

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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IN CITY COUNCIL
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APPROVED:

Ernest Caspary
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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 61 City Council Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 2, 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, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta, and Xaxier—26.

Absent: None.

RECESS

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FLYNN, it is Voted that the Council be in Recess at 8:40 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to Reconvene at the Call of the Chair.

RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON Reconvenes the Council at 8:55 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) and directs the Clerk to Call the Roll to Ascertain if there is a Quorum Present.

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, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta, and Xavier—26.

Absent: None:

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated February 9, 1977, Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Aldo J. Mignanelli of 162 Webster Avenue, Providence, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Review, to Fill the Vacancy Created by the Death of Walter B. Pangborn, deceased, for the remainder of the term ending on the First Monday in June, 1979, Respectfully Submitting the same for Approval.

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

Councilmen Flynn and Turchetta desire to be Recorded as voting "No".

Councilman Xavier desires to be Recorded as "Not Voting".

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances Were in City Council February 17, 1977, Read and Passed the First Time and are Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance Amending Section 45 of Chapter 1976-37, Approved November 10, 1976, Entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments", relative to Department of Recreation for Handicapped Children and Adults.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Section 45 of Chapter 1976-37 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved November 10, 1976 is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 45. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND
ADULTS**

The number of employees in the DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS shall not exceed twelve (12). There shall be no more than:

ADD: 1 Water Safety Director

1 Co-Ordinator

DELETE: 1 Program Director for Handicapped

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

An Ordinance Amending the Compensation Plan for the City of Providence Chapter 1976-

36, Approved October 29, 1976, for the Water Administration Department (16-01) Deputy Chief Engineer (Water).

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Section 1 of the Compensation Plan Chapter 1976-36, approved October 29, 1976, is hereby amended as follows:

Change:

Deputy Chief Engineer (Water)

From: Grade 33 to Grade 35

Sec. 2. This Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 1976.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Section 49 of Chapter 1976-37, Approved November 10, 1976, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1976-10, approved April 13, 1976," Relative to Department of Public Lands and Parks, Forestry Section.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Section 49 of Chapter 1976-37, Approved November 10, 1976, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1976-10, Approved April 13, 1976," is hereby amended as follows:

Delete One (1) Tree Trimmer;

Add One (1) Heavy Equipment Operator.

Resolution Requesting the Acting Director of the Department of Building Inspection to Order that Structure, located at 222 Linwood Avenue, Recently Damaged by Fire, to be Secured or Razed.

Resolved, That the Acting Director of the Department of Building Inspection is requested to order that structure located at 222 Linwood Avenue, recently damaged by fire, to be secured or razed.

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

Resolution Endorsing Senate Bill 77-S 486, Which Increases the Daily Pay of Electiton Supervisors from \$25.00 to \$40.00 and for Voting District Moderators and Clerks from \$30.00 to \$50.00.

Resolved, That the City Council does hereby endorse Senate Bill 77-S486 which increases the daily pay of Election Supervisors from \$25.00 to \$40.00 and for Voting District Moderators and Clerks from \$30.00 to \$50.00.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, and COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Finance to Investigate the Awards to Challenge Advertising, Inc., of Providence, of Certain City Advertising.

Whereas, Recent public information reported that Challenge Advertising, Inc., has been the recipient of most of the City Advertising in the area of promotional and public relations work, and

Whereas, The said Challenge Advertising, Inc., of Providence, has received approximately One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) from the City of Providence for such commissioned advertising, without the City benefiting by offering this same City business at Competitive Bidding, which is in violation of the provisions of the City Charter concerning purchases in excess of One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is authorized to investigate the reported awards to the Challenge Advertising, Inc., of Providence, for certain City Advertising, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the said Committee on Finance is requested to procure from the Purchasing Division, all vouchers and/or authorizations submitted to it, for business awarded to the said Challenge Advertising, Inc.

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

COUNCILMAN ADDISON:

Resolution Creating a Special Committee of the City Council for the Purpose of Planning and Conducting a Proper Observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1977.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of the City Council consisting of five (5) Members to be appointed by the President thereof, is hereby created for the purpose of planning and con-

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

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

COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Creating a Special Committee of the City Council for the Purpose of Planning and Conducting a Proper Observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1977.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of the City Council consisting of five (5) Members to be appointed by the President thereof, is hereby created for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1977.

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

COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN XAVIER and COUNCILMAN TOMASSO:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to Conduct a Public Hearing or Hearings on Any Proposal for Tax Concessions by Textron, Inc., Designated as Developer of the Union Station Complex, If Such Proposal is Pursued by the Said Corporation.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is requested to conduct a Public Hearing or Hearings on any proposal for Tax Concession or Concessions by Textron, Inc., designated as developer of the Union Station Complex in Providence, if such proposal is pursued by the said Corporation.

