

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 68 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2001, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Lombardi,
Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin,
DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Council-
men Hassett, Jackson, Mancini, Council-
women Nolan, Romano and Williams—13.

Absent: Councilman Igliozi and Council-
woman Young—2.

IN CITY COUNCIL—

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APPROVED:

Michael R. Clements CLERK
BC

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-
WOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT
leads the members of the City Council and
the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance
to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated June 1, 2001, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and R.I.G.L. 45-24.1-3, as well as the Zoning Ordinance 501.1(c), he is this day appointing Mr. Glen Fontecchio of 19 Luzon Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a Member

of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire in September, 2003. Mr. Fontecchio will replace Ms. Tina Regan whose term has expired.

Received.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council June 7, 2001, Read and Passed the First Time and are severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance Appropriating Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) and Authorizing the Issuance of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) in Bonds for the Neighborhood Improvement Program: A Plan to Revitalize Providence's Neighborhoods.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Refer the Ordinance back to Committee on Finance, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT moves to pass the Ordinance the Second Time, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN**.

The Motion to Refer takes precedence, and is put to vote by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Clarkin, DeLuca, Jackson, and Councilwoman Williams—7.

Nays: Councilman Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan and Romano—6.

Absent: Councilman Iglioizzi and Councilwoman Young—2.

The motion to Refer Back to the Committee on Finance is Sustained.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2000-25, Approved August 9, 2000 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Making an Appropriation of Four Hundred Forty Seven Million, Six Hundred Ten Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$447,610,396) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001, As Amended.

Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:

Whereas, The receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, have been estimated to amount to Four Hundred Forty Seven Million, Six Hundred Ten Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$447,610,396), as amended.

Section I—Chapter 2000-5 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as Approved August 9, 2000, is hereby amended as follows:

Department	Account Number	Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised
Canvassers—Elected	101-5-00904-0150	\$165,100	(\$20,000)	\$145,100
Canvassers—Misc.	101-5-00904-3990	\$9,000	\$20,000	\$29,000
Council Contingency	101-5-00112-3410	\$145,000	(\$10,000)	\$135,000
Parks—Supr.	101-5-00709-0010	\$878,926	\$10,000	\$888,926

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 2000-14 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Approved June 23, 2000, Entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project" for the Acquisition of Property.

Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:

That Chapter 2000-14 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence, approved June 23, 2000, entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project" be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

A. Add the following lots to the acquisition list in section 7.1 entitled "List of Proposed Acquisition" which is part of the aforementioned Ordinance:

Plat/Lot	Address
053/192	1007 Broad St.
053/495	1001 Broad St.
053/502	15 Gallatin St.
053/582	1017 Broad St.
053/619	17 Warrington St.
053/621	13 Warrington St.

(A Portion-923 square feet)

B. Certain Maps of the Official Redevelopment Plan herein identified, *Proposed Acquisi-*

tion and Disposition shall be amended to include the Proposed Acquisition of the aforementioned lots.

2. That said Chapter 2000-14 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, is hereby ratified and reaffirmed in all other aspects.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the City clerk shall forward a certified copy to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

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

Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:

1. That Chapter 1984-17 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence, approved March 9, 1984, entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Upper South Providence Revitalization Project" as amended by the following Ordinances of the City of Providence: Chapter 1990-31 (December 26, 1990), Chapter 1991-17 (April 26, 1991), Chapter 1992-44 (November 25, 1992), Chapter 1995-13 (June 9, 1995), Chapter 1997-9 (February 26, 1997), Chapter 1998-15 (March 2, 1998) and Chapter 1998-51 (October 26, 1998) of the Ordinances of the City Providence is hereby further amended as follows:

A. Add the following lots to the acquisition list in Section E. 2 entitled "Proposed Acquisition" as contained and set forth on Page 20 of the certain booklet entitled, "Upper South Providence Official Revitalization Project" which is part of the aforementioned Ordinance:

Plat/Lot	Address
023/069	444 Broad St.
023/070	454 Broad St.
023/071	474 Broad St.
023/693	17 Myrtle St.
045/228	23-25 Taylor St.
045/240	44 Taylor St.
045/310	2-4 Wesleyan St.
045/368	1-3 Wesleyan St.
045/843	15 Harvard Ave.

B. All maps of the aforementioned Official Redevelopment Plan shall be amended to indicate the proposed acquisition.

2. That said Chapter 1984-17 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, is hereby ratified and reaffirmed in all other respects.

3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Dis-
pense with the Reading of the several
foregoing Ordinances, and moves for
Passage the Second Time, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the
following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi,
Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clar-
kin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo,
Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Mancini,
Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Wil-
liams—13.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Igliozi and Coun-
cilwoman Young—2.

The motion for Passage the Second Time
is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Re-
quest):

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 15
of the Code of Ordinances of the City of
Providence, amending Section 15.2, entitled
"Penalties for Traffic Violations".

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN BUTLER (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Hilltop Avenue, from Smith Street to Eaton Street, on Saturday, August 25, 2001, between the hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 11:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Hilltop Avenue, from Smith Street to Eaton Street, on Saturday, August 25, 2001, between the hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 11:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Elmhurst Avenue, from Eaton Street to Fair Oaks Avenue, on Friday, June 15, 2001, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock P.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate a Farewell Party for the Principal of Saint Pius School.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Elmhurst Avenue, from Eaton Street to Fair Oaks Avenue, on Friday, June 15, 2001, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock P.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate a Farewell Party for the Principal of Saint Pius School.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER and COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Isabella Avenue on Saturday, August 25, 2001, from Enfield Avenue to Clove Street, between the hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 11:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Isabella Avenue on Saturday, August 25, 2001, from Enfield Avenue to Clove Street, between the hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 11:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Furnace Street to 27,500 lumen.

Resolved, the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Furnace Street to 27,500 lumen.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN :

Resolution Extending Sincere congratulations to Ronald "Ron" Winters upon his retirement as Executive Director of the Providence

Community Health Centers, Inc., after 10 years of dedicated service.

Whereas, Ronald Winters has been the Executive Director of the Providence Community Health Centers for the last ten years, and

Whereas, Ronald Winters began his marvelous career by receiving his AB degree from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and then obtained his JD Degree from New York University School of Law, and

Whereas, In April of 1972 Ronald Winters career took an interesting turn, because he would become the Executive Director of the Providence Health Centers when the Centers were "store fronts" in the inner cities, and

Whereas, The primary function of the centers were to avoid the non-treatment of residents in the community and afford doctors for all that needed them. By doing this, the long hours of waiting in the emergency rooms were no longer, thanks to Ronald Winters and many others, and

Whereas, Children often failed to get immunized and were all too often lead poisoned because no preventive health care was available in the blighted areas of the inner-city, and

Whereas, For these reasons, the community became involved in the Providence Health Centers, to bring high quality primary medical care to the neediest areas of our capital city, and during this time Ronald Winters triumphed over innumerable impediments from government, the medical establishment, and even members of our community, and

Whereas, Ronald Winters left the health centers in 1975 to become Senior Vice President

and Counsel of the Albert Einstein Medical Center and private law, and

Whereas, Ronald Winters will be greatly missed and the challenges and triumphs of his early years will never be forgotten, and we all can say a job well done.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That we the members of the Providence City Council will be ever proud of his fine contributions to this great city and extend sincere congratulations to Ronald "Ron" Winters upon his retirement as Executive Director of the Providence Community Health Centers, Inc., after 10 years of dedicated service.

**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.

COUNCILMAN DELUCA (By Request):

**Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to
cause the installation of Speed Limit Signs
at 25 Fairfield Avenue.**

**Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to
cause the installation of a "Stop" Sign on
Steuben Street and Hannah Street.**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to

cause the installation of a "Stop" Sign on Pemberton Street and Roanoke Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "No Parking to Corner" Sign at 1372 Chalkstone Avenue.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Dis-
pense with the Reading of the foregoing
matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
Refers the Several Resolutions to the
Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to
cause the painting of a crosswalk on
Chalkstone Avenue and Unit Street.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is
requested to cause the painting of a crosswalk
on Chalkstone Avenue and Unit Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to
cause the installation of that missing street
sign for Lavaughn Street at Amherst Street.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is
requested to cause the installation of that
missing street sign for Lavaughn Street at
Amherst Street.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical
Inspector to cause the upgrading of street
lighting along Oakwood Avenue, Karen
Court, and Pole No. 2 on Amnity Street to
27,500 lumen.

Resolved, that the Chief Electrical Inspector
is requested to cause the upgrading of street
lighting along Oakwood Avenue, Karen Court,
and Pole No. 2 on Amnity Street to 27,500
lumen.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public
Works to cause those potholes to be filled on
Brinkley Street and Greenwood Street.

Resolved, that the Director of Public Works
is requested to cause those potholes to be filled
on Brinkley Street and Greenwood Street.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public
Works to cause the sewers to be baited on
Gray Street.

Resolved, that the Director of Public Works
is requested to cause the sewers to be baited on
Gray Street.

Resolution requesting the Chief Engineer of the
Water Supply Board to cause the repair of
that hazardous condition at 16 Mongenais
Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the

Water Supply Board is requested to cause the repair of that hazardous condition at 16 Mongenais Street.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters and moves passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the Providence Water Supply Board to consolidate the three leases it presently has with the Trinity Episcopal Church in North Scituate, Rhode Island into a single lease for a fifteen (15) year term commencing January 1, 2001 and expiring on December 31, 2015, in accordance with the vote of the Water Supply Board on January 17, 2001.

Resolution Authorizing the Providence Water Supply Board to enter into a lease with the North Scituate Fire Department #1 for approximately three acres of property on Danielson Pike owned by the Water Supply Board, for a period of fifteen (15) years, in accordance with the vote of the Water Supply Board on May 16, 2001.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO:

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works and a City Engineer review the portion of land owned by the City of Providence which runs along Bowdoin Street from Amherst Street to Atwells Avenue to include the portion of Amherst Street which is a paper street through to Barstow Street in an attempt to make structural improvements to this area to make it safe for people using Bowdoin Street and Barstow Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the several Resolutions to the Committee on City Property.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution requesting the Providence Redevelopment Agency to review the small lot at the corner of Manton Avenue and Chafee Street for acquisition to create a small park at this location.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution requesting the Director of Inspection and Standards provide to the City Council a written report with regard to the status of

boarded up buildings throughout the City of Providence because of their inherent blight on the City.

Resolved, That the Director of Inspection and Standards is requested to provide to the City Council a written report with regard to the status of boarded up buildings throughout the City of Providence because of their inherent blight on the City.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause all sewer drains on Bancroft Street and Sterling Avenue to be cleaned.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause all sewer drains on Bancroft Street and Sterling Avenue to be cleaned.

Resolution extending Sincere Congratulations to Carl James Ricci, Esquire, upon his induction into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council extend Sincere Congratulations to Carl James Ricci, Esquire, upon his induction into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Resolution extending Sincere Congratulations to Senator Frank T. Caprio, upon his induction into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council extend Sincere Congratulations to Senator Frank T. Caprio, upon his induction into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Resolution extending Sincere Congratulations to Robert Albanese, Jr., upon his induction into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council extend Sincere Congratulations to Robert Albanese, Jr., upon his induction into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Resolution extending Sincere Congratulations to Jerry Zeoli, upon his induction into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council extend Sincere Congratulations to Jerry Zeoli, upon his induction into the

Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Avenue, on Wednesday, July 4, 2001, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock p.m. to 10:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a Neighborhood Independence Day Celebration.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Goddard Street, from Douglas Avenue to Candace Street, on Thursday, June 21, 2001, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Annual Block Party for the Smith Hill Community Development Corp.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Goddard Street, from Douglas Avenue to Candace Street, on Thursday, June 21, 2001, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Annual Block Party for the Smith Hill Community Development Corp.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT:

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Newark Street, from Cutler Street to Academy Avenue, on Wednesday, July 4, 2001, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock p.m. to 10:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a Neighborhood Independence Day Celebration.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Newark Street, from Cutler Street to Academy

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Ralph Street, from Eastwood Avenue to Laban Street, on Saturday, June 9, 2001, between the hours of 1:00 o'clock p.m. to 4:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a Graduation Party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Ralph Street, from Eastwood Avenue to Laban Street, on Saturday, June 9, 2001, between the hours of 1:00 o'clock p.m. to 4:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a Graduation Party.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Custom House Street, from Weybosset Street and Dyer Street, on Friday, June 29, 2001, Friday, July 13, 2001, Friday, July 27, 2001, Friday, August 10, 2001 and Friday, August 24, 2001, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock Midnight, to accommodate the Custom House Tavern.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Custom House Street, from Weybosset Street and Dyer Street, on Friday, June 29, 2001,

Friday, July 13, 2001, Friday, July 27, 2001, Friday, August 10, 2001 and Friday, August 24, 2001, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock p.m. to 12:00 o'clock Midnight, to accommodate the Custom House Tavern.

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting on Pole Number 25, at the corner of Friendship Street and Orange Street, to 27,500 Lumen.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector

is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting on Pole Number 25, at the corner of Friendship Street and Orange Street, to 27,500 Lumen.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters and moves passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN ROBERT M. CLARKIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

Resolution No. 730, Approved November 10, 2001, is amended by deleting "Resolution No. 386" . . . and inserting in its stead "Resolution No. 385 . . .".

