requesting Crosswalks and Traffic Lines be Repainted upon all Main Arteries within the Twelfth Ward.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause crosswalks and traffic lines to be repainted upon all main arteries within the Twelfth Ward.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the City Forester to cause that Tree located in front of 23 Adelphi Avenue to be Removed.

Resolved, That the City Forester is requested to cause that tree located in front of 23 Adelphi Avenue to be removed since the same constitutes a hazard with its branches falling.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**.

COUNCILMAN PISATURO:

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Buildings to Cause the Installation of Appropriate Lighting for that Basketball Court located along Whelan Road, within the Hartford Park Development Project.

Referred to the Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of **COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**.

COUNCILMAN PISATURO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting Street Light along Whittier Avenue.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of an electric street light on Pole No. 28 located along Whittier Avenue.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**.

COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA for Himself and COUNCILMAN COLA in Absentia:

Resolution Designating that Recreational Area Located Off Salmon Street as "Monsignor Charles W. McConnell Memorial Recreational Area."

Referred to the Committee on Naming Buildings, Expressways, Bridges, Edifices, and Other City Constructions, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Sums of Money Representing Overpayment of the 1971 and 1972 Taxes to the City Collector,

Severally Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA and COUNCILMAN LYNCH (By Request):

Resolution Directing the City Controller and the City Treasurer to Transfer any balance as of June 30, 1973, from the Account entitled "Reserve for Revenue for Extraordinary Expenditures for the Year 1972-1973" to a New Account entitled "Reserve for Revenue for Extraordinary Expenditures for the Year 1973-1974."

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Sell to Albert Gemma, 22 Raritan Avenue, Providence, Lots 262, 273, and 274 on Plat 94 Located between Hillcrest Avenue and Brush Hill Road for the Sum of One Thousand Three Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$1,003.81).

Resolution Directing the City Controller to Establish in the Account for the Year Ending June 30, 1973, a Specific Purpose Account to be known as "Reserve for Revenue for Extraordinary Expenditures for the Year 1973-1974."

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Sell to John Guertin, 135 Sorrento Street, Providence, Lot 254 on City Assessor's Plat 42 Located at the Rear of 218 and 221 Wadsworth Street for the Sum of Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$387.51).

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Petition the Director of the Department of Administration of the State of Rhode Island to Authorize a Tax Assessment by the City Council in Excess of Three and One-Half (3½) Percent of the Value of the Ratable Property of the City.

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Sell to Joseph E. Pino, 217 Twin River Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island, Lots 77 and 78 Located along Henrietta Street and Lots 91 and 92 Located along Wild Street, the several Lots being on Plat 102, for the Sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$1,869.16) and Rescinding Resolution of the City Council No. 228, Approved May 2, 1973.

Severally Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

Resolution Congratulating Director of State Department of Labor, Salvatore DiSano, Upon the Occasion of His Forthcoming Testimonial Dinner scheduled to be Held on May 26, 1973.

Whereas, Salvatore "Sam" DiSano is scheduled to be honored at a testimonial dinner, sponsored by Providence-Central Federated Council A.F.L.-C.I.O. and Meat Cutters and Food Store Workers Local 328, A.F.L.-C.I.O., on Saturday evening, May 26, 1973, and

Whereas, This scheduled testimonial dinner to "Sam" is in recognition of his many years of dedication and loyalty to the advancement of unionized members of all crafts, and

Whereas, In recognition of his many contributions to the advancement of working and social conditions, in the interest of organized laborites and of his knowledge of labor legislation, His Excellency Philip W. Noel, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, designated him as State Director of Labor, the position in which he now serves.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council who have, over a long period of time, been in communication with and were granted beneficial advice and support by "Sam" DiSano, do hereby express their congratulations upon the occasion of that forthcoming testimonial, and wish for him good

health and sage counsel in his administration of the important State Department of Labor, as its director, and

