

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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IN CITY COUNCIL

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APPROVED:

Vincent Vecchia
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 50 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 23, 1976 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

RALPH FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—21.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Cola, Johnson and Mansolillo—4.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW.

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

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW
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 RECORDS

The Journals of Proceedings No. 48 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held Sep-
tember 2, 1976 and posted September 15, 1976,
and No. 49 of the Special Meeting held Septem-
ber 13, 1976, and posted September 23, 1976 on
that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor
of the City Hall, are Severally Approved as
Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH,
seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, dated September 8, 1976, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Appointment of Major Leo P. Trambukis of Providence, as Commissioner of Public Safety and Respectfully Requesting the Appointment be Confirmed.

Communication Read and Appointment Approved, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI** and **COUNCILMEN ADDISON, AHERN, ALMAGNO, BRADSHAW, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN CIRELLI, FLYNN, GARAN, GORODETSKY, HENRIES, McKIERNAN, MEROLA, PEARLMAN, PETROSINELLI, SALVATORE, STRAVATO, TOMASSO, TURCHETTA** and **XAVIER**.

Communication, dated September 9, 1976, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Ap-

pointment of Captain Robert E. Ricci, as Chief of the Providence Police Department, Effective Monday, September 13, 1976.

Received, on motion of **COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**.

Communication, dated August 31, 1976, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Appointment of Mr. John T. Campanini, Jr., as City Forester, and Respectfully Requesting the Appointment be Confirmed.

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

COUNCILMAN FLYNN desires to be recorded as Voting "No."

VETO BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, dated September 9, 1976, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Disapproval and Veto of that Resolution Recommending Any Appointee by His Honor the Mayor of an Acting Director of a Department of the City of Providence, be Not Permitted to Serve a Period Longer than Six Months, Commencing

from the Date of Such Appointment, Unless Approved, when Required by the City Council, Within the Said Period.

Received.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause a Guideline to be Painted on Smith Street, from the City of Providence — Town of North Providence Line to Oakland Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause a guideline to be painted on Smith Street, from the City of Providence — Town of North Providence Line, to Oakland Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause One Hour Parking between the Hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 10:00 o'clock P.M. along the Northerly Side of River Avenue, from Smith Street to Eaton Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause One Hour Parking between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 10:00 o'clock P.M. along the northerly side of River Avenue, from Smith Street to Eaton Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Post "One Hour Parking — from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 6:00 o'clock P.M." Signs along Both Sides of Enfield Avenue, from Eaton Street for a Distance of Fifty Feet (50').

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to post "One Hour Parking — from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 6:00 o'clock P.M." Signs along both sides of Enfield Avenue, from Eaton Street for a distance of fifty feet (50').

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

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN XAVIER:

Resolution Requesting the Acting City Solicitor to Prepare, Cause to be Introduced, and to Urge Passage, at the Next Session of the General Assembly, of An Act to Refrain from Granting Any Tax Exemptions on Newly Acquired Real Property by Tax Exempt Entities.

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

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Works to Cause Roome Lane and Mohawk Street, to be Cleaned and Foliage Trimmed.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Public Works is requested to cause Roome Lane and Mohawk Street to be cleaned of debris and that the overgrowth of foliage be trimmed.

COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO, COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN, COUNCILMAN TOMASSO and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA:

Resolution Congratulating Police Major Leo P. Trambukis, Upon being Appointed, on September 8, 1976, as Commissioner of Public Safety, by His Honor the Mayor.

Whereas, His Honor, Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Mayor of the City of Providence, has appointed Police Major Leo P. Trambukis, as Commissioner of Public Safety, and

Whereas, Major Trambukis' appointment, subject to approval by the City Council, has set a precedence in that he will be the first Commissioner of Public Safety, in the City of Providence who has risen from the Police ranks, and

Whereas, Major Trambukis' career, starting as a Uniformed Patrolman to the rank of Major, has been one consistent with dedication and courageous Law Enforcement and of top-level administrative practices, augmented by academic achievements on the college level in the State of Rhode Island; the University level in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and in the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, The appointment of Major Trambukis, brings to that important Department, a man whose record of accomplishments spans nearly one-third of a century of his adult life, and

Whereas, In addition to the responsibility as Commissioner and Head of the Police Department, his authority includes being Head of the Fire Department, thus bringing under his immediate jurisdiction, approximately one thousand City Employees, and awesome responsibility to which he is eminently trained to assume,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That in extending sincere best wishes of this City Council to Commissioner-Designee of Public Safety,

Major Leo P. Trambukis, the Members of this Body further express their hope for his continued sage administration.

COUNCILMAN CIRELLI and COUNCILMAN STRAVATO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Works to Submit to the City Council a Construction Progress Report on the Glenbridge Avenue Bridge, So-called.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Public Works is requested to submit to the City Council, a Construction Progress Report on the Glenbridge Avenue Bridge, So-called.

COUNCILMAN CIRELLI for COUNCILMAN COLA In Absentia (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "No Parking 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M." Signs along Both Sides of Rushmore Avenue, for a Distance of Fifty Feet (50'), from Its Intersection with Manton Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M." Signs along both sides of Rushmore Avenue, for a distance of Fifty Feet (50') from its intersection with Manton Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "Dead End" Signs

along Beetle Street, at Its Intersection with Rushmore Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "Dead End" Signs along Beetle Street, at its intersection with Rushmore Avenue.

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

COUNCILMAN GARAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN ADDISON, COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN AHERN, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMAN MEROLA, COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA and COUNCILMAN XAVIER, for Themselves and COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, In Absentia:

Resolution Requesting the City Collector to Allow Senior Citizens, Age 65 Years or Over Who are Resident Homeowners, to Pay Real Property Taxes on Their Homes, Based on the Assessed Valuation as of December 31, 1974, Until the General Assembly and the City Council Enact Legislation Increasing Real Property Tax Exemption for Said Senior Citizens.

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

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Prohibit the Use of Boylston Avenue, by

Motor Vehicles, on Saturday, October 2, 1976, Between 2:00 o'clock P.M. to 10:00 o'clock P.M. to Accommodate a Neighborhood Block Dance.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to eliminate the use of Boylston Avenue, by motor vehicles, on Saturday, October, 2, 1976, between 2:00 o'clock P.M. and 10:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Dance.

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

COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN for Himself and COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, In Absentia, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Prohibit Motor Vehicle Traffic in Front of Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 883 Eddy Street, between Sayles Street and Oxford Street, on Sunday, September 26, 1976, from 12:00 o'clock M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M., to Accommodate Ceremonies at That Site.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic in front of Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 883 Eddy Street, between Sales Street and Oxford Street, on Sunday, September 26, 1976, from 12:00 o'clock M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate ceremonies at that site.

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

COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN ADDISON and COUNCILMAN GARAN (By Request):

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as a Public Highway of Little Street, So-called, from Randall Street to the Moshassuck River.

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

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as a Public Highway of a Portion of Schley Square, Located at the Intersection of North Main Street and Canal Street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and STRAVATO.

Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Project Proposals by the Department of Planning and Urban Development for Inclusion in the Annual Statewide Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP).

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

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

Resolution Expressing Best Wishes to Walter A. McQueeney, Former Chief of the Police Department, Upon His Recent Retirement.

Whereas, Walter A. McQueeney, former Colonel of the Providence Police Department has elected to retire as such, effective September 10, 1976, thus culminating a career in law enforcement which commenced October 17, 1941, and

Whereas, From the beginning of his police career until his retirement, Mr. McQueeney's personal and official conduct was an exemplary one, of which he may, in retrospect, be most proud, and

Whereas, Known primarily as a top level police officer, he displayed many other attributes, which benefited the community, such as his religious, civic, social and cultural contributions, and

Whereas, Humble when necessary, but firm when required, Walter held the respect of persons in all walks of life, and

Whereas, In the voluntary termination in Providence of his professional career of law enforcement, former Colonel McQueeney, as Chief may well reflect in the milestone of police progress, effected during his stewardship; in his role as the husband of his devoted wife Mary and as father of a model family,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That in Expressing the best wishes of this City Council to Walter A. McQueeney, it also offers its prayers for his continued good health, that of his Mary and their family, and that he enjoy a tranquil retirement.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Works to Cause All City Owned and Privately Owned Vacant Lots within the Seventh Ward, to be Cleaned.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Public Works is requested to cause all City owned and privately owned vacant lots within the Seventh Ward, to be Cleaned.

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to Order the Installation of a Street Light Directly in Front of 211 Lowell Avenue.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of a Street Light directly in front of 211 Lowell Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to Order the Installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 3, Located along Clarence Street.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 3, Located along Clarence Street.

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO and COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Congratulating Colonel Robert E. Ricci, Upon Being Appointed as Chief of the Providence Police Department.

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor has appointed former Captain of the Providence Police Department, Robert E. Ricci, as Chief, Effective September 13, 1976, and

Whereas, Colonel Ricci, a member of that Department since October 4, 1948, assumed various assignments and commands during his more than one quarter of a century, earning a well-regarded reputation as a law enforcement agent, instituting many reforms and innovative programs, all designed to suppress the rising crime rate typical of larger Cities in this Country, and

Whereas, Colonel Ricci, respected as a "Street Cop," continued to earn the respect as an officer by his associates,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That in acknowledging the elevation of this outstanding Police Officer to the top rank of Colonel of the Department, the City Council expresses its congratulations to him and offer its cooperation to his leadership and further express their best wishes for his continued quest for the suppression of crime in the City of Providence.

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN RALPH FARGNOLI, *Chairman* COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Severally Received:

Report of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, dated August 2, 1976, Informing the Honorable City Council of Its Proposed Sale Within the East Side Renewal Project, R.I. R-4, of Parcel 24, Consisting of Approximately 16,496 Square Feet of Land, for the Disposition Price of Forty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$45,364.00), to Park View Associates, for Commercial Office Building.

