

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 84 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2002, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 7 2002

ROLL CALL

APPROVED:

Present: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, Barbara A. Poirier, First Deputy City Clerk, Anna M. Stetson, Assistant Clerk, Raymond Dettore, Deputy City Solicitor and Ralph Guglielmino, City Sergeant.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
TERRENCE M. HASSETT.

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

COUNCILMAN PETER S. MANCINI 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. 77 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held
October 4, 2001, and Posted January 8,
2002, on that Bulletin Board located on the
Ground Floor Level of City Hall, is approved
as printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN AL-
LEN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DeLUCA.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated January 4, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 815 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Mark F. Harriman of 38 Pinehurst Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a Member of the Board of Investment Commissioners for a term to expire in January, 2005.

Received.

Communication dated January 4, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 815 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Allan M. Edwards of 101 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a Member of the Board of Investment Commissioners for a term to expire in January, 2005.

Received.

Communication dated January 7, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1003 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Elizabeth Gordon Martin of 98 Stanton Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a Member of the Board of Park Commissioners, for a term expiring in January, 2006.

Received.

Communication dated January 7, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1005 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Dr. Peter Simon of 53 Forest Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the Recreational Advisory Board for a term to expire in January, 2004.

Received.

Communication dated January 7, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1005 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. James Adams of 111 Woodbine Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the Recreational Advisory Board for a term to expire in January, 2003.

Received.

Communication dated January 8, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1108 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Leslie A. Gardner of 93 Power Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the Providence Redevelopment Agency for a term to expire in July, 2006.

Received.

Communication dated January 4, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Theodore F. Low of 95 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the Providence Housing Authority for a term to expire in July, 2006.

Received.

Communication dated January 4, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Paul Waldman of 34 Congdon Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the Providence Housing Authority for a term to expire in July, 2006.

Received.

Communication dated January 7, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 45-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, he is this day reappointing Mr. Alessandro Montanari of 31 Foch Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a Member of the Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission for a term to expire in April, 2004.

Received.

Communication dated January 7, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Ordinance 1960, Chapter 1342, he is this day appointing Mrs. Erin Chace of 78 East Orchard Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the Providence Historic District Commission for a term to expire in September, 2004. Mrs. Chace will replace Mr. Malcolm Chace whose term has expired.

Received.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the Foregoing Matters.

The motion to Dispense with the Reading of the Foregoing Matters is Sustained.

Communication dated January 4, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Mary E. McClure of 15 Rose Court, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Received.

Communication dated January 4, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of

1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Makna Men of 80 Dorchester Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Men will replace Mr. Juan Lopez, Jr., whose term has expired.)

Received.

Communication dated January 7, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Leonard Lopes of 343 Broadway, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Lopes will be replacing Ms. Gertrude Blakey whose term has expired.)

Received.

Communication dated January 8, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Howard Phengsomphone of 61 Russo Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Received.

Communication dated January 8, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Juan M. Pichardo of 229 Atlantic Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Received.

Communication dated January 8, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Sister Angela Daniels, C.P. of 791 Potters Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Received.

Communication dated January 8, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Mary Dean of 31 Chaucer Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Received.

Communication dated January 8, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Pam Meyers of 28 Luzon Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Received.

Communication dated January 7, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 8-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, he is this day appointing Joseph Abbate, Esquire, of 1361 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the Providence Housing Court as an Associate Judge for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Abbate will be replacing Associate Judge Maria Goncalves whose term has expired.)

Received.

Communication dated January 4, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Harrison

Bilodeau of 217 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member of the City Plan Commission for a term to expire in January, 2007, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Received.

Communication dated January 7, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(h) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Arthur Strother of 270 Willard Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Review for a term to expire in January, 2007, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Received.

Communication dated January 8, 2002, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Ms. Debra Delves of 70 Crandall Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Delves will replace Ms. Linda Elderkin whose term has expired.)

Received.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the Foregoing Matters.

The motion to Dispense with the Reading of the Foregoing Matters is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Communications to the Committee on Finance.

