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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 94 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 4, 1998, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Fagnoli,
Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins, Councilwomen Romano, and Williams—14.

Absent: Councilwoman Young—1.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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APPROVED

Juan M. Angelone
CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-
WOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILMAN JOHN IGLIOZZI leads the
members of the City Council and the
Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to
the Flag of the United States of America.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City
Council May 21, 1998, Read and Passed the
First Time and are severally returned for
Passage the Second Time.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in
addition to Chapter 1797 of the Ordinances of
the City of Providence, approved November 7,
1966, and entitled "An Ordinance approving
and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan
for the East Side Project No. R.I.R-4" for the
acquisition of Lot 51, 79 North Main Street and
Lot 535, 4 Thomas Street, on Plat 10.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

1. That Chapter 1797 of the Ordinances of
the City of Providence, approved November 7,
1966 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving
and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan
for the East Side Project No. R.I.R-4" as
heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby
further amended as follows:

A. The following Parcel shall be added to
the Official Redevelopment for:

<i>Plat/Lot</i>	<i>Address</i>
10/51	79 North Main St.
10/535	4 Thomas St.

B. A certain map of the aforementioned Official Redevelopment Plan herein after entitled, Map No. 4 "Proposed Acquisition" shall be amended to include proposed acquisition of Lots 51 and 535 on Plat 10.

2. That said Chapter 1797 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1983-4 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved February 18, 1983 and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Silver Lake Revitalization Project" for the acquisition of Lots 422 and 423 on Plat 109, 304 and 308 Pocasset Avenue, respectively.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

1. That Chapter 1983-4 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved February 18, 1983 and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Silver Lake Revitalization Project", as amended by the following Ordinances of the

City of Providence: Chapter 1984-21, approved March 23, 1984, Chapter 1992-47, approved November 11, 1992, Chapter 1987-9, approved March 11, 1987, Chapter 1995-12, approved June 9, 1995, Chapter 1997-11, approved February 23, 1997, and Chapter 1997-45, approved September 11, 1997, is hereby further amended as follows:

A. To the list of designated properties for acquisition in Section 2, entitled "Proposed Acquisition" under Chapter E, entitled, "Plan Proposals" contained and set forth on Page 19 of that certain booklet entitled "Silver Lake Revitalization Project, Official Redevelopment Plan, 1983", which is a part of the aforementioned Ordinance, the following properties shall be added:

<i>Plat/Lot</i>	<i>Address</i>
109/422	304-6 Pocasset Ave.
109/423	308 Pocasset Ave.

B. Certain maps of the aforementioned Official Redevelopment Plan herein after identified are deleted:

1. Map No. 4. "Proposed Acquisition", sheet 1 of 2, date July, 1997.

2. Map No. 5 "Disposition Map", sheet I of 2, dated July, 1997.

C. Insert the following maps in its stead:

1. Map No. 4 "Proposed Acquisition", 1 of 2, dated February, 1998.

2. Map No. 5 "Disposition Map", sheet 1 of 2, dated February, 1998.

2. That said Chapter 1983-4 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as adopted and

as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved May 23, 1996 and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan and the attached restrictions for the Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project" for additional acquisition. (9-11 Goddard Street).

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

1. That Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved May 23, 1996 and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan and the attached restrictions for the Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project" as amended by the following: Chapter 1997-7, approved February 26, 1997, is hereby amended as follows:

A. To the Douglas Avenue Redevelopment Ordinance, Section 6. C., the following parcel shall be immediately added to the list of properties to be acquired:

<i>Address</i>	<i>Plat</i>	<i>Lot</i>	<i>Area</i>
9-11 Goddard Street	68	371	1,856

B. A certain map of the aforementioned Official Redevelopment Plan herein after entitled "Acquisition Map" shall be amended to include the Proposed Acquisition of Lots 422 and 423 on Plat 68.

2. That said Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved October 23, 1986 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" for the acquisition of additional properties.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

1. That Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved October 23, 1986 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" as amended by the following: Chapter 1989-26, approved December 11, 1989 and Chapter 1997-3 is hereby further amended as follows:

A. Add the following properties to page 12 of the of Attachment B entitled "A list of

Proposed Acquisition and Disposition" as contained and set forth in that certain booklet entitled "Special Vacant Lot Project, Official Redevelopment Plan" which is part of the aforementioned Ordinance.

<i>Address</i>	<i>Plat</i>	<i>Lot</i>
583 Cranston Street	42	113
201 Pavilion Avenue	57	46
71-73 Pekin Street	69	485
60 Marion Avenue	59	118
55 Appleton Street	62	158
85 Appleton Street	62	86
70 Bowdoin Street	62	552
49 Florence Street	62	25
55-60 Julian Street	62	503
99 Julian Street	62	78
101 Julian Street	62	77
103-105 Julian Street	62	76
106 Julian Street	62	37
1-3 Putnam Street	62	157
56 Putnam Street	62	98

58-60 Putnam Street 62 99

64-66 Putnam Street 62 100

2. That said Chapter 1986-28 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Mancini, Rollins and Councilwoman Young—3.

The motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:

An Ordinance making an appropriation of two hundred two million, nine hundred sixty five thousand, seven hundred eighty six dollars (\$202,965,786) for the support of the Providence School Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1982-12 approved February 11, 1998.

An Ordinance establishing a Compensation Plan for the Providence School Department and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1998-13 approved February 11, 1998.

An Ordinance establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Employees in Certain Classes in the Providence School Department and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1998-14 approved February 11, 1998.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI and COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO:

An Ordinance making an appropriation of forty one million, five hundred thousand, nine hundred and fifty six dollars (\$41,500,956) for

the support of the Providence Water Supply Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

An Ordinance establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1997-54, approved September 29, 1997.

An Ordinance establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and repealing Chapter 1997-53 approved September 29, 1997, as amended.

An Ordinance making an appropriation of four million, two hundred ninety seven thousand, three hundred seventy four dollars (\$4,297,374) for the Water Supply Board Water Quality Protection Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

An Ordinance making an appropriation of ten million, eight hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$10,825,000) for the Water Supply Board Infrastructure Replacement Program Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

An Ordinance making an appropriation of two million, one hundred ninety eight thousand, four hundred twenty dollars (\$2,198,420) for the Water Supply Board Capital Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

An Ordinance making an appropriation of two million, three hundred eighty seven thousand, eight hundred twenty five dollars (\$2,387,825) for the Water Supply Board Insurance Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

An Ordinance making an appropriation of one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the Water Supply Board Meter Replacement Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

An Ordinance relative to the Master Lease for the Water Supply Board.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Severally Refers the Ordinances to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS and COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1977-5 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved February 14, 1977, and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Providence Renewal" for the acquisition of Lot 109, on Assessor's Plat 19, as amended.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Bellevue Avenue between Cranston and Dexter Streets on June 6, 1998 between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon to 4:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate a Block Party planned by Project Hope.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Bellevue Avenue between Cranston and Dexter Streets on June 6, 1998 between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon to 4:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate a Block Party planned by Project Hope.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street from 10:30 o'clock A.M. to 4:30 o'clock P.M. on Saturday, May 30, 1998 to accommodate Rhode Island School of Design's "Free-For-All" program.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street from 10:30 o'clock A.M. to 4:30 o'clock P.M. on Saturday, May 30, 1998 to accommodate Rhode Island School of Design's "Free-For-All" program.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the broken "Stop" sign at the corner of Wallace Street and Priscilla Avenue, to be replaced.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the broken "Stop" sign at the corner of Wallace Street and Priscilla Avenue, to be replaced.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the street name sign on Huldah Street, to be replaced.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the street name sign on Huldah Street, to be replaced.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the lumens to be increased on West Park Street from Bath Street to Pleasant Valley Parkway to 27,500 lumen.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the lumens to be increased on West Park Street from Bath Street to Pleasant Valley Parkway to 27,500 lumen.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to post a "No Right on Red" sign on Chalkstone Avenue to Camden Avenue; a "School Zone- 20 miles per hour" sign on Camden Avenue and a three-way "Stop" sign at Camden Avenue and Chad Brown Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Four-Way Stop" sign at the corner of Dorchester and Daniel Avenues.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Four-Way Stop" sign at the corner of Ethan and Mercy Streets.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Four-Way Stop" sign at the corner of Ethan and Moorefield Streets.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the lumens to be increased on Dorchester Avenue, Dresser, Ophelia, King Philip, Kinfield and Stanton Streets.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the lumens to be increased on Dorchester Avenue, Dresser, Ophelia, King Philip, Kinfield and Stanton Streets.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to install small signs above "Stop" signs that state "Four-Way" at the intersection of Daniel Avenue and Harlem Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Dexter-dale Road from Camp Street to Summit Avenue on May 24, 1998 from 1:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Dexterdale Road from Camp Street to Summit Avenue on May 24, 1998 from 1:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON:

Resolution Requesting the Parks Department to prepare the Billy Taylor Park and the 9th Street Park for summer activities.

Resolved, That the Parks Department is requested to prepare the Billy Taylor Park and the 9th Street Park for summer activities, as follows:

- 1) Cutting grass
 - 2) Cleaning basketball and tennis surfaces
 - 3) Placing extra barrels
 - 4) Replacing basketball nets
 - 5) Putting up tennis nets (9th Street Park)
 - 6) Replacing lights (Billy Taylor Park)
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COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Eddy Street between Weybosset Street and Middle Street from 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. on Sunday, June 14, 1998 to accommodate the DownCity Diner Celebration.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Eddy Street between Weybosset Street and Middle Street from 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. on Sunday, June 14, 1998 to accommodate the DownCity Diner Celebration.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Carr

Street from Cactus Street to Roger Williams Park on Saturday, May 23, 1998 from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 11:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Carr Street from Cactus Street to Roger Williams Park on Saturday, May 23, 1998 from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 11:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Gallup Street between Ocean and Burnside Streets on Thursday, June 18, 1998 from 4:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate SWAP's 5th Annual Block Party. (Rain date Thursday, June 25, 1998)

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Gallup Street between Ocean and Burnside Streets on Thursday, June 18, 1998 from 4:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. to accommo-

date SWAP's 5th Annual Block Party. (Rain date Thursday, June 25, 1998)

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Boylston Street on Sunday, June 7, 1998 from 12:00 o'clock P.M. to 10:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party. (Rain date Saturday, June 20, 1998).

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Boylston Street on Sunday, June 7, 1998 from 12:00 o'clock P.M. to 10:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party. (Rain date Saturday, June 20, 1998).

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Adopted, as amended:

An Ordinance creating a Tax Exemption for Former Prisoners of War, as amended.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves that the Ordinance be Read and Passed, as amended.

This motion is seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO withdraws her motion.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS withdraws her second.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves to Pass the Ordinance the First Time and Refer it Back to the Committee on Finance.

This motion is seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

The motion for Passage the First Time, and Referral Back to the Committee on Finance is approved, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Lombardi, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano and Williams—13.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Mancini and Councilwoman Young—2.

The motion for Passage the First Time and to Refer Back to Committee is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATION**

**Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be severally Approved:**

Resolution that the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8226) relating to law enforcement officers' bill of rights, in substantially the form attached.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8226) relating to law enforcement officers' bill of rights, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution opposing passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8279) entitled, "An Act relating to law property — condominium ownership", in substantially the form attached.

Resolved, That the Providence City Council hereby opposes passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8279) entitled, "An Act relating to law property — condomini-

um ownership", in substantially the form attached.

Resolution that the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8693) relating to handicapped children, in substantially the form attached.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8693) relating to handicapped children, in substantially the form attached.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

I think there's a strange phenomenon going on in the City of Providence within some of our departments. What brings me to my feet tonight is an article that was in this morning's paper concerning the West Broadway Group and a building that they wanted to save instead of demolishing. And the director of the department said they should take money out of the \$50 million dollar Bond money. I don't know about the other Council members, but for projects that should normally be done by departments, I am being told to take money out of my neighborhood portion of Bond money. As an example, the Sackett Street School addition was underbid and came in \$250,000.00 short and I was asked to make that up from my Bond money, which is already spent ladies and gentlemen. I'm now out trying to reduce the number of sidewalks in order to contribute something so the Sackett Street addition can be built. But frankly, I don't think it's my responsibility or my neighborhood's responsibility when the original project was coming out of a different Bond issue, and the School Department will receive 73 percent reimbursement, but the Ward Nine allocation of dollars won't receive 73 percent. This is not the first time. It's been suggested by the Parks Department, by just about every department you can name. Well, take it out of your Bond money. I need it to acquire a house. Take it out of your Bond money. There's something wrong when we're asked now, when we almost all of us have already allocated our dollars, to go back and tell our project committees, I know you said we were going to do this but we ran short on

this project so you have to go and take it out of our Bond money. I just think the department heads need to know that our money is spent. We already have allocated it and it's their responsibility to find the funding, whether it be to clear up asbestos in the building or whatever. They're going to have to clear up that site in Councilman Lombardi's ward anyway, whether they demolish it or whether they rehabilitate it. So, I noticed this happening during the CDBG process. If you can't take it out of this budget, take it out of the neighborhood Bond money. Even when we couldn't take it out of neighborhood Bond money, they suggested we take it out of neighborhood Bond money, because of the taxable and nontaxable status of that particular Bond. I think we need to be careful. We need to tell these departments, if you under-bid a project, go out and rebid it and this is all the money you have to spend, and that's it. I'm sorry I got a little hot here. I apologize, but thank you very much.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI requests to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

Very quickly, I know it's going to be an easy meeting tonight but I certainly echo many of the sentiments that my colleague from the 9th Ward has indicated. You know, it's sad, it costs almost \$100,000.00 to raze a house. You know, purchase it, condemn it, eminent domain, raze it — you know, remove the asbestos, raze it, for someone who has been a very, very bad landlord — you know, had a house of ill repute, just did everything wrong, scared some of the

good people out of the neighborhood. And, then you have to turn around and spend \$90,000 to \$100,000 to try and cure a problem that you've tried to cure and so on and so forth. But, yeah, it's sad, but I think I gave a very appropriate response, coming from an individual that recommended zero for a neighborhood group that's done — that's made leaps and bounds to improve the quality of life on our side of the city. And then to recommend zero, I think that's where he's coming from, but that tells me the whole story. And, yes, it's not the cure all, but remember what I told everyone, that's one of the reasons I voted against the Bond money — that it would become a slush fund, and 2.2 million dollars goes nowhere. But, I don't know how you people feel, but last council meeting where we were told appropriately by our colleague from the 7th Ward and then we got a letter that we should think about putting \$200,000.00 aside for police escorts and curb cuttings and things of that sort. That was never figured in. But, I guess we're supposed to have all the answers. Why I'm really getting up though is, I must commend the Journal. I don't commend them very often, but they made a very poignant point the other night that was, I thought, one of the most appropriate and important points. They just didn't go far enough. And that was in the editorial section, with regard to the mall. And they were talking about dry vatting or something, and a cheaper version. Let me tell you something, I knew that when they came and made their proposal here, and it may be a dead issue but it's not a dead issue in my heart, and that's why I voted

against the project also because I knew this was going to happen. This started off as a \$350 million dollar project. It's already up to \$475 million. Someone made a very important point the other night, by the time this thing is over this thing may end up costing us six, seven hundred million dollars. To me, that's a substantial change. A real substantial change. It's also a breach of contract in my opinion. Now, they want to reduce the quality of whatever material they're using, The cost goes up and up and up. They're cutting down. Now this store is backing down. That store is backing down. I really think that we should really take another look at this project because it's changing, — I think there's a material change. To me that constitutes a material breach of contract and I really think we should look at that. I think it's important. I'm glad the Journal finally said it. I hope they continue to do stories on that because I think people have to be made aware of that particular situation. It is not the same project that was proposed to us. Now, it's unfair. What are we going to do about it? I think we can do a lot but we have to join hands with the General Assembly and the Governor. It's very, very important. We have to revisit that issue because what's it going to be a billion dollars? And then what? That's not what was proposed to us. There was an offer, there was an acceptance, that's it. We did what we had to do. Some of us agreed. Some of us disagreed. But, I think there's a substantial enough change to revisit this. We must do it now. We shouldn't wait and let's get on with it. Thank you Madam chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 18B and 19 B) recommending the same be severally canceled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Severally Refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Jose Ramirez of 212 Manton Avenue, Providence, RI, by and through his attorney, Mark B. Laroche, requesting the cancellation of 1996 real estate taxes on Plat/Lot 063-0451 at 212 Manton Avenue, due to a clerical/computer error and requesting to remove the petitioner from the Tax Sale list and compensation for attorney's fees.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petition of Louis F. Simonini, 185 Union Avenue, Providence, RI requesting permission for a zoning change from an R-3 Residential Zone to a C-2 Commercial Zone for the properties located at 189 Union Avenue, 193 Union Avenue, 107 Atwood Street and 106 Comerford Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Ordinances.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petition of Mortgage Acquisition Associates LLC, by and through his Attorney Andrew M. Teitz, requesting those certain lots or parcels of real estate located in the City of Providence at 468, 474 and 480 Angell Street be rezoned from R-M-Multi-Family Dwelling District to C-2 General Commercial District.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Ordinances.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI
Severally Refers the Petitions to the
Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

"In Congratulations"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI and
the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Citations Extending Congratulations.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their sincere congratulations to the following:

Fernando Williams, in recognition of being an outstanding citizen of the City of Providence and being an eye witness to an arson on Plainfield Street.

Brother M. Jerome Corrigan, in recognition of being President of LaSalle Academy for eleven years and for his long career in education in Rhode Island.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memorium"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI and
the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

Resolved, That the Members of the City
Council extend their sincere sympathy to the
families of the following:

Mary B. Derrig

Marion Almeida

Jean M. Ruscette

Clementine V. Forte

Angelina Gianfrocco

Antonetta "Etta" Filippone

Clara "Grace" Gatta

Kelly F. Lawton-Vargas

William F. Ciambrone

Joseph P. Moriarty

Concetta Corsetti

Geneva G. Flanders

John F. Lopes

Domenica "Maggie" Accetta

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,
by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of
COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded
by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for Passage is Unanimously
Sustained.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:15 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk

