

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 341

Approved August 6, 2004

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Library has threatened to lay off its seven custodians, represented by the United Service and Allied Workers of Rhode Island, and subcontract the work for economic reasons; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Library has threatened to lay off forty to fifty other employees of the library including 40% of the staff at the central library, while the administration of the library remains top-heavy and receives increases in excess of those received by other employees of the library and while million dollar renovation plans continue to be pursued; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Library depends on the City of Providence for a large portion of its finances; and

WHEREAS, Many of the employees of the Providence Public Library live and pay taxes in the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The union and library administration are currently engaged in negotiations to resolved the issue of subcontracting of custodians, including consideration of alternatives to outsourcing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Mayor freeze the three million dollars due the Providence Public Library for this next fiscal year until such time as meaningful and good faith labor negotiations are concluded and the Finance Committee has had the opportunity to scrutinize the Library finances to ensure that the Library spends the money appropriately.

That the City Council requests prior to the release of each quarterly payment to the Providence Public Library, the city Finance Director and the Administration of the Providence Public Library will report to the city council finance committee as to the library's intended use of said payment.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUL 26 2004
READ AND PASSED AS AMENDED

PRES.

CLERK

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MAYOR

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