COUNCILMAN GARAN:

Resolution Requesting a Joint Committee Meeting of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal, and Planning, and Representatives of Textron, Inc., to Discuss and Negotiate a Tax Relief Program for the Proposed Redevelopment of the Union Station Property.

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

Resolution Authorizing and Requesting the City Council Committee on Employee Relations to Conduct an Investigation into All the Facts and Circumstances Surrounding the Termination of Lloyd Griffin, Former Chief of the Division of Code Enforcement, and the Alleged Police Surveillance of Employees in the Division of Code Enforcement.

Resolved, That the City Council Committee on Employee Relations is requested to conduct an investigation into all the facts and circumstances surrounding the termination of Lloyd Griffin, Former Chief of the Division of Code Enforcement and the alleged Police surveillance of employees in the Division of Code Enforcement.

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

Councilmen Mansolillo and Pearlman desire to be Recorded as Voting "No."

Resolved, That the Public Utilities Commissioner is requested to inform the City Council as to the Formula employed by the Narragansett Electric Company, to ascertain the monthly fuel adjustment charge to its customers.

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

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, COUNCILMAN MEROLA, and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor, with the Recommendation of the Committee on City Property to Accept that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land with Improvements thereon, bounded by Courtland, Gesler, and Tell Streets, being Lots 135, 138, 141, 142, 143, and 144, on City Assessor's Plat 33, from the Federal Hill House Association Upon which has been Constructed the Federal Hill House, so-called, a Multi-Purpose Community Center, and to Enter Into a Lease Agreement for Said Center.

Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON, BRADSHAW, MEROLA, PEARLMAN, and TURCHETTA**.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRAWSHAW (By Request):

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

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

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Arrange for the Redemption or Sale of Lot 420, on City Assessor's Plat 32, Located along Knight Street; an Offer Having Been Received by the City Treasurer from Badessa Realty Co., Inc., 49 Cottage Street, Providence, of \$1,736.74 for said Lot, also subject to 1972 through 1976 Taxes.

Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Arrange for the Redemption or Sale of Lot 478, on City Assessor's Plat 68, Located at 326 Chalkstone Avenue; an Offer Having Been Received by the City Treasurer from George Ajootian, 200 Smith Street, Providence, of \$323.00 for said Lot, also subject to 1931 through 1937 Taxes.

Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to Order the Installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 12, Located along DePinedo Street.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 12, located along DePinedo Street.

ters of the Former Charles V. Chapin Hospital Complex and which were Conveyed to Providence College.

Resolved, Decreed, and Ordered:

That the following named streets shown as a shaded area on the accompanying plan entitled "Providence, Rhode Island, Department of Public Works — Engineering Office, Street Line Section, Plan No. 063999 dated December 28, 1976"

viz:

Those portions of Hugo Street, August Street, Venice Street, Berlin Street, Dante Street and Arbutus Street as laid out and delineated on that plat entitled, "The Dr. E. M. Harris Plat No. 2 of House Lots in Providence, R.I. Platted by Mark W. Schofield May 1901" and recorded with the records of land evidence in said City of Providence in Plat Book 24 at Page 26 and (copy) on plat card 862, lying within the perimeters of that parcel described in deed from the City of Providence to Providence College dated December 6, 1974 and recorded in said records in deed book 1184 at page 166 the said portion of the above described streets, as incorporated in accompanying petition of Providence College and cross hatched incorporated in the subject map (A-B-C-D-E-A) having ceased to be useful to the public and the same is proposed to be 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 a sign to be placed on the above named streets 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 there-

of to be published in a newspaper published in the County of Providence 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 streets which has been abandoned, who is known to reside within the State.

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

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, and Turchetta—23.

Absent: Councilmen Ahern, Gorodetsky, and Xavier—3.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Remove "No Parking" Signs Posted along Melrose Street, from Longfellow Street to Cadillac Drive.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to remove "No Parking" Signs posted along Melrose Street, from Longfellow Street to Cadillac Drive, thus permitting parking.

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

REPORTS

FROM TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

Annual Report for the Calendar Year, 1975.

Received.

FROM CITY ASSESSOR:

Certificates (73-R, 88-R and 95-R) Recommending the Same be Severally Cancelled.

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

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages:

Amica Mutual Ins. Co. as subrogee of Cyprian P. Parmar

Gloria Conte

Adamo Cotoia

Ronald A. DeTorio

Corinne P. Grande

Hartford Insurance Group as subrogee of Margherite Curran

Dorothy A. Haughey

Beverly A. Lincourt

Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company as subrogee of Ivar Steen

Leonard J. Nannarone

Michael C. Parrillo

Robert Robitaille

Kenneth B. Whitman

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, FLYNN, MANSOLILLO, MEROLA, TOMASSO, and TURCHETTA, the City Council adjourns at 9:50 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on WEDNESDAY, March 16, 1977 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Vincent Vespia

City Clerk

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