**APPOINTMENT OF FIVE MEMBERS
TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
PURSUANT TO SECTION 1302 OF THE
PROVIDENCE HOME RULE CHARTER**

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to open the floor for election for these positions, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to place the nomination the following five (5) individuals for election to the Charter Review Commission:

Sybil F. Bailey, 53 Lauriston Street, Providence, RI

R. Kelly Sheridan, Esquire, 253 Freeman Parkway, Providence, RI

Thomas E. Deller, 331 River Avenue, Providence, RI

Anthony Nunez, 51 Payton Street, Providence, RI

Gerald P. Carvalho, 29 Royal Street, Providence, RI

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS seconds this motion.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI calls for further nominations and there being none, COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves that the nominations be closed, and per the opinion of the City Solicitor's Office is put to vote by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

January 17, 2002

**ELECTION OF CHARTER REVIEW
COMMISSION:**

COUNCILMAN ALLEN, as Majority Leader, places in nomination for the Charter Review Commission, the names of Sybil F. Bailey, R. Kelly Sheridan, Esquire, Thomas E. Deller, Anthony Nunez and Gerald P. Carvalho.

This Motion is Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI calls for further nominations, and there being none, on Motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted that the nominations be closed, and the Clerk is directed to cast one ballot for SYBIL F. BAILEY, R. KELLY SHERIDAN, ESQUIRE, THOMAS E. DELLER, ANTHONY NUNEZ, and GERALD P. CARVALHO.

The Clerk casts one ballot for each member as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI thereby declares SYBIL F. BAILEY, R. KELLY SHERIDAN, ESQUIRE, THOMAS E. DELLER, ANTHONY NUNEZ, and GERALD P. CARVALHO, and per the opinion of the Deputy City Solicitor Raymond Dettore, is put to vote by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The several nominations are thereupon sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for 100 Fountain Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN and COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1977-15 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence and Approved April 28, 1977, Entitled, "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for Federal Hill East for the Acquisition of a Portion of Bowditch Place."

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1984-17 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence and Approved March 9, 1984, and Entitled, "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Upper South Providence Revitalization Project" for Additional Acquisition.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Ordinances to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"These last few days we have seen a lot of things in the paper about the School Board and I know that we are not voting on it tonight, I know that it is going to committee, but I am compelled at this time to just share with you a few of my remarks and my concerns. I really was disappointed and dismayed by the recent authoritarian decision of Mayor Cianci to overlook Gertrude Blakey in his appointments to the School Board. After six years, six hard years, on the Providence School Board, Gert served with compassion and determination and worked tirelessly to improve the educational resources for our students. For her, it was a mission, a mission of love. After such exemplary work the action the Mayor took was an insult, not only to Gert, but it is an insult to this entire community, particularly the African-American community. As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we need to know that fiasco of this appointment — or not re-appointing her — is a reminder that too many minorities still face racial inequality and that the dream that Dr. King talked about is still a dream and not a reality, the equality that we are looking for. Why do I say this? If you look at the stats, 19 percent of our entire school department are white children. That is according to the latest statistics. 44 percent of our School Board are white individuals. 19 percent of the kids are white, 44 percent of the School Board are white. It is a little out of balance. Our student population of Hispanic is 47 percent. We don't have those numbers on the School Board. The African-American population is 23 percent in