Report from the Providence Redevelopment Agency Concerning the Proposed Sale of Real Property within the Comstock Redevelopment Project, viz:

Parcel 9 Consisting of 6,593.6 Square Feet of Land and Delineated on the Attached Map for the Disposition Price of Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$660.00) to Nancy A. Watkins of 759 Pot- ters Avenue, Providence, R. I. for Residential Construction.

Parcel 29A Consisting of 2,908.7 Square Feet of Land and Delineated on the Attached Map

for the Disposition Price of One Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$145.00) to James R. and Emma L. Robertson of 93 Pavillion Avenue, Providence, R. I. for Residential Construction.

Parcel 29B Consisting of 2,908.7 Square Feet of Land and Delineated on the Attached Map for the Disposition Price of One Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$145.00) to Philip and Sandra Miller of 299 Willard Avenue, Providence, R. I. for Residential Construction.

Parcel 38A Consisting of 2,614.3 Square Feet of Land and Delineated on the Attached Map for the Disposition Price of One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) to Dorothy A. King of 286 Willard Avenue, Providence, R. I. for Residential Construction.

Parcel 38B Consisting of 2,765.1 Square Feet of Land and Delineated on the Attached Map for the Disposition Price of One Hundred Forty Dollars (\$140.00) to Calvin J. and Sharon Simpson of 58 Whipple Street, Providence, R. I. for Residential Construction.

Severally Received.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

**FROM COLONEL WALTER A. McQUEENEY,
CHIEF OF POLICE**

Communication, dated September 9, 1976, Expressing to the Honorable City Council His Sincere Thanks for Its Many Kindnesses Afforded Him as Chief of Police.

Received.

FROM CLERK OF PROBATE COURT

Communication, dated August 26, 1976, Submitting a Copy of Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk of Said Court, Louise Almon, Informing of Her Retirement as of September 3, 1976.

Received.

FROM CITY CONTROLLER

129th Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1975.

Received.

FROM ACTING CITY ASSESSOR

Certificates from the Acting City Assessor (1-R, 2-R, 6-R, 7-R, 10-R, 16-R, 18-R, 19-R, 21-R, 23-R and 28-R) Recommending the Same be Severally Cancelled.

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

PETITION

**COUNCILMAN GARAN and COUNCILMAN
TOMASSO (By Request):**

Petition of Stan A. Czabanowski, to Erect an Advertising Sign on Premises Located at 1372½ Broad Street.

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

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages.

Robert L. Boynes
Kathleen DiCarlo
Fay A. Dwyer
John McConnell
Dorothea E. Place

Anna and Ernest Tella

The Hartford as subrogee of Chinaita Brown

Evelyn Wilkinson

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memoriam"

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY, COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW and COUNCILMAN McKIER-NAN:

Resolution Noting the Passing of William H. Edwards, Esquire, Late Prominent Citizen of the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Whereas, William H. Edwards, Attorney, Scholar, and Public Benefactor, has passed from this life, leaving a legacy of contributions as a most respected Member of the Rhode Island Bar and of the Civic and cultural life of our community, and

Whereas, "Bill" Edwards, whose inimitable fashion of repartee, notably in the mirthful vane will remain in the minds of those who survive him, and

Whereas, Seeped in the law, profound in his mental capacity, humble in his everyday achievements, he enjoyed the respect of the community, to which he devoted his adult life for its advancement, and

Whereas, His affiliations in the business field, as in his professional pursuits, his presence was never unknown, emanating from a warm personality whose countenance broke into a pleasant smile, and

Whereas, "Bill" Edwards' ability to quote the Scriptures and Verses, were his trademark in profession, as was his political tolerances, whereby he respected the man, rather than the political affiliation,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That in the

passing from this life of William H. Edwards, Esquire, the community is saddened by this great loss, but enriched by having had his presence amongst it, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., joins the Members of the City Council in expressing their sincere sympathy to his survivors in this, their period of bereavement, and

Be it further Resolved, That upon the adoption of this Resolution, the City Clerk is directed to transmit a duly engrossed copy thereof, to his devoted wife, Mary, and to his son, Knight, and daughter, Louise.

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, BRADSHAW, GORODETSKY and McKIERNAN.

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI and COUNCILMEN ADDISON, COUNCILMAN AHERN, COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO, COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUN-

CILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN GARAN, COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY, COUNCILMAN HENRIES, COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN, COUNCILMAN MEROLA, COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN TOMASSO, COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA and COUNCILMAN XAVIER:

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Passing of Mrs. Flora Storti, Wife of Our Former Council Colleague, Vincent A. Storti.

Resolved, That in the passing of Mrs. Flora Storti, Late the Wife of the Former Councilman, Vincent A. Storti, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and the Members of the City Council, hereby express their sympathy and offer their prayers for her eternal rest.

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, PETROSINELLI and SALVATORE.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, FLYNN, MEROLA and TURCHETTA, the City Council adjourns at 8:50 o'clock P.M. (EDT) to meet again THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1976 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EDT).

Vincent Vecchia

City Clerk

