

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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IN CITY COUNCIL



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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 62 City Council Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 16, 1977, 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ROBERT J. HAXTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—25.

Absent: Councilman Salvatore—1.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW.

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

COUNCILMAN SANFORD H. GORODETSKY
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. 61 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held March
2, 1977 and Posted March 14, 1977 on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor of the City Hall, is Approved as Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

In accordance with the Provisions of Section 128.2 of Chapter 1079 of the Building Ordinances of 1956, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., notifies the City Council, in writing, that he has on March 2, 1977 Reappointed Mr. Domenico A. Ionata of 30 Freedom Road, Providence, as a Member of the Building Board of Review to serve for the remainder of the term ending the first Monday in March, 1980, subject to Confirmation by the City Council.

Communication Read and Received and Appointment Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and COLA.

Councilmen Flynn, Garan and Johnson desire to be recorded as Voting "No".

In accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 3, Section 2 of the Public Laws of 1969, as amended, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., notifies the City Council, in writing, that he has on March 9, 1977, Appointed Mr. Theodore F. Low to the Providence Civic Center Authority, to Replace Michael E. Kelly, for the Term Expiring in 1978, and Respectfully Submits the Same for Approval.

Communication Read and Received and Appointment Disapproved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, AHERN and FLYNN.

Councilmen Bradshaw, Mansolillo and Pearlman desire to be recorded as Voting "No".

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

Street Lighting Bill for February, 1977, in the amount of \$82,361.11.

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Addison, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Glavin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Pearlman, Stravato and Xavier—14.

Noes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Flynn, Garan, Merola and Turchetta—6.

Not Voting: Councilmen Gorodetsky, Henries and Petrosinelli—3.

Absent: Councilmen Almagno, Salvatore and Tomasso—3.

COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN informs the President that some of his classmates in Political Science at Rhode Island College are in the Council Chamber for the Purpose of Observing this Evenings Proceedings.

COUNCILMAN JOHN P. GARAN informs the President that Dr. Patrick T. Conley, Chairman of the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission is in the Council Chamber and requests that he be escorted to the Rostrum, and is so obliged.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1976-36, approved October 29, 1976, Being, "An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Chapter 1976-11, Approved April 13, 1976, as Amended, and as Further Amended, Relative to Zoo Director."

COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN:

An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of the Sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from Item "0" City Treasurer to Item "1" Department of City Clerk for the Publication of the Records of the Town Meetings of Providence.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON AND COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause a Clean-Up of Refuse within the Eighth Ward.

Whereas, Numerous residents within the Eighth Ward of Providence have communicated with Council President Robert J. Haxton and Councilman Laurence K. Flynn, co-sponsors of this Resolution, requesting a clean-up of refuse be undertaken in that Ward, and

Whereas, Clean-up drives have been traditionally undertaken in all the Wards in the City, starting in the Spring Season,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the undertaking of a refuse clean-up within the

Eighth Ward of the City within the immediate future.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause the Repair of All Potholes on Streets Within the Eighth Ward of Providence.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the repair of all potholes on Streets within the Eighth Ward of Providence.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause Those Catch Basins located along Linwood Avenue, at its Intersection with Cranston Street, to be Cleaned.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause all those Catch Basins located along Linwood Avenue, at its intersection with Cranston Street, to be cleaned.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FLYNN.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
FARGNOLI:**

Resolution Requiring that Any Future Tax Concessions in the City of Providence, in Excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.-00) shall first be Approved by Referendum by the Electors of the said City.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

Resolution Requesting His Honor the Mayor to Provide Each Member of the City Council With a Copy of Any Agreements Between Textron, Inc., as Prime Developer of Certain Properties in Providence, and the City of Providence.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor is requested to provide each Member of the City Council with a copy of any agreements between Textron, Inc., as prime developer of certain properties in Providence, and the City of Providence.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FARGNOLI.

Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Finance to Subpoena Director of Public Works

Daniel E. Healy and All Records Concerning Expenditures by the City of Providence for the Snow Removal Program during the Immediate Past Winter Season.

Whereas, A certified copy of Resolution of the City Council No. 40, approved January 28, 1977, was transmitted to Director of Public Works Daniel E. Healy, as of February 8, 1977, requesting that he report, in writing, to the City Council, concerning expenditures by the City and other information, in its snow removal program during the immediate past Winter season, and

Whereas, Director Healy has not responded to the request incorporated in the said Resolution,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to subpoena Director of Public Works Daniel E. Healey and all records of expenditures by the City of Providence for the Snow Removal Program during the immediate past Winter season.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN FARGNOLI, FLYNN and GARAN.

Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning to Subpoena All Records of the Department of Building Inspection Relative to Permits Issued to the Mayor's Office of Community Development—Home Improvements for Providence Program.

Resolved, That the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning is authorized to subpoena all records of the Department of Building Inspection, relative to permits issued to the Mayor's Office of Community Development—Home Improvements for Providence Program.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN GARAN and MEROLA.

Councilman Mansolillo desires to be Recorded as Voting "No".

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Replace Existing Traffic Signal Blinker Light With a Traffic Signal Control Unit at the Intersection of Candace Street with Chalkstone Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to replace existing Traffic Signal Blinker Light with a Traffic Signal Control Unit at the intersection of Candace Street with Chalkstone Avenue.

COUNCILMAN ADDISON and COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Conduct a Motor Vehicle Traffic Survey along Jenckes Street for the Purpose of Determining Whether or Not a One Way Traffic Pattern in an Easterly Direction Should be Invoked from Benefit Street to Pratt Streets.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to conduct a Motor Vehicle Traffic Survey along Jenckes Street for the purpose of determining whether or not a One Way Traffic pattern in an Easterly direction should be invoked from Benefit Street to Pratt Street.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, GARAN and GORODETSKY.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause Chalkstone Avenue, from Smith Street to Douglas Avenue, to be Resurfaced.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Chalkstone Avenue, from Smith Street to Douglas Avenue, to be resurfaced.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN AHERN, GARAN and GLAVIN.

COUNCILMAN AHERN and COUNCILMAN GLAVIN (By Request):

Resolution Recommending to the Committee on Naming of Buildings, Expressways, Bridges, Edifices and Other City Constructions, the Change of Name of Regent Avenue Elementary School, located at 101 Regent Avenue to "Francis Crowley Memorial School."

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

COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO and COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

Resolution Establishing Magdalene Street, in a Westerly Direction, from Laurel Hill Avenue to Pocasset Avenue, as a One-Way Street.

Resolved, That Magdalene Street, in a westerly direction, from Laurel Hill Avenue to Pocasset Avenue, be established as a One-Way Street.

Resolution Establishing Hillhurst Avenue, in an Easterly Direction, from Pocasset Avenue to Laurel Hill Avenue, as a One-Way Street.

Resolved, That Hillhurst Avenue, in an easterly direction, from Pocasset Avenue to Laurel Hill Avenue, be established as a One-Way Street.

Resolution Establishing Duxbury Street, in a Southerly Direction, from Killingly Street to Plainfield Avenue, as a One-Way Street.

Resolved, That Duxbury Street, in a southerly direction, from Killingly Street to Plainfield Street, be established as a One-Way Street.

Resolution Requestion the Traffic Engineer to Cause Posting of "No Thru Trucking" Signs along Duxbury Street, from Killingly Street to Plainfield Street, Excepting for Local Deliveries.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the posting of "No Thru Trucking" Signs along Duxbury Street, from Killingly Street to Plainfield Street, excepting for local deliveries.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN GARAN and STRAVATO.

COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO and COUNCILMAN STRAVATO (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Saint Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church of Providence to Use a Portion of Neutaconkanut Park for its Annual Feast and Carnival.

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 25 to August 28, 1977, inclusive.

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN XAVIER:

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Property to cause the Fox Point-East Side Little League Field to be Regroomed in Preparation for the May 1, 1977 Opening Season Game.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Public Property is requested to cause the regrooming of the Fox Point-East Side Little League Field, located on Tockwotton Park at Ives and Wickenden Street, to be prepared for the May 1, 1977 Opening Season Game.

COUNCILMAN CIRELLI and COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Post "25 Miles Per Hour" Speed Limit Signs along Glenbridge Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the posting of "25 Miles Per Hour" speed limit signs along Glenbridge Avenue.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN CIRELLI, GARAN, STRAVATO and XAVIER.

COUNCILMAN COLA:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause Grade to be Defined; a Main Drain or Common Sewer be Built, at the Expense of the Abutting Owners; Be Brought to the Established or Defined Grade, at the Expense of the Abutting Owners; Curbstones to be Set and Gutters to be Paved, at the Expense of the Abutting Owners; and be Layed Out as a Public Highway of Samoset Street, from Gage Street to Galileo Avenue.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN GARAN**.

COUNCILMAN GARAN:

Resolution In Commendation of Connie Gomes, Immediate Past President of the Providence Parent Advisory Council for Title I

Whereas, Connie Gomes, immediate Past President of the Providence Parent Advisory Council for Title I, has recently completed nearly a decade of service of this Federally Financed Program for Underprivileged Children in Schools, located in low income areas in our City, and

Whereas, The personable and dedicated "Connie", whose efforts in this program went beyond the required duties and responsibilities of that post and ultimately benefitted the Community, leaves the Office of President with an indelible mark for an improved program, which included the enlistment of parental involvement, and

Whereas, Mrs. Gomes, a dedicated civic servant and mother, will leave the Presidency of the said Council with the personal satisfaction of having given to it, her best efforts for the benefit of the children that she served,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in commending Connie Gomes, as immediate Past Pres-

ident of the Providence Parent Advisory Council for Title I, the Members of this City Council express their most sincere appreciation for her myriad of contributions and further express to her, their sincere best wishes for all her future plans.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN FLYNN** and **GARAN**.

Resolution Congratulating Nettie Cannon, Newly Elected President of the Providence Parent Advisory Council for Title I, Its Officers and Board Members.

Resolved, That to Nettie Cannon, newly elected President of the Providence Parent Advisory Council for Title I and to the newly elected Officers and Members of the Board, are hereby extended the congratulations of this City Council.

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

Resolution Noting the Retirement of Ralph Gravina, a Custodian in the City Hall, Providence.

Whereas, Ralph Gravina, a popular custodian in the City Hall, will retire effective May 8, 1977, and

Whereas, From the inception date of his employment, as such on July 13, 1961, Ralph has been ever willing to perform his responsibilities in a gracious manner which made for him many friends in City Hall,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in noting the impending retirement of Ralph Gravina, the City Council does hereby express its gratitude

for services rendered and wish for him a long, healthy and enjoyable retirement.

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

COUNCILMAN JOHN P. GARAN informs the President that Mr. Ralph Gravina is in the Council Chamber and requests that he be escorted to the Rostrum and is so obliged.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN

Resolution Requesting the Housing Authority of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, to Provide Custodial Services for All Housing Units Under Its Jurisdiction for each day of the week.

Whereas, It has been reported by various residents in certain housing units under the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, that custodial services are presently being provided during certain weekdays only, but not at all during weekends, and

Whereas, Said service is wholly inadequate for the convenience and protection of the said residents,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Housing Authority of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, is hereby requested to provide custodial services at all the housing units within its jurisdiction for the benefit and convenience of its residents who should be afforded these normal services.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN AHERN and GLAVIN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Ratifying the Passage and Approval of Resolution of the City Council No. 138, approved March 4, 1977, Ordering the Abandonment as Public Highways of those Portions of Hugo, August, Venice, Berlin, Dante and Arbutus Streets, within the perimeters of the Former Charles V. Chapin Hospital Complex and which were Conveyed to Providence College.

Resolved, That the City Council does hereby ratify the passage and approval of Resolution of the City Council No. 138, approved March 4, 1977, ordering the abandonment as Public Highways of those portions of Hugo, August, Venice, Berlin, Dante and Arbutus Streets, within the perimeters of the former Charles V. Chapin Hospital Complex, and which was conveyed to Providence College.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN FARGNOLI and FLYNN.

COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN and COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Invoke "No Parking Anytime" Signs along Carolina Avenue, between Narragansett Boulevard and Tennessee Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to invoke "No Parking Anytime" Signs along Carolina Avenue, between Narragansett Boulevard and Tennessee Avenue.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN GARAN, JOHNSON and McKIERNAN.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW:

Resolution Recommending to the Government of the United States of America that it develop Balanced Budgets, Cease Continuous Growth of Governmental Agencies and of Deficit Financing.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

Resolution Authorizing the City Council to file an Application for Funding Under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, for Funds for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Funds for the Fiscal Year 1978.

Referred to Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

Resolution Requesting the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation to Support Legislation Granting a Tax Deduction for Non-Public School Tuition.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

Resolution Endorsing the Several Acts Now Pending Before the General Assembly Relating to the Retirement of Employees of the City of Providence and to Motor Vehicles Stopping for Crossing Guards.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Solicitor to Appear Before the 1977 Session of the General Assembly and Urge Passage of An Act Authorizing the City of Providence to Issue Not to Exceed \$2,500,000.00 in Bonds and Notes for Reconstruction, Resurfacing, Repairing, Regrading and Improving Existing Public Ways, Streets and Highways within the City of Providence.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as a Public Highway of a Portion of North Main Street, at its Intersection with Benefit Street.

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as Public Highways of a Portion of Stevens Street and of a Portion of Charles Street.

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as Public Highways a Portion of the Westerly Side

of Printery Street and of a Portion of the Northerly Side of Dryden Lane.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN GARAN, PETROSINELLI and STRAVATO.

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as a Public Highway a Portion of the Northerly Side of Orms Street.

Severally Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN and GARAN.

Resolution Establishing Ralph Street, in a Northerly Direction and Rye Street in a Southerly Direction, as One-Way Streets and Rescinding Resolution of the City Council No. 101, approved February 25, 1977.

Resolved, That Ralph Street, in a northerly direction and Rye Street, in a southerly direction, are established as One-Way Streets, and

Be It Further Resolved, That Resolution of the City Council No. 101, approved February 25, 1977, is hereby repealed.

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI for Himself and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, In Absentia:

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to Order the Installation of Street Lights on Pole No. 4, located along Windmill Street and on Pole No. 5½, located along Marietta Street.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of Street Lights on Pole No. 4, located along Windmill Street and on Pole No. 5½, located along Marietta Street.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ALMAGNO, GARAN and STRAVATO.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER:

Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Employee Relations to Investigate the Procedure Employed by the Commissioner of Public Safety in Ascertaining the Severance Benefits Paid to Certain Recently Retired Members of the Providence Police Department.

Resolved, That the Committee on Employee Relations is hereby authorized to investigate the procedure employed by the Commissioner of Public Safety in ascertaining the severance benefits paid to certain recently retired Members of the Providence Police Department.

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause Crowninshield Street to be Resurfaced.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Crowninshield Street to be resurfaced.

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

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits to Process Claims for Damages to Motor Vehicles Allegedly Caused by Motorists Striking Potholes, so-called.

Resolved, That the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits is requested to process claims for damages to motor vehicles allegedly caused by motorists striking potholes, so-called.

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

Councilman Tomasso desires to be recorded as Voting "No".

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as a Public Highway of Pike Street, between South Main Street and South Water Street.

Resolved, Decreed and Ordered: That the following named street shown as a shaded area on the accompanying plan entitled 'Providence, Rhode Island, Department of Public Works—Engineering Office, Street Line Section, Plan No. 063980 dated September 9, 1976.'

viz:

Pike Street, So-called, from the westerly line of South Main Street to the easterly line of South Water Street, the Cross-Hatched Area (A-B-C-D-A) having ceased to be useful to the public and the same is hereby abandoned as public highway and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded.

Ordered, That the Director of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to cause signs to be placed on the above named street abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words "Not a Public Highway," and it is further

Ordered, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published at least once each week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named street which has been abandoned, who is known to reside in this State.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN and GARAN.

COUNCILMAN ROBERT F. LYNCH, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1976-38, approved November 27, 1976, by Appropriating a Sum not to Exceed One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) to School Department 08-01 Item 0.

Absent: Councilmen Cirelli, McKiernan and Salvatore—3.

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1976-38, approved November 27, 1976, by Appropriating a Sum not to exceed One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Dollars (\$174,000.00) to Public Works Sewage Disposal 05-06 (Chemicals-231).

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to Recommend an Appropriation to Match the Contributions to the Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Tree Fund.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is requested to recommend an appropriation from time to time sums sufficient to match the total contributions to the Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Tree Fund up to a maximum amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1976-38, approved November 27, 1976, by Appropriating a Sum not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), to Permit the City to Co-sponsor and Host the New England Wheelchair Games on May 20, 21 and 22, 1977 in the City of Providence.

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Sums of Monies Representing Overpayment of City Taxes for the Years 1967 to 1976, inclusive

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

Resolved, That the accompanying certificates, numbers 4657 thru 4926 (except nos. 4662, 4664, 4665, 4667, 4669, 4672, 4674, 4675, 4683, 4739, 4743, 4757, 4765, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4860, 4862 and 4907) representing overpayment of City Taxes for the years 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976 are hereby refunded in the amounts overpaid. (For accompanying certificates, see Files of the City Council, this date.)

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Fargnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—23.

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Sums of Monies Representing Overpayment of Taxes to the City Collector for the Years 1975 and 1976.

Resolved, That the accompanying certificates, numbers 4927 thru 5027 (except nos. 5005, 5007, 5011, 5015, 5016, 5017, 5018 and 5019) representing overpayment of City Taxes for the years 1975 and 1976 are hereby refunded in the amounts overpaid. (For accompanying certificates, see Files of the City Council, this date.)