our school system of kids and the Asian population is 10 percent. We have come a long way, certainly, from the days when there were no people of color on the School Board. That was during the previous administration. It is clear that we have a lot longer way to go. We haven't reached where we need to be right now in terms of the people making the decision reflecting the diversity of the school system. I want to get back to Gert Blakey. Gert is a role model to the children of that school. She currently was the only African-American female on that Board. With her gone there is a vacuum there, and she was not only a role model for African-American children, but she was a role model for all the children. She was tireless advocate for our students. The decisions she made as the Chairwoman of the School Board were not based on politics, they were based on her belief, her understanding of what was best for the children, the health, the safety and the educational needs of all of our children in the City of Providence. I believe the reason why she was not reappointed to the School Board . . . the true reason . . . and I think we heard a few hints of this in the Mayor's remarks . . . is that Gert, as the Chairwoman of the School Board, did not promote the rubber stamp mentality that the Mayor wanted her to. I repeat. She was not a rubber stamp. She did what was in the best interest of the children. She also did not guide the Board to rubber stamp all of the Superintendent's initiatives. There has to be a check and balance in every entity, and the School Board is the check and balance for the Superintendent. Whether she knows it or not, she is to report to that body. I think what Gert did was she promoted a healthy dialogue. There is nothing wrong with disagreeing, especially if you are not disagree-

able. For those of us who know Gert, she is not a disagreeable person. Healthy dialogue is what our school system needs. It is what has brought us this far. I think for her optimistic view of the School Board, which she is a very optimistic person, she had this novel idea that the School Board should act as a check and balance, as I said, and for that she became an outcast. Persona-non-grata, she was not wanted anymore. I think the message that is being sent to everyone right now by the Mayor, who might want to consider a position on our School Board is clear, if you are Apolitical, you will not survive. If you follow your conscience, if you try to act as a mediator between the teachers and the Superintendent, you are sealing your own fate. You will not last long on the Providence School Board if you try to believe that you are a voice for the voiceless. Gert was and is a consensus builder. I remember the days when we were bringing Diana Lam to the school system. She was the one. She was the main force behind getting her appointed and hiring her. It was through her leadership, her ability to be a consensus builder and to be able to build bridges between people that that happened. I think what she has done in these last couple of years is provide a balance to, in my opinion, a Superintendent who has often, in my opinion, created brush fires on several issues. Gert has been there with a water hose putting them out. Sometimes by herself, sometimes with a collective wisdom of the School Board, but she was always there trying to help to smooth the way. She stood behind what she believed in. She understood that school reform was not a one person concept. There must be collaboration between the teachers, the Superintendent, the School Board and the public. We see now the School Board is sometimes — when I am at the meetings — trying to get away from public input. We can never let that happen. That is a public body, the public must always be able

to speak and not be treated as if they were not worthy of being there, or as if they were part of a circus act, as I overheard one of them call it one day as a circus mentality. She understood that the running of a school is not a dictatorship, but a partnership. Yet, if you read the Providence Journal, and I know Greg that you guys wouldn't lie about what the Mayor has said, the Mayor complained that Ms. Blakey could not create cohesion on the School Board. He stated that the School Board needed a cohesive body. I suppose the Mayor knows an awful lot about cohesive bodies, since he has done such a wonderful job in helping to create a cohesive legislative body here in the City Council. And he has, hasn't he? There is no divisiveness on this Council. We all get along? We all do things the right way, don't we? Or is there? Does that make us any less effective? I think we need to look at what this woman has brought to the table all these years. I also think that the Mayor needs to look at his own shortcomings, because he has a few, if you haven't noticed them, and put his own house in order before making accusations about this woman's integrity, her competence and about her leadership. Finally, I wonder, if she was such a terrible leader, such a terrible Chairwoman, why does she receive several offers of employment, not only by the Administration, but by the Mayor himself, during her years of service on that Board. I am talking about only a few weeks ago she was asked to take another position. Do you remember Julia Steiny? Do you remember Donald Lopes? Do the names sound familiar? Do you remember Mary Smith? These are some of the people who systematically were removed by the Mayor, and these were competent, hard working people. Their fault was they challenged the status-quo. They worked too hard for the little bit of money that we gave them. I think what the Mayor is saying to you and to

