

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 558

Effective: ~~Approved~~ September 15, 1980

WHEREAS, Roger Williams Park is a very important cultural and recreational facility for the citizens of Providence, and

WHEREAS, Over the last century millions of dollars of City Tax Funds and in recent years additional millions of dollars of State and Federal Funds have been spent on improvements to Roger Williams Park, and

WHEREAS, It is clearly essential and indeed the only responsible course of action to provide adequate security to protect that investment and to protect the security of the citizens using Roger Williams Park, and

WHEREAS, The security force of the Department of Public Parks in Roger Williams Park which was extremely successful in reducing vandalism in said park from 1975 thru 1979 was reduced in 1979 from Seven (7) Officers to Two (2) Officers, has no arrest or ticketing powers, has no formal training, and is paid Thirty Cents (30¢) per hour less than City Custodial Personnel thereby creating, during the last year, a serious security problem in Roger Williams Park which threatens to undo the progress made in recent years in restoring said Park,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1) The City Council declares it to be the policy of the City Council and the City of Providence that Roger Williams Park should have adequate security at all times,

2) The City Council accordingly requests the Committee on Finance to restore to the 1980-1981 budget of the Department of Public Parks the Two (2) additional Park Security Personnel for a total of Six (6) such Personnel, the pay rates, the equipment, and the citation powers requested unanimously by the Board of Park Commissioners and by the Superintendent of Parks at their April meeting,

3) The City Council further directs that the Commissioner of Public Safety implement forthwith City Council Resolution No. 798, approved September 14, 1979, requiring the implementation of a full time uniformed Police Post to cover Roger Williams Park exclusively, to back up and supplement the Security Forces of the Department of Public Parks,

4) The City Council furthermore finds that in view of the expected massive increase in park attendance with the reopening of our beautiful award winning Zoo that these matters are urgent and request that all municipal authorities implement them with extreme rapidity.

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 4 1980

READ AND PASSED

Ralph T. Farnham
Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

Effective without the Mayor's
signature September 15, 1980.

Rose M. Mendonca

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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Jose M. Mendonca CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Jose M. Mendonca
Clerk Chairman

August 18, 1980

Councilman Boyle and Councilman Cielli