

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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APPROVED:

*Vincent Vespele*  
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**CITY COUNCIL**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

No. 30 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 1976 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, Lynch, Mansolillo, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, and Xavier—19.**

**Absent: Councilmen Crowley, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, McKiernan, and Turchetta—7.**

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## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Reverend Decimo Crevani, Curate of Holy Ghost Roman Catholic Church, Federal Hill, Providence.

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

COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR. 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. 29 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1976, and Posted January 15, 1976 on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor of the City Hall, is Layed on the Clerk's Desk, 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 all Potholes on Highways Within the Eighth Ward to be Repaired.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Building Inspection to Cause the Securing of Doors Located on Building at 149 Burnett Street.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN MEROLA, COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE for Themselves and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA In Absentia:**

Resolution Changing the Name of Mount Pleasant High School to "Carl G. Lauro Memorial High School."

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

**COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):**

Resolution Establishing that Portion of Empire Street, in a Northwesterly Direction, from Washington Street to Thomas J. Hinchley and Raymond W. Flynn Memorial Square, as a Two-Way Street.

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

**COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN GARRAN, and COUNCILMAN ADDISON (By Request):**

Resolutions Accepting Gifts of Monies for Specified Burial Lots in North Burial Ground.

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

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO:**

Resolution Requesting all Boards, Bureaus, Commissions, Committees and Authorities of the City of Providence to Cause Notices of all of its Meetings to be Transmitted to the City Clerk for the Purpose of Informing the Public of Said Meetings.

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

**COUNCILMAN MEROLA and COUNCILMAN STRAVATO for Themselves and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA In Absentia:**

Resolution Congratulating Dr. Robert Ricco, Upon His Appointment as Acting Superintendent of Providence Public Schools.

*Resolved*, That the best wishes of the City Council are hereby tendered to Doctor Robert Ricci upon occasion of his appointment as Acting Superintendent of Providence Public Schools.

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

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to Obtain from the Chief of the Providence Police, a Report as to the Department's Compliance with the Provisions of Section 23-23-12, of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 as Amended, Relative to Life Saving Buoys Required in Police Vehicles.

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to Recommend to the Department of Public Property it Undertake a Program of Causing the Flooding of all Outdoor Basketball Courts for the Purpose of Utilizing the Same for Ice Skating Rinks During the Winter Season.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Recreation to Promulgate Rules and Regulations for the Purpose of Informing the Public as to the Safety of Ice Skating on City Owned Bodies of Water Located in the City of Providence.

Resolution Requesting the State Department of Transportation to Consider the Advisability, and if Deemed Practical, to Create a Seasonal Ice Skating Rink Upon Its Land Located at the Corner of Dean Street with Spruce Street.

**Severally Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW:**

Resolution Requesting the City Assessor to Tax All Motor Vehicles and Other Assets Which Are Used or Owned, the Substantial Part of the Calendar Year Within the City of Providence.

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

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN, Chairman

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Adopted:

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as a Public Highway of that Portion of Charles Street, from Smith Street to Mill Street.

*Resolved, Decreed, and Ordered:* That the following named street shown on a shaded area on the accompanying plan entitled, "Providence, Rhode Island, Department of Public Works — Engineering Office, Street Line Section, Plan No. 063838 dated January 15, 1975," viz:

That portion of Charles Street from Smith Street to Mill Street, depicted on the accompanying plan as Cross Hatched Area (A-B-C-M-D-E-F-J-K-L-A) having ceased to be useful to the public and the same is proposed to be abandoned as a public highway and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded, subject to such easements as shall be required by the Department of Public Works in accordance with the accompanying said plan; the compliance with the request of the Water Supply Board incorporated in accompanying communication dated November 12, 1975 and further to access for Narragansett Electric Company within the full City easement as is incorporated on the said accompanying plan, and it is further

*Ordered,* That the Director of Public Works,

be and he is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway 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 in a newspaper published in the County of Providence at least once a 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 highway which has been abandoned, who is known to reside within this State.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of a Stop Sign Along Benefit Street, at Burrs Lane.

*Resolved,* That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "Stop" sign along Benefit Street at Burrs Lane.

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Memoriam"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN GARAN, COUNCILMAN MAN-SOLILLO, COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO and COUNCILMAN TOMASSO for Themselves, and COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY In Absentia:**

Grand Committee of the Rhode Island General Assembly, and as Chief Justice of that Court in 1956, by the same elective process.

As a jurist, Judge Roberts enjoyed the respect and admiration of the legal profession, and was regarded as a model jurist.

Resolution Upon the Life and Character of Thomas Hagan Roberts, Late Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

His Judicial Code of Ethics is recognized throughout the Nation.

*Resolved*, That the Minute of the Life and character of the late Thomas Hagan Roberts, Late, Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, be and the same is hereby adopted and ordered inscribed on the records of the City Council.

Judge Roberts was cited for his humanitarian and social behavior, as in 1973 when he was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from Bryant College and an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Roger Williams College in 1974.

### MINUTE

A deeply religious man, he was a communicant of Saint Sebastian's Roman Catholic Church, Providence, and was recognized by His Holiness Pope Paul VI, when he was the recipient of the Order of the Knights of Saint Gregory. The Boston University Alumni Association, in recognition of his achievements as a jurist, awarded him the Silver Shingle.

Thomas Hagan Roberts, who passed on to his eternal reward, in his seventy-fourth year, was a native of the City of Providence where he lived all of his life. His formal education in the elementary grades, graduation from La Salle Academy in Providence, includes a degree from Fordham University and Boston University Law School, which culminated in his admission to the Rhode Island Bar as an Attorney at Law, in 1931.

Justice Roberts, during his lifetime as a student, as an athlete, as an Attorney at Law, and as a Jurist, never deviated from the rules set down by his peers, resulting in his achievement to one of the highest honors within his profession.

Justice Roberts started his public service as a Deputy Recorder of Deeds and later as a Member of the Bureau of Police and Fire.

In assessing the life and character of the Honorable Thomas Hagan Roberts, late, Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, it is said that he exemplified many things as a devoted husband, father, and scholarly gentleman.

In 1949, he became the General Counsel to the United States War Claims Commission.

The community in which he lived and labored to the benefit of its citizens, while mourning his passing from this life, will long remember his pattern of conduct which he set down.

The late President, Harry S. Truman, named Judge Roberts, in July of 1950, as Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. He was appointed the following year as an Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court and in 1956, he was elected in

In the adoption of this Minute, His Honor

## REPORT

### **FROM PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Report, dated January 9, 1976, Informing the Honorable City Council of Its Proposed Sale of Parcel 13B Consisting of 500 Square Feet of Land and Designated as a Portion of Lot 17, on City Assessor's Plat 33; and further delineated on the Attached Map within the West

Broadway Project A2-1 Year II, for the Disposition Price of \$75.00 to Martin Gold, Inc., said Parcel is Proposed for Development for Residential Reuse.

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

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries, Damages, and Refund, viz:

Richard Albanese

Walter M. Cahir

John P. D'Ambrosio, P.C.

Debra DeSimone

Maria Gomes

Leroy F. Goodwin

Rosemary A. Martino

Orlando Marzilli, Jr.

Bertha Vassilopoulos

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

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and the Members of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, express their deepest sympathy to his bereaved wife, children, and family in this period of their great loss.

Read and Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMEN ADDISON, BRADSHAW, FLYNN, GARAN, MANSOLILLO, PEARLMAN, STRAVATO, and TOMASSO.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, and COUNCILMAN TOMASSO:

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Death of

Michael C. Cote, Son of Providence Police Sergeant and Mrs. Raymond D. Cote.

*Resolved*, That it is with heartfelt sympathy that the untimely accidental death of Michael C. Cote, young son of Providence Police Department Sergeant and Mrs. Raymond D. Cote is noted, and

*Be It Further Resolved*: That the Members of the City Council do hereby express their condolences to the bereaved parents and brother and sisters in this their moment of great sorrow.

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FLYNN.

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## PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

COUNCILMAN ADDISON requests and is granted the privilege of the floor and makes the following remarks:

Today is the birthday of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., late, Civil Rights Leader, whose death at the hands of an assassin on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, cut short the life of a truly great American.

Any number of historic moments in the civil rights struggle can be used to identify Martin Luther King, Jr. — prime mover of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, (1956); keynote speaker at the march on Washington, (1963); youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner, (1964); but it was as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference that he made the day-to-day decisions underlying his entire civil rights program.

His program for the rights of humans will be recorded in the history of this Country, along with the great movements promulgated by our Nation's great men.

Modern day historians will note the meaningful program he spearheaded and will record the popularity of the movement that became symbolic with his name.

As an American, he dedicated his life that the guarantees of the Constitution of the United States of America be honored.

His life was taken in an attempt to insure these guarantees.

Mr. President, I desire that these brief remarks, wholly inadequate for the remembrance

of an American who gave hope to the cause of human dignity, be incorporated in the record of this meeting, so that people of all races will remember the date of birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., American, who gave his life in the pursuit of true equality and racial harmony, and he died, as he lived, for all who loved peace.

Mr. President, I move we have one minute of silence in his memory.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMEN LYNCH, MEROLA, and XAVIER, is put to Vote and Passed.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, COUNCILMAN ADDISON moves that the Council stand adjourned in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 8:55 o'clock P.M. (EST), to meet again on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1976 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.). This motion being seconded by COUNCILMEN ALMAGNO, COLA, FLYNN, LYNCH, MANSOLILLO, MEROLA and TOMASSO, is put to Vote and Passed.

*Vincent V. Vespia*

City Clerk

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