Whereas, Resolution No. 730, Approved November 10, 2001, is amended by deleting "Resolution No. 386" . . . and inserting in its stead "Resolution No. 385 . . .".

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILMAN CLARKIN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
and
COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Jointly Transmit the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

Resolution requesting the Sale/Lease of Decorative Street Lights with option of refinancing the original transaction for Ornamental Street Lighting System.

Whereas, It has been brought to the attention of the City Council that the ornamental street lighting system of the City (the "ornamental street lighting system") is in need of substantial renovations and repairs; and

Whereas, The street lighting system is comprised of various makes and models of ornamental street lights; and

Whereas, Due to the number of makes and models it is financially impracticable for the City to maintain in stock replacement parts for the various street lights; and

Whereas, As a result, street lights in the City are out of service from time to time while replacement parts are ordered; and

Whereas, In the interest of public health and safety, it is in the best interest of the City to provide for a mechanism to ensure the timely repair and replacement of the ornamental street lighting system; and

Whereas, After a competitive bid process

through the City's Board of Contract and Supply, and as authorized by the City Council, title to a portion of the City's ornamental street lighting system was transferred to LaSalle Bank National Association (the "LaSalle") and is being leased back from the LaSalle pursuant to a lease-purchase agreement (the "LaSalle Lease-Purchase Agreement"), and the City entered into a maintenance agreement with Johnson Controls Inc. for the maintenance of the ornamental street lighting system; and

Whereas, The City has determined that certain ornamental street lights which constitute part of the ornamental street lighting system were not transferred to LaSalle; and

Whereas, The City's Board of Contract and Supply is soliciting proposals for the purchase by a vendor of the additional portion of City's ornamental street lighting system; and

Whereas, The Board of Contract and Supply has given public notice of the sale of the additional portion of ornamental street lighting system; and

Whereas, The City Assessor has caused an appraisal of the additional portion of ornamental street lighting system to be performed; and

Whereas, In addition, there may be a benefit to refinancing the existing LaSalle Lease-Purchase Agreement because of lower interest rates currently prevailing;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That:

1. The City Council hereby approves the transfer of the title and interest of the City in the additional portion of ornamental street lighting system to the vendor selected by the Board of Contract and Supply pursuant to its competitive bidding process; provided, however, that the sale price shall not be less than ninety (90) percent of the appraised value thereof. By manner of sale lease-purchase, the City Council reserves the right to restrict the affixing of any material, printed, electrical, cellular or otherwise, to any of the decorative lights included in this transfer.

2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with the vendor, and the Mayor is authorized to take any and all action and to execute, file and deliver the lease-purchase agreement and any and all other agreements, notes, and other documents in such form as he may deem necessary or desirable to implement the lease-purchase financing of the additional ornamental street lights.

3. The City Council hereby authorizes the

Mayor to refinance the LaSalle Lease Purchase Agreement, either by entering into a new or amended agreement with LaSalle, or by executing the City's purchase option with LaSalle and transferring title to the street lights to the successful vendor selected by the Board of Contract and Supply for the lease-purchase of the additional portion of the ornamental street lighting system.

4. This Resolution shall take effect on passage.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—12.

Nays: Councilman DeLuca—1.

Absent: Councilman Igliozi and Councilwoman Young—2.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Resolution requesting His Honor the Mayor, or his designee, on behalf of the City of Providence to execute a Project Cooperation Agreement — "Certification Regarding Lobbying" — between the Department of the Army and the City of Providence for the Construction of the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier Repair Project.

Whereas, The City of Providence and the United States of America acting through the Army Corps of Engineers constructed the "Fox Point Hurricane Barrier", so-called; and

Whereas, Maintenance of the barrier has been at the exclusive expense of the City of Providence; and

Whereas, The United States has offered to assist in defraying the costs associated with that upkeep; and

Whereas, Prior to assisting the City in the expenses associated with maintenance of the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier the United States of America requires execution of certain documents,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor of his designee is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Providence, to execute a Project Cooperation Agreement; Certification Regarding Lobbying; and a Certificate of Authority substantially in accordance to the documents attached hereto as Exhibits "A", "B" and "C", respectively.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA requests the Privilege of the Floor to Speak on a Point of Personal Expression, and states:

"I want to take this opportunity to remind everybody about the public hearing on the proposed property tax change that was

advertised in the paper a few days ago. The public hearing is next week, the 28th. I think that it is important to make a couple of points on that issue. This document explains that there is an \$8 million dollar increase in this budget, and that \$8 million dollars is coming from property tax revenues. So let's not disguise the issue. There is a proposed \$8 million dollar tax increase in this budget with not a dime for a rat program. So if you want a rat program, and you are not going to get it out of the bond, and it is certainly not in this budget, and it is not going to come from the sky. The other issue I think is important to begin to think about is the issues that are reported in here in regard to homestead exemption, and what is that? Owner occupied, and what is that? An absentee landlord, and what is that? Because if you live in a three family house and you collect rents from the other two and you are owner occupied, but if you own a one family house and you don't live in it, you get one rent, you are considered absentee, when in essence, if you want to say that you are collecting rents and you are in a semi-business, well, who is considered occupied is making more income than who is considered absentee. It is an unfair, unclear definition of terms that we need to think about and begin to talk about and redefine it because we are about to set a new standard of what is the definition of commercial real estate. If you have one apartment above a little "mom and pop" store downstairs, or if you have five or two, those terms, as defined when we met with the committee on legislation were anything under six, then it was said before any state law gets passed, they were going to change that. I haven't heard of any changes. As far as I know, I don't know what these terms mean yet and I don't think anyone here does. I have been right on top of the bills and nothing has changed. We are the ones, I don't need to read the part of the charter, it is here, but the City

Council has to define, set the rate and make these determinations. Right now somebody reading this would get the impression that we already done that and we didn't. This is a proposal by the administration of what they would like to see, but it doesn't come across that way. So we really need to sit down and decide whether you want to accept this, amend it, change it or redefine it. That has to be talked about and be done and it is very important because we have never really done that. This year we are setting a new format for taxation. Overall, just a quick, brief opinion on this plan and what I think it is and will go into detail at the public hearing, but this plan to tax people differently for the same type of property and the same value, is both discriminatory and unconstitutional. I don't like it. I think we ought to leave it alone, and never mind cutting up all these different classifications. Property is property. Taxes are a means by which everybody pays their fair share to pay for the city services. Why don't we start charging people six feet and over a little more, they take up more space."

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN Requests the Privilege of the Floor to Speak on a Point of Personal Expression, and States:

"Don't be fooled when you look at the tax rate in the budget. What really happened is if you look at it quick, it looks like the tax rate is down. It is not down. It is exactly the same as it was last year with the homestead already taken out, so what we are seeing on the south side and the east side is we are seeing assessments going sky high and we all hoped that the tax rate would offset those very high assessments that we are seeing. Assessments that have doubled

and tripled and quadrupled in my neighborhood. But that is not happening. The tax rate in this advertisement has not gone down one iota. It is exactly the same as last year. They are collecting the same dollar amount. The only difference is our assessments are sky high and

all of our constituents on the south and the east side, their taxes are going way high. If we allow that tax rate to pass, shame on us."

COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

An Ordinance Amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, Approved June 27, 1994, as Amended.

Read and Passed the First Time, as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Mancini,

Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—13.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Iglioizzi and Councilwoman Young—2.

The motion for Passage First Time, as Amended is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Elaine Harris

Lauren Devine

Jennifer J. Reid

John Russillo

Aldo Almanzar (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Nationwide Insurance a/s/o Regina Alarie

Progressive Insurance a/s/o Kym Lymburner

Artin H. Coloian (Patricia K. Rocha, Esquire)

Maureen Wallace (John D. Deacon, Esquire)

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:

Carl James Ricci, Esquire, in recognition of being inducted into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Senator Frank T. Caprio, in recognition of being inducted into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Robert Albanese, Jr., in recognition of being inducted into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Jerry Zeoli, in recognition of being inducted into the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Order

Sons of Italy in America Sports Foundation Hall of Fame.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Federico, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on April 28, 1951.

Ronald "Ron" Winters, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement as Executive Director of the Providence Community Health Center, Inc., after ten years of dedicated service.

Andrew Noonan, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from the University of Rhode Island.

Rachell Marfeo, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from Ponagansett High School.

Paul Segal, in recognition of the celebration of his election as President of the Rotary Club of Providence Number 22.

Peter A. Carnevale, in recognition of the celebration of his election as District Governor of Rotary International District Number 7950.

Anna Saococcio, Science Teacher, in recognition of her students winning the State Olympiad Competition with her guidance and support.

Barbara Feldman, Math Teacher, in recognition of her 6th, 7th and 8th grade students placing 1st and 3rd in the New England Math league with her guidance and support.

Roberto DiMascio, Italian Teacher, in recognition of his students placing first in Category A & B in the Statewide Rhode Island Teachers of Italian Contest with his guidance and support.

Robert McConeghy, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Nathan Rubien, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Chloe Serinsky, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Georgette Summers, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Katie Comerford, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Joshua Mancini, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Paul Magyar, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Michael Bock, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Alex Howard, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Sam Howard, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Anne Williard, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Sando Baysah, in recognition of winning the State Science Olympiad Competition.

Jonathan Migliori, 6th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Sascha Murillo, 6th Grade, in recognition of

attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Feather Poirier, 6th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Spencer Stolle, 6th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Sam Trimbach, 6th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Ludy Gonzalez, 7th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Yongbok Hwang, 7th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Jawon Lee, 7th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Chloe Serinsky, 7th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Natasha Shenfield, 7th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Laurel Dwyer, 8th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Jeremy Estey, 8th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Punareay Kitiyakara, 8th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Punleu Kitiyakara, 8th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Paul Scanlon, 8th Grade, in recognition of attaining first place in the New England Math League.

Jaclyn Katz, in recognition of attaining first place in Category A in the Statewide Rhode Island Teachers of Italian Contest and being the recipient of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of Italy Award.

Luz Columna, in recognition of attaining first place in Category A in the Statewide Rhode Island Teachers of Italian Contest.

Bianca Allcea, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Steve Altera, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Daniel Antaya, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Maria Antelo, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Alan Bartis, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Reynaldo Batista, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Steven Beaute, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Christine Beltre, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Adam Bertsch, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Michelle Betters, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Trestina Betters, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

William Betters, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Kevin Borraro, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Marshae Brown, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Trayonder Brown, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Jose Campos, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Anthony Degrasse, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Christopher Dwyer, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Nattalee Flete, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

John Freeman, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Nethaniel Guzman, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Tamika Harris, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Matthew Heyder, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Edward Jackson, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Didier Jean-Phillppe, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Karena Jones, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Naoala Laguerre, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Gail Larrivee, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Murphy Lubin, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Vanessa Lubin, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Stephanie Malek, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Tiffany Malek, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Mike Moncion, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Cruz Mota, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Gloria Nwadiashi, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

John Octavius, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Simeon Ogun, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Mynor Orantes, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Adrian Pagan, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Maria Pagan, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Jessy Peralta, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Emily Perez, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Alyssa Pislowski, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Jacqueline Rodriguez, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Jonathan Rodriguez, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Roselyn Rodriguez, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Albert Rosario, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Monica Ryl, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Wally Salcedo, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Dahkah Shar, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Andrea Sical, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Cassandra Thomason, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Nicole Tierney, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Melinda Troll, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Junior Vargas, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

Carlos Viera, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

William Villegas, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from 6th Grade at Webster Avenue School.

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:

John M. Riccio

Arlene H. "Winkie" DeCristoforo

Helen O. DiSegna

E. Paul Grimm

John Moccia

Beverly M. Clayton

John S. Lennon

Carolyn A. Swain

Julia Pannone

Lola E. Santine DelSesto

George W. O'Reilly, Sr.

Anna F. Caturro

Dolores DuPonte

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

Luis Tavares

Robert M. Beaudry

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILMAN BUTLER, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to allow the introduction of the following matter not appearing on the Printed Docket.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution for the Submission of Projects to the Planning Division of the Rhode Island Department of Administration for Inclusion in the Rhode Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Whereas, Economic development in the City is essential for the creation of jobs for the City residents and the stabilization of the City's tax base;

Whereas, Many economic development projects need federal, state and/or local assistance;

Whereas, The Rhode Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is an annually updated listing of projects that are eligible for the federal assistance through the Economic Development Administration;

Whereas, It is in the City's interest to insure that projects that create short and long term jobs and help the City meet neighborhood needs are eligible for federal assistance by requesting that the projects, some of which are existing projects to be re-submitted and others are new projects, be listed in the Rhode Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the following projects be submitted to the Planning Division of the Rhode Island Department of Administration for inclusion in the 2001 Rhode Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:

1. Southside/Broad Street Initiative
2. Mill Restoration
3. Brownfield/Woonasquatucket Greenway
4. Old Harbor/Jewelry District
5. New Cities
6. Downtown Multi Use/Garage

Read and Passed, 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 8:25 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2001 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).


Richard R. Clement

City Clerk

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