Be It Further Resolved, That upon the adoption and approval of this Resolution, a duly engrossed copy be transmitted to Director Salvatore A. DiSano, by the City Clerk.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER for Himself and COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY in Absentia (By Request):

Resolution Requesting "No Parking Anytime" Signs along the Southerly Side of Charlesfield Street from Brook Street to Hope Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs along the southerly side of Charlesfield Street from Brook Street to Hope Street.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMEN LYNCH and XAVIER.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR., Chairman

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE

**Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Severally Adopted:**

Resolution Authorizing St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church of Providence to use a portion of Neutaconkanut Park for its Annual Feast and Carnival from August Twenty-First to August Twenty-Sixth, 1973, Inclusive.

Resolved, That authorization is hereby granted to Saint Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church of Providence to use a portion of Neutaconkanut Park for its annual feast and carnival starting August 21 to August 26, 1973, inclusive.

Resolution Requesting the Providence School Committee to Hire for any Available Part-Time Summer Teaching Positions those Teachers who are Residents of the City of Providence on a First Priority Hiring Basis.

Resolved, That the Providence School Committee is requested to hire for any available part-time summer teaching positions, on a first priority hiring basis, those teachers who are residents of the City of Providence.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Property to Cause the Installation of Appropriate Lighting upon the Daniel Avenue Basketball Court.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Public Property is requested to cause the installation of appropriate lighting upon the basketball court in the Daniel Avenue Playground.

Resolution Requesting an Additional Crossing Guard Post be Established at Vineyard Street School.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Safety is requested to cause an additional school Crossing Guard Post to be established at the Vineyard Street School, or a police patrolman be assigned at the subject location at the termination of school hours.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH F. PRETE, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Severally Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 68-11 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Mount Hope Project No. R. I. R-18."

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1419 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, Approved August 11, 1961, and Entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Central-Classical Project No. R. I. R-2."

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1575 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan of the Weybosset Hill Project No. R. I. R-7."

Severally Read and Collectively Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Mascia, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Sciarretta and Xavier—18.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Goldin, Johnson, McKiernan, J. Murphy, W. Murphy, Pisaturo and Prete—8.

The following are Returned with Recommendation the Same be Severally Received:

Report from the Providence Redevelopment Agency informing the City Council of its proposed sale of real property within the Weybosset Hill Project, being Parcel 13A to a joint venture of Weybosset Hill Development Corp. and Downtown Realty, Inc., for a purchase price of \$44,076.00, and within the West Broadway N.D.P. Project, being parcel 25 to Miss Jane Mayerson; all in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10 of Chapter 1575 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved October 18, 1963, Paragraph 10 of Chapter 71-24 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved May 10, 1971 and Title 45, Chapters 31-33 (inclusive) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956.

Report from the Providence Redevelopment Agency informing the City Council of its Proposed sale of Real Property within the Mount Hope Renewal Project, being Parcel 6 to Midway Bar, Inc., consisting of approximately 10,789 square feet, for a purchase price of \$22,700.00; all in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10, Chapter 68-13 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved March 13, 1968 and Title 45, Chapters 31-33 (inclusive) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956.

Report from the Providence Redevelopment Agency informing the City Council of its Proposed sale of Real Property within the East Side Renewal Project, being parcel 1 to the Narragan-

sett Electric Company, consisting of approximately 12,518 square feet, for a purchase price of \$10,500.00; all in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10, Chapter 1797 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved November 7, 1966 and Title 45, Chapters 31-33 (inclusive) of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956.

Severally Received.

COUNCILMEN DeVITO and LORENZO desire to be recorded as being Opposed to the Proposed Sale of Real Property within the West Broadway Project.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

FROM PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Communication Inviting the Members of the City Council to Participate in the annual Providence Police Department Communion Breakfast scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 20, 1973.

Received.

FROM WATER SUPPLY BOARD

Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1972.

Received.

