

CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 88 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 3, 1986, 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

IN CITY COUNCIL

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APPROVED:

PRESIDING

Rosam Mendonca CLERK

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

NICHOLAS W. EASTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Easton,
Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Bras-
sil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Council-
women DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen
Farmer, Glavin, Lombardi, O'Connor,
Petrosinelli, Pitts and Stravato—14.

Absent: Councilman Griffin—1.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN DAVID G. DILLON.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOUIS R. STRAVATO, 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 Proceedings No. 87 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 20, 1986 and Posted March 31, 1986 on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall, is Approved as Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM CITY CONTROLLER:

Street Lighting Bill from Narragansett Electric Company for February, 1986, in the amount of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$113,680.29).

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Council-

woman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Farmer, Glavin, Lombardi, O'Connor, Petrosinelli, Pitts and Stravato—12.

Absent: Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Fagnoli and Councilman Griffin—3.

The motion for Approval, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN AND COUNCILMAN DILLON (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1982-47 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved July 8, 1982, and entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Eagle Park Renewal Project" for the Revision of Sign Controls.

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

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN ANNALDO (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the Installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 5, located along Anchor Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a street light on Pole No. 5, located along Anchor Street.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

Resolution requesting the Director of Inspection and Standards to cause that demolition lien on the property located at 61 Stansbury Street, in the amount of \$2,600.00, to be waived.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Crosswalks to be painted in front of 100 Broad Street together with the words "Stop for Pedestrian" to be painted along said crosswalks.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause crosswalks to be painted in front of 100 Broad Street together with the words

"Stop for Pedestrian" to be painted along said crosswalks.

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Stop for Pedestrian" signs in front of 100 Broad Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "Stop for Pedestrian" signs in front of 100 Broad Street.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause Power Street, at the entrance to the Engineer's Field located along Gano Street, to be paved.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Power Street, at the entrance to the Engineer's Field located along Gano Street, to be Paved.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI (By Request):

Resolution opposing House Bill 86-H 7343 relating to State Affairs and Government.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON, COUNCILMAN ANNALDO, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN COLA, DILLON, COUNCILWOMEN DIRUZZO, FARGNOLI, COUNCILMEN FARMER, GLAVIN, GRIFFIN, LOMBARDI, O'CONNOR, PETROSINELLI, PITTS and STRAVATO:

Resolution of the City Council opposing the removal of Harry Kizirian as Postmaster.

Whereas, Following more than four decades of dedicated service to our community, it has been reported that Harry Kizirian, Postmaster of Rhode Island, will no longer hold that position he rose to and earned in 1960, and

Whereas, This news has stunned the people of our State as "Harry", known and admired by many, is held in high respect for his numerous achievements throughout his years of service, as well as his amicable personality.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby urge the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation to oppose the removal of Harry Kizirian as Postmaster of Rhode Island and request the Postmaster General Albert V. Casey to reconsider the reorganization which would effect our State.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

COUNCILMAN FARMER:

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to

undertake a study of the traffic conditions at the intersection of Elmgrove Avenue and Sessions Street with the aim of determining whether a stop and go red and green light should be located at said intersection.

Whereas, The intersection of Elmgrove Avenue and Sessions Street presently has a blinking yellow light but is the location of a large number of automobile accidents, and

Whereas, Said intersection is traversed daily by students of the Hebrew Day School, the Solomon Schechter Day School at Temple Emmanuel, Nathan Bishop School and participants in the many programs run by the Jewish Community Center,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer undertake a study of the traffic conditions at said intersection with the aim of determining whether a stop and go red and green light should be located at said intersection for the safety of motorists and pedestrians in said area.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the Installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 3, located along Linton Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a street light on Pole No. 3, located along Linton Street.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN and COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street, between College Street and Waterman

Street, on Friday, May 30, 1986 from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to Saturday, May 31, 1986 to 3:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate the Rhode Island School of Design.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street, between College Street and Waterman Street, on Friday, May 30, 1986 from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to Saturday, May 31, 1986 to 3:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the Rhode Island School of Design for a jazz concert for parents and students and an Alumni Welcome Reception.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN and COUNCILMAN DILLON (By Request):

Resolution that Petteys Avenue, from the portion already received to Hartford Avenue, be received as a public highway.

Resolution that the Grade of Petteys Avenue, from a portion already received northerly to Hartford Avenue, be Defined.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI

Resolution expressing the Best Wishes of the City Council Members to Martha Carosi for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from her recent illness.

Resolved, That the Best Wishes of the Members of the City Council are expressed to Martha Carosi for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from her recent illness.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN ANDREW J. ANNALDO, Chairman COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Adopted:

Resolution authorizing His Honor the Mayor to enter into a lease with Eat or Out, Inc., (d/b/a The Hot Club) of Providence for land located on the westerly line of South Water Street.

Referred back to Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN

GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion to Refer back to Committee on City Property is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS M. GLAVIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Transmits the following with recommendation the Same be Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 544 of 1951, as heretofore amended, by changing the zoning of certain lots as set out and delineated on City Assessor's Plats 115, 114, 112, 106 and 113, said lots being situated within the area of the Hartford Avenue Renewal Project.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Councilmen

Farmer, Glavin, Lombardi, O'Connor, Petrosinelli, Pitts and Stravato—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Fagnoli and Councilman Griffin—3.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

The following Ordinance was in City Council January 16, 1986 Read and Passed the First Time, Referred to Committee on Ordinances and is transmitted with recommendation of Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1982-11, Effective March 14, 1982, entitled: "An Ordinance Apportioning the Fifteen Wards in the City of Providence in Accordance with Section 204 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 as Approved by the Electors of the City of Providence at the General Election held November 4, 1980, as Amended."

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 1982-11 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, effective March 14, 1982, is hereby amended as follows:

a. Delete the Ninth Ward in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

NINTH WARD

The Ninth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the point of intersection of Ontario Street and Elmwood Avenue; thence southeasterly along Elmwood Avenue crossing Interstate Route 95 to the on-ramp of Rhode Island Route 10; thence easterly on the on-ramp of Rhode Island Route 10 to the Center Line of Rhode Island Route 10; thence southerly on the Center Line of Rhode Island Route 10 to the Park Avenue on-ramp; thence southerly along the Park Avenue on-ramp to the northerly side of Park Avenue and the Providence, Cranston Boundary Line; thence southeasterly, and generally northeasterly along said boundary line to Montgomery Avenue; thence easterly along the Providence, Cranston Boundry Line to the intersection of Broad Street and the Providence, Cranston Boundry Line; thence northwesterly along Broad Street crossing Interstate Route 95 to Potters Avenue; thence westerly along Potters Avenue to Hamilton Street; thence southerly along Hamilton Street to Congress Avenue; thence westerly along Congress Avenue to Melrose Street; thence southerly along Melrose Street to Ontario Street; thence westerly along Ontario Street to Elmwood Avenue to the point and place of beginning."

b. Delete the Eleventh Ward in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

ELEVENTH WARD

The Eleventh Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the point of intersection of Broad Street and Public Street; thence easterly along Public Street to an extension of Public Street to the center line of the Providence River; thence northwesterly along said center line of the Providence River to a point in the easterly extension of Elm Street; thence westerly along the easterly extension of Elm Street to Elm Street; thence westerly along Elm Street and a line extension of Elm Street to the center line of Interstate Route 95; thence northwesterly along Interstate Route 95 to its intersection with Washington Street; thence southwesterly along Washington Street to Dean Street; thence southerly along Dean Street to Westminster Street; thence westerly along Westminster Street to Bridgham Street; thence southerly along Bridgham Street to Cranston Street; thence southwesterly along Cranston Street to Dexter Street; thence southerly along Dexter Street to Bucklin Street; thence southerly along Bucklin Street to Carter Street; thence easterly along Carter Street to Elmwood Avenue; thence southeasterly along Elmwood Avenue to Ontario Street; thence easterly along Ontario Street to Melrose Street; thence northerly along Melrose Street to Congress Avenue; thence easterly along Congress Avenue to Hamilton Street; thence northerly along Hamilton Street to Potters Avenue; thence easterly along Potters Avenue to Broad Street; thence northerly along Broad Street to Public Street to the point and place of beginning."

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Read and Passed the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Dillon, Councilwoman DiRusso, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Petrosinelli, Pitts and Stravato—9.

Noes: Councilman Farmer—1.

Not Voting: Councilmen Cola and O'Connor—2.

Absent: Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Fagnoli and Councilman Griffin—3.

The motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS F. O'CONNOR, JR., Chairman COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

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

An Ordinance authorizing the Providence Redevelopment Agency to create a Special Project Area for the Purpose of Acquiring and Disposing of Vacant Land within the City and Providence for the Systematic Foreclosure of City Liens on Vacant Land.

Read and Passed the First Time and Referred Back to Committee on Urban, Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon,

Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, O'Connor, Petrosinelli, Pitts and Stravato—11.

Not Voting: Councilman Farmer—1.

Absent: Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Fagnoli, Councilman Griffin—3.

The motion for Passage the First Time and Referral Back to Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning is Sustained.

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

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved for Cancellation:

Certificates from the City Assessor (48-N, 49-N and 50-N) Recommending the Same 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.

Severally Approved for Cancellation, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Farmer, Glavin, Lombardi, O'Connor, Petrosinelli, Pitts and Stravato—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Fagnoli and Councilman Griffin—3.

The motion to Approve for Cancellation, is Sustained.

Certificates from the City Collector (Nos. 32 and 33), Recommending the Same be Severally Cancelled, Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 44-7-11 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended, inasmuch as Such Amounts were Not Reported as Required on the Statement of Lien.

Severally Approved for Cancellation, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Farmer, Glavin, Lombardi, O'Connor, Petrosinelli, Pitts and Stravato—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Fagnoli and Councilman Griffin—3.

The motion to Approve for Cancellation, is Sustained.

REPORT

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE PORT OF PROVIDENCE:**

Report for the Month of February, 1986.

Received.

PETITION

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN and COUNCILMAN DILLON (By Request):

Petition of the Providence Redevelopment Agency to Abandon a Portion of Petteys Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Public

Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of the City Council from Chester C. George, et al, requesting a Public Hearing regarding Resolution No. 94, Approved February 12, 1986, concerning the Issue before the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning concerning an Investigation into the Conduct and Administration of the South Providence Community Board, as it relates to its role as Advisory to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

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

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

Petition to the City Council from Chester C. George, et al, requesting a Public Hearing regarding an Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1982-11, Effective March 14, 1982, Entitled: "An Ordinance Apportioning the Fifteen Wards in the City of Providence in Accordance with Section 204 of the Providence

Home Rule Charter of 1980 as Approved by the Electors of the City of Providence at the General Election held November 4, 1980, as Amended".

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

Petition for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Amica Insurance Co. as subrogee of Ellen Messoré

Anne R. Amitrano

Gary Calise

Maureen Fogarty

Naomi Givens

Kimberly Hilton

Clarissa B. Kulman

Donald J. McMann

Angelo A. Mendillo

Ellen L. Piner

Jennie Sicard

Berge Zobian

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

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Congratulations"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Resolution extending Congratulations.

Resolved, That the Congratulations of the Members of the City Council are hereby extended to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goyette

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Caywood

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Berrios

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Perez

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morgan

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memoriam"

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

Resolution extending Sympathy.

Resolved, That the Sympathy of the Members
of the City Council is hereby expressed to the
families of the following:

Attilio Martino

Vincent Chirchella

Angelina Pinto

Joseph A. DiCiolli

Joseph Dean

Patricia Bodell

William H. Allen

John DeLuca

Antonetta Costanzo-Natale

John D. Napolitano

Christine Minuto

Marie M. Mullaney

Ida Tremontozzi

Marie A. McKenzie

Cecelia M. Pulchano

Carl Henry

Domenic DeCorpo

Leo Ciresi

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,
by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of
COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by
COUNCILMAN DILLON.**

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on
motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, sec-
onded by COUNCILMAN DILLON, the City
Council adjourns at 8:30 o'clock P.M.
(E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY,
APRIL 17, 1986 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Rose M. Mandonea
City Clerk

The first of these is the fact that the
 government has been unable to raise the
 necessary funds to meet its obligations.
 This is due to a combination of factors,
 including a decline in tax revenue and
 an increase in government spending.
 The second factor is the high level of
 inflation, which has eroded the value of
 the government's assets and liabilities.
 This has led to a loss of confidence in
 the government's financial management.
 The third factor is the lack of
 transparency in the government's financial
 operations. This has made it difficult
 for the public to understand the true
 state of the government's finances.
 The fourth factor is the corruption
 within the government, which has led to
 the mismanagement of public funds.
 The fifth factor is the lack of
 political will to implement necessary
 reforms. This has led to a continued
 state of financial crisis.
 The sixth factor is the external
 debt, which has increased significantly
 over the years. This has placed a heavy
 burden on the government's budget.
 The seventh factor is the low level of
 economic growth, which has limited the
 government's ability to generate revenue.
 The eighth factor is the high level of
 unemployment, which has reduced the tax
 base and increased social welfare costs.
 The ninth factor is the aging population,
 which has increased the demand for
 social security and healthcare.
 The tenth factor is the global economic
 downturn, which has affected all
 countries, including the government.
 These factors have all contributed to the
 government's financial crisis.

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