everybody right now, it doesn't matter how hard you work in Providence on our Boards or Commissions, it doesn't matter how good you do your job. You can always be replaced by politics and campaign contributions. I am not surprised that this happened. Not at all. Disappointed, upset? Absolutely. But when you have a City Hall that is for sale . . . I want to repeat that . . . when you have a City Hall that is for sale, when certain Commissions and Boards and Contracts are for sale, anything can happen, and when you are dealing with individuals who individually and collectively are morally bankrupt, these types of insanity prevails. In 1993 there was a process that was established for selecting School Board members and this process wasn't recommended by the City Council. It was recommended by the Providence Blueprint for Education. A group of individuals who thought that we needed a process to determine who should be the candidates to be on the School Board. That process was bypassed once again by the Mayor. I think that two of the people never went through the process. He is not legally bound by the process, but he created it. He prepared an Executive Order. We have followed the process in the past. People need to be clear. If we are going to throw the process out the window, let's

decide now and let's do it. Let's not fool people, and the public especially, into thinking they are part of a process and they are not. People put a lot of time into that process. They volunteer a lot of time. The community comes out to be a part of that to ask the tough questions, but it doesn't make a difference in the end. I don't think we should even imply that the School Board Nominating Committee has a valid role, because they don't have a valid role if the Mayor can just discard what they say and go and pick whoever he wants and then make an appointment on a vacuum. An appointment on the basis of political goals and agenda. That is not what our kids need. With Gert we had someone people have identified with as a shining light in an otherwise very dark city. She was an individual with integrity, accountability, competence and fairness. And if she is allowed to be removed from the School Board, it will be one more cloud over this city of clouds reminding us that here everything is for sale . . . and the cost . . . I think when you start to sell things, the cost ends up being, particularly with our school system, the cost is our children's educational lives. Thank you very much."

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:

Resolution Requesting the City Collector and/or the Tax Assessor to abate the taxes upon Assessor's Plat 33, Lot 406 (135-137 Ridge Street).

COUNCILMAN APONTE:

Resolution Amending Resolution Number 755, Approved November 22, 2000, canceling or abating, in whole, the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 630 (424 Prairie Avenue), in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws, Section 44-7-23, to include 2001 taxes.

Resolution Amending Resolution Number 530, Approved September 21, 2001, canceling or abating, in whole, the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 633 (438 Prairie Avenue), in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws, Section 44-7-23, in the amount of Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$4,415.57), for Good News Housing, to include 2001 taxes.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to James and Cynthia DiSpirito on the birth of their son, Domenic Emilio, born December 13, 2001 at 9:04 o'clock P.M., weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measuring 19 inches.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend Sincere Congratulations to James and Cynthia DiSpirito on the birth of their son, Domenic Emilio, born December 13, 2001 at 9:04 o'clock P.M., weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measuring 19 inches.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to establish appropriate signage within the Municipal parking lot owned by the City of Providence at that location in the immediate vicinity of 351-353 Smith Street in order to improve parking enforcement, replace permanent striping and "Do Not Enter" Sign situated at the Bernon Street exit.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to establish appropriate signage within the Municipal parking lot owned by the City of Providence at that location in the immediate vicinity of 351-353 Smith Street in

order to improve parking enforcement, replace permanent striping and "Do Not Enter" Sign situated at the Bernon Street exit.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of street lighting within the Municipal parking lot, owned by the City of Providence at that location in the immediate vicinity of 351-353 Smith Street.

Resolved, that the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of street lighting within the Municipal parking lot, owned by the City of Providence at that location in the immediate vicinity of 351-353 Smith Street.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Dis-
pense with the Reading of the foregoing
matters, and moves for Passage of the
Several Resolutions, seconded by COUN-
CILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Granting Approval to the Smith Hill Community Development Corporation to erect steel polling devices in various locations along sidewalks on Smith Street, Douglas Avenue, Chalkstone Avenue, Valley Street, Raymond Street, Oakland Avenue and Orms Street to accommodate the Smith Hill Commercial Gateway Project.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN MANCINI:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of those missing street signs along Meridian Street.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the replacement of those missing street signs along Meridian Street.