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

COUNCILMAN GARAN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Fargnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Lynch, Mansolillo, Merola, Pearlman, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—20.

Absent: Councilmen Cirelli, Henries, Johnson, McKiernan, Petrosinelli and Salvatore—6.

COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. STRAVATO, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved for Rebate, Cancellation, Correction and/or Refund as the Case May Be:

Certificates from the City Assessor Recommending the following be Severally 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:

73-R, 1 to 16;

88-R, 1 to 12; and

95-R, 1 to 2,

The Several Numbers, as Above Noted, Represent Pages and are Collectively Inclusive.

Severally Approved for Rebate, Cancellation, Correction and/or Refund as the Case May Be,

on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN GARAN**, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Fargnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Lynch, Mansolillo, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Stravato, Turchetta and Xavier—20.

Not Voting: Councilman Tomasso—1.

Absent: Councilmen Cirelli, Henries, Johnson, McKiernan and Salvatore—5.

REPORTS

FROM ACTING CITY SOLICITOR

Report of All Suits and Legal Proceedings Not Including Criminal Proceedings in which the City has Any Interest Begun Prior to January 1, 1977.

Received.

FROM PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Report, dated February 25, 1977, Informing the Honorable City Council of Its Proposed Sale of Parcel 3-2 within the West Broadway NDP; and of Parcels 18 and 31, within the Comstock Renewal Project; viz:

Parcel 3-2 consisting of 13,020 sq. ft. of land, more or less, and delineated on the attached map within the West Broadway NDP A2-1, Year III for the disposition price of \$5,800.00 to New Homes for Federal Hill, Inc., of 342 Atwells Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. The parcel will be developed as a residential parcel in accordance with plans approved by the Agency.

Parcel 18 within the Comstock Project, consisting of 7,955.1 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the attached map for the disposition price of \$800.00 to King D. and Norma F. Stamps of 42A Carrington Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. The parcel will be developed with residential construction.

Parcel 31 within the Comstock Project, consisting of 6,154.7 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the attached map for the disposition price of \$615.00 to Arthur S. and James L. Wilson of 8 George Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The parcel will be developed with residential construction.

Referred to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Report from the Providence Redevelopment Agency, Dated March 10, 1977, Informing the Honorable City Council of Its Proposed Sale of Real Property within the West Broadway NDP, A2-1; viz:

The Agency proposes the sale of Parcels 1-16, 2-37, 2-38, 2-47B and 3-8 consisting of 108,580 sq. ft. of land, more or less, and delineated on the attached map within the West Broadway NDP A2-1 for the disposition price of \$73,000.00 to Woloohojian Realty Corp. (Aaron Briggs Associates). The parcel will be developed with residential elderly construction in accordance with plans approved by the Agency.

Referred to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

FROM CITY CONTROLLER

Monthly Statements of Capital, General and School Funds for the Two Months Ended August 31, 1976 and for the Three Months Ended September 30, 1976.

Severally Received.

FROM ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW; BUILDING BOARD OF REVIEW AND THE HOUSING BOARD OF REVIEW

Severally Received.

Reports for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1976.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Shell Oil Company to Change from an R-4 Multiple Dwelling Zone to a C-2 General Commercial Zone, Lot 777, as Set Out and Delineated on City Assessor's Plat 28, Located at 301 Broadway.

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

Petition of Joseph A. McFadden, 35 Putnam Street, Providence, for Appointment as an Auctioneer.

Referred to the Committee on Licenses, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

Petition of Arthur Hopkins, 541 Hartford Avenue, Providence, for Appointment as an Auctioneer.

Referred to the Committee on Licenses, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages:

- Gloria Barbato
- Loretta Baxter
- Luigi Bianchi
- Robert Bourassa
- Raymond DuFault
- Dana J. Greenwood
- Lucrezia Grilli
- Hartford Insurance Group as subrogee of Hurd Chrysler Plymouth
- Jeff Iacone
- Mary Iadevaia
- Everett R. Liebrich
- Lawrence C. McKay
- Estate John J. Nelson, Irene Gavin, Trustee
- Nellie Powell
- Reliance Insurance Co. as subrogee of Linda Bannon

Safeco Ins. Co. as subrogee of Andrew B. Burkhardt, Jr.

Z. Hershel Smith

Safeco Insurance Companies as subrogee of Mrs. Walters

Mrs. Jennie Succi

Irene E. Vanner

Eunice Sires

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

John M. Skeffington

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memoriam"

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN:

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Passing of Jacob Glantz, Former Local Merchant and Chairman of the Board of Sons of Jacob Synagogue in Providence.

Whereas, Jacob Glantz, late local merchant in the City of Providence, has passed to his eternal repose, and

Whereas, A lifelong resident of the City of Providence, the late lamented Jacob Glantz gave unstintingly of his talent and his time as a Civic minded citizen, he as a Member in the Providence Police Auxiliary, worked actively in its program, and

Whereas, In his gainful employment, he conducted, for many years, a furniture dealership in the City of Providence, which followed his graduation from the then Bryant and Stratton Business College, and

Whereas, In his religious life, Mr. Glantz served for a long period of time as Chairman of the Board of the Sons of Jacob Synagogue in the Douglas Avenue Section of Providence,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in noting the passing of an exemplary citizen of our Community, Jacob Glantz, His Honor the Mayor and the Members of the City Council do hereby express their sympathy and extend to his bereaved widow, Rose, their feelings.

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Death of Sally Gastfreund, Late Religious and Social Benefactor in Our Community.

Whereas, Death has taken from this life Sally Gastfreund, late religious and social benefactor of our Community at the age of 56 years, and

Whereas, A remarkable woman, whose faith in religious beliefs aided her in surviving a long period of imprisonment in several concentration camps during World War II, particularly the infamous Aushwitz, from which she was liberated in 1945, and

Whereas, Devoted to her religion, she was active in the Temple Emanuel Sisterhood; Haddassah Women's Organization; Pioneer Women's

Organization; Providence Hebrew Day School and the Jewish Home for the Aged,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in noting the death of Sally Gastfreund, late religious and social benefactor of our Community, His Honor the Mayor and the Members of the City Council do hereby join in expressing their sympathy to her bereaved husband, Morris, and to their family.

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

MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO, it is Voted to Suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council in Order to Allow the Introduction of the following Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:

COUNCILMAN ROBERT F. LYNCH, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Resolution Memorializing the General Assembly to Modify Chapter 47 of the Public Laws of 1974 to Authorize the City Council to Grant a Three Thousand Dollar (\$3,000.00) Real Property Exemption from Taxation to Any Person Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Older Who Owns and Occupies Residential Property Located in the City of Providence, Substantially in Accordance with the Accompanying Draft Act.

Resolved, That the General Assembly is Memorialized to Modify Chapter 47 of the Public Laws of 1974 to Authorize the City Council to grant a Three Thousand Dollar (\$3,000.00) Real Property Exemption from Taxation to Any Person Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Older who Owns and Occupies Residential Property Located in the City of Providence, substantially in accordance with the accompanying draft act.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN FLYNN** and **MEROLA**, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Fargnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Stravato and Tomasso—20.

Absent: Councilmen Cirelli, Henries, McKiernan, Salvatore, Turchetta and Xavier—6.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

COUNCILMAN TOMASSO requests and is granted the Privilege of the Floor and Reads the following Statement:

To my Brother and Sister Members of the City Council:

I rise to the floor of this City Council this evening to express my dismay at the recent action of the administration of Classical High School in acquiescing to a recent student's Mafia Day. While it is not my desire to suppress the rights of students to bring attention to their na-

tional origin, I question the avenue sought by these students at Classical High School with the attendant acquiescence by the school's administration. The emphasis of the Italian heritage is not one of criminal activity, but one imbued in literature, the arts and the professions. In our modern society, people of Italian ancestry have made a mark for themselves in the areas of politics, finance, economics and business, only to mention a few. Think of the names that affect each and every one of us . . . Columbus, Michael-

angelo, DaVinci, Dante, etc. . . to look to the past.

In our modern times we can look to our community and find leaders of Italian heritage in all walks of life who live an honorable life. To impinge these citizens with the taint attendant to the conotation of "Mafia" is reprehensible. I can understand the lack of insight of a student in participating in the activity they held, but I am dismayed to find a lack of leadership among the high-paid professionals who are supposed to provide guidance to our public school students.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON, FLYNN, GARAN, MANSOLILLO, MEROLA** and **TOMASSO**, the City Council adjourns, in Respect to the Memory of Colonel **Walter A. McQueeney**, Former Chief of the Providence Police Department, at 10:25 o'clock P.M. (EST) to meet again on **THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1977** at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST).

Vincent Vecchia

City Clerk