FROM THE CITY SERGEANT

Communication Informing the City Council of His Appointments of Edward J. Dunnigan, of Providence, as First Deputy City Sergeant and of Raymond Dettore as Second Deputy City Sergeant.

Received.

FROM BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Fourth Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 1971-1972.

Received.

FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS

Communication Informing His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of His Appointment of John Ferreira, of Providence, as Deputy Recorder of Deeds.

Received.

FROM CITY ASSESSOR

Certificate (66-H, 68-H, 70-H and 71-H) Recommending the Same be Cancelled, pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7, of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of **COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**.

PETITIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN PAYNE (By Request):

Petition of Carl E. Anderson and Herbert L. Anderson for the abandonment as a Public Highway of that Portion of Brattle Street from the Northerly Line of Waldo Street to its Northerly Termination.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

236, 223, 228, 286, and 390 on Assessor's Plat 73, Said Lots Bounding along and upon Highland Avenue, Second Street and Stanton Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

COUNCILMAN ADDISON (By Request):

Petition of the Providence Hockey Club, Inc., to Amend the Zoning Map which is Part of the Zoning Ordinance by Changing from an R-1 Residential Zone to an R-4 Multiple Dwelling Zone that Portion of Lot 331 Presently Zoned R-1 and All of Lots 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 214, 215,

COUNCILMAN XAVIER for Himself and COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY in Absentia (By Request):

Petition of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church of Providence to Abandon as a Public Highway that Portion of Brayton Avenue from the Northerly Line of Dean Street to the Southerly Line of Spruce Street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Elinor Vicario, 19 Sheridan Street, Providence, to Abate a Noise Problem at the F.O.P. Club located along Sheridan Street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Allendale Insurance Company

David Berger

Susan Boyer

Vincent Bruzzese

Angelo D'Allessandro

Gloria C. Sarcione and Albert P. Sarcione

Helen Dube

Severally Referred to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

Riley L. Hood

Lawrence Ruggiero, Sr., and Lawrence Ruggiero, Jr.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA for Himself and impressions he rendered so adeptly,
COUNCILMAN COLA in Absentia:

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Passing of Herman F. Toro, late Maestro of Music.

Whereas, Herman F. Toro, Patriarch of live music concerts in this State, has passed to his Eternal Reward, leaving an indelible heritage of entertainment, and

Whereas, Maestro Toro, whose musical career is familiar to all and sundry, enjoyed the musical

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of Maestro Herman F. Toro, His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., expresses his sadness and is joined by the Members of the City Council in this expression and offer their prayers for his eternal peaceful repose.

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN SCIARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH, it is voted to suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council incorporated in Resolution No. 1, approved January 4, 1971, in order to allow the introduction of the following Matters Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCILMAN DARIGAN and COUNCILMAN XAVIER for COUNCILMAN JOHNSON in Absentia (By Request):

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

Resolution Requesting Four-Way Traffic Signs along the Corner of Alabama and Virginia Avenues.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

**COUNCILMAN MICHAEL E. KELLY, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY**

**Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:**

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Execute a Deed of Conveyance of Lot 302, as Set Out and Delineated on City Assessor's Plat 10, located at the Corner of Thayer and Meeting Streets, to Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., of Providence, for the Sum of \$125,000.18.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor is authorized to execute a deed of conveyance to Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., of Providence, of Lot 302, as set out and delineated on City Assessor's Plat 10, and in accordance with accompanying plan entitled "Providence, Rhode Island, Public Works Dept., Engineering Office, City Property Section, Plan No. 063597, date January 22, 1973, for the Sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$125,000.18).

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Mascia, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Scjarretta and Xavier—18.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Goldin, Johnson, McKiernan, J. Murphy, W. Murphy, Pisaturo and Prete—8.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN SCJARRETTA, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH, the City Council adjourns at 9:35 o'clock P.M. (EDT) to meet again on THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1973, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EDT).

Vincent Vecchia

City Clerk

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