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Pascucci on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Congetta, the first baby born in the State of Rhode Island for the year 2002, at 1:37 o'clock A.M., weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend Sincere Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Pascucci on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Congetta, the first baby born in the State of Rhode Island for the year 2002, at 1:37 o'clock A.M., weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz.

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Re-
quest):**

Resolution Requesting the Superintendent of Parks to cause the installation of signs at the end of East Orchard Avenue at Parkside Road warning people that they must clean up

after their dogs and keep dogs on a leash under penalty of fines.

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Parks is requested to cause the installation of signs at the end of East Orchard Avenue at Parkside Road warning people that they must clean up after their dogs and keep dogs on a leash under penalty of fines.

Resolved, that the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the replacement of street lighting on Pole No. 13, in front of 85 University Avenue.

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Dis-
pense with the Reading of the foregoing
matters, and moves for Passage of the
Several Resolutions, seconded by COUN-
CILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the replacement of street lighting on Pole No. 13, in front of 85 University Avenue.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

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

Resolution Authorizing the City Council of the City of the City of Providence, Rhode Island to request the United States Bureau of the Census Tracts 1, 2, 5, 6 and 15 be nominated by the Mayor, to the Enterprise Zone Council of the State of Rhode Island, for Designation as an Enterprise Zone, and when and if such tracts are designated, use his best efforts to

ensure Federal and Municipal Resources are targeted for and allocated to said zone.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUN-
CILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCIL-
WOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll
Call Vote:**

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 5F and 6F) 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, as amended.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Report of Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, of all moneys received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for the fiscal quarter of October 1, 2001 to and including December 31, 2001.

Received.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of John F. Palmieri, Executive Director, Providence Redevelopment Agency, requesting the abandonment of a portion of Fountain Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Paul Cyr

Carlos Perez (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Yoon Young Song

GEICO a/s/o Eridania Vega

Gregory Jerry Serafin

Jeffrey B. Oliveira

United Auto Sales, Inc.

Kathleen M. Krzanowski

Shawomet Land Company (John Shekarchi, Esquire)

Michael Bianco

Armand and Antonetta Cattani (Robert M. Ferrieri, Esquire)

Jennifer DeOliveira and Jacint Lima

Karen Granieri

Oladele J. Omisore

Yazmin Madriz (Charles J. Vucci, Esquire)

John A. Bandoni, Jr.

Charles J. Murphy (Warren R. Wolf, Esquire)

Patrick Donnelly

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

“In Congratulations”

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI 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:

Mr. and Mrs. James Pascucci, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, Isabella Congetta Pascucci, the first baby born in the State of Rhode Island for the year 2002, at 1:37 o'clock A.M., weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz.

Michael “Mike” Tapalian, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after twenty-three years of dedicated service to the State of Rhode Island.

John J. Leyden, United States Marshal, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after forty-seven years of law enforcement service to the State of Rhode Island.

John R. “Babe” Arena, in recognition of achieving a batting average of .812 in the fast pitch softball league of Fall River.

Elizabeth Huether, in recognition of the celebration of her retirement after forty-one years of dedicated service to the Department of Inspection and Standards.

Bernie and Benita Schachter, in recognition of their outstanding history with Staples and dedicated contribution to the company.

Lori Coppa, in recognition of the celebration of her engagement to Richard “Ricky” Fernandes.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

“In Memorium”

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI 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:

Rachel Ciaramello

Filomena Petrucci

Vincent “Jim” Massarone

Maria “Ida” Mello

Dante LaBella

Pasquale R. Marinelli

Richard Ayres Dunn, Jr.

Asher Sapolsky

Lucia Marcelli

Elizabeth A. Davis

Jean A. Gilbane

William J. Gaudet

Caesar Barros

Juanita I. Lima

Gerald W. Washington

Carl S. Clark

Peter M. Rosa

Pasco “Papa” Angeli

Daniel J. McCarthy

Roy B. Breland

Hope W. Murray

Anthony G. Mannolini

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2002 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk