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 No. 64 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 1, 1973, 8:00 P.M. (EST)
 

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PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ROBERT J. HAXTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Cirelli, Cola, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Goldin, Johnson, Lorenzo, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, J. Murphy, W. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti, and Xavier—24.

Absent: Councilmen Crowley and Kelly—2.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Reverend Father Joseph Hines, Pastor, St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church of Providence.

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

COUNCILMAN ROBERT F. LYNCH 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. 63 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held October 18, 1973 and Posted October 26, 1973 on That Bulletin Board located on the ground floor of the City Hall, is approved as printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

**The Following Ordinance Was in City Council October 18, 1973, Read and Passed the First Time, and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 544 of 1951, as Amended, Relative to "Halfway Houses and Community Residences".

**Referred Back to Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN and COUNCILMAN PISATURO.**

**COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY and COUNCILMAN XAVIER desire to be recorded as Voting "No".**

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):**

An Ordinance to Authorize the Issue of \$3,-000,000 School Modernization and Construction Loan III Pursuant to Chapter 170 of the Public Laws of 1970, as Amended.

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An Ordinance to Authorize the Issue of \$2,-500,000 School for Handicapped Children Bonds Pursuant to Chapter 53 of the Public Laws of 1969, as Amended.

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An Ordinance to Authorize the Issue of \$3,-000,000 School Modernization and Construction

Loan II Pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Public Laws of 1966, as Amended.

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

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**COUNCILMAN PISATURO:**

An Ordinance Requiring Persons or Companies Receiving Demolition Contracts from the City of Providence to Provide a Security Watchman on a Twenty-Four Hour Basis Prior to Demolition.

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, for Himself, the Mayor, and the Members of the City Council:**

Resolution Expressing Best Wishes to Vincent Vespia, City Clerk, for a Complete and Speedy Recovery.

*Whereas*, Vincent Vespia, the esteemed, renowned, and respected City Clerk of the City of Providence, has daily graced his office at the Providence City Hall for many years with an ever-present smile and warm disposition, and

*Whereas*, Said Vincent Vespia, has cheerfully, efficiently, and enthusiastically pursued his duties in the service of the Providence City Council, the Mayor, and the citizens of the City of Providence, and

*Whereas*, For the past several days, his beaming personality and ever-present charm have been missed at the Providence City Hall due to his illness,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That the Members of the Providence City Council and His Honor, Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor of the City of Providence, on behalf of themselves, the members of the staff of the Department of the City Clerk, the Providence City Hall Employees, the employees of the City of Providence, the citizens of the City of Providence, and all of the many admirers and friends of Vincent Vespia, do hereby extend to Vincent Vespia, City Clerk of the City of Providence, their prayers and wishes for a full recovery and speedy return to his desk in the Department of the City Clerk where he can once again serve his friends and the citizens of Providence as always before.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMEN ADDISON, AHERN, BEATINI, BRADSHAW, BROWN, CIRELLI, COLA, DARIGAN, DeVITO,**

**FARGNOLI, GOLDIN, JOHNSON, LORENZO, McKIERNAN, MORAN, J. MURPHY, W. MURPHY, PAYNE, PEARLMAN, PISATURO, STORTI, and XAVIER.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN PAYNE:**

Resolution Ordering that a Main Drain or Common Sewer be Built in Benedict Street, from Sorrento Street to Service Road.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE BEATINI:**

Resolution that Glasgow Street from Virginia Lane to Sherwood Street be Changed to Grand Broadway.

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

**COUNCILMAN AHERN, COUNCILMAN BEATINI, and COUNCILMAN STORTI, for Themselves and COUNCILMAN CROWLEY in Absentia, (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting Vehicular Traffic Signal Lights at the Intersection of Douglas Avenue and Chad Brown Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of vehicular traffic signal lights at the intersection of Douglas Avenue with Chad Brown Street.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

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

COUNCILMAN BROWN and COUNCILMAN MORAN:

Resolution Requesting His Honor the Mayor to Cause the Placement of Community Protection Officers Within the Wiggins Village and Codding Court Housing Projects.

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

COUNCILMAN DARIGAN:

Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor to Cause to be Introduced into the 1974 Session of the General Assembly, an Act Calling for Establishment of a Study Commission to Study the Licensing and Regulation of Half-way Houses, so-called, by an Appropriate State Agency.

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

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause "Stop for Pedestrian" signs to be Erected in a Marked Crosswalk, Across Cranston Street, in Front of Martin de Porres Center.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "Stop for Pedestrians" signs to be erected in a marked crosswalk across Cranston Street, in front of the Martin de Porres Center.

COUNCILMAN DARIGAN and COUNCILMAN CIRELLI:

Resolution Expressing Appreciation to John Raymond Flynn, former Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Whereas, John Raymond Flynn has faithfully served the City of Providence as a Commissioner on the Board of Park Commissioners from May 6, 1953 to his recent retirement, and

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause Crosswalk Lines to be Painted at the Corner of Prairie Avenue and Dudley Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause crosswalk lines to be painted at the corner of Prairie Avenue and Dudley Street.

Whereas, Under his diligent direction as Chairman of the Board since May 21, 1958, the properties under his supervision, notably, Roger Williams Park and the North Burial Ground, have flourished and stand as shining examples to his leadership, and

Whereas, Having concluded this remarkable record of public service, without a cent of compensation for his efforts, and realizing the debt owed to him for his devotion and diligence,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That His Honor, Mayor Jooseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the Honorable City Council wish to John R. Flynn a long and healthy retirement with sincere thanks for a job well done.*

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**COUNCILMAN FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN LYNCH (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting that Cathedral Avenue be Repaved.

*Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Cathedral Avenue to be repaved.*

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Resolution Requesting "No Parking 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M." Signs to be Erected Along Meridian Street, from Eaton Street to Salter Street.

*Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause "No Parking 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M." signs to be erected along both sides of Meridian Street, from Eaton Street to Salter Street.*

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Resolution Requesting "Two Hour Parking" Signs to be Erected Along Annie Street, from Sandringham Avenue to Admiral Street.

*Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause "Two Hour Parking" signs to be erected along Annie Street, from Sandringham Avenue to Admiral Street.*

**COUNCILMAN ADDISON for COUNCILMAN KELLY, In Absentia (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the City Forester to Cause the Removal of Tree Located at 103 Dexterdaled Road.

*Resolved, That the City Forester be requested to cause the removal of tree located on sidewalk at 103 Dexterdaled Road.*

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Resolution Requesting the City Forester to Cause Removal of Tree Located at 751 Hope Street.

*Resolved, That the City Forester be requested to cause the removal of tree located on sidewalk at 751 Hope Street.*

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

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**COUNCILMAN ADDISON, for Himself and COUNCILMAN KELLY, In Absentia (By Request):**

Resolution Establishing Howell Street, from Hope Street to Camp Street, in a Westerly Direction, as a One-Way Street.

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

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**COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing the City to Transmit to

the Chief Librarian of the Providence Public Library Additional Microfilm Copies from the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Review Delay Decisions on Fuel Storage in the City of Providence.

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Sums of Money Representing Overpayment of Taxes for the Year 1973 to the City Collector.

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

Resolution Requesting All Oil Companies with Vacant Stations Report to the City Council Relative to the Status of the Same.

Severally Referred to Committee on Licenses, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN MORAN and COUNCILMAN BROWN (By Request):

Resolution, Accompanied by Petition, Requesting Limited Parking Signs "8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Weekdays" Along Right Side of Public Street, from Taylor Street to Broad Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of limited parking signs, "8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Weekdays" along the right side of Public Street, from Taylor Street to Broad Street, in accordance with the accompanying petition.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY and COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Building Board of

COUNCILMAN W. MURPHY:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare, or a Special Committee of the City Council, to be Appointed by His Honor the Mayor, for the Purpose of Undertaking an In-Depth Study of Students Leaving our School System.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance of the City Council to Withhold In-Kind Payments to the Providence School Department Until Recent Statements by Doctor Fred G. Burke, Commissioner of the Department of Education, of the State of Rhode Island, Concerning the Rights of Students to Attend the School of Their Choice, Have Been Clarified.

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

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN:**

Resolution Requesting the Providence School Department to Look Into the Advisability of Applying for a Grant to the Federal Government for a School Voucher System.

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

**COUNCILMAN STORTI (By Request):**

Resolution Establishing Lubec Street, from Douglas Avenue, in a General Westerly Direction to the City Line, as a One-Way Street.

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

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

**COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY, Acting Chairman for  
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL E. KELLY, Chairman, In Absentia  
COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Adopted:**

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Lease Additional Space for the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program Located at 1491 Broad Street, Providence.

Referred Back to Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

**COUNCILMAN ROBERT F. LYNCH, Chairman  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Adopted:**

An Ordinance Amending Section 10 of Chapter 1973-30, Approved June 25, 1973, Entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Posi-

tions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments.



Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Cirelli, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Goldin, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, J. Murphy, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti, and Xavier—20.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Crowley, Kelly, Lorenzo, W. Murphy, and Payne—6.

Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Treasurer and the City Controller to Transfer the Sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) from the "Trust and Special" account entitled, "Emergency Public Improvement Fund 5-580", to an account in the Capital Fund known as "Highway Special 1973-1974, 3-14-00".

Resolved, That the City Treasurer and the City Controller are hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00), from the "Trust and Special" account of the City of Providence, entitled, "Emergency Public Improvement Fund 5-580", to an account in the Capital Fund of the City of Providence known as "Highway Special 1973-1974, 3-14-00".

Said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be expended, under the authorizations of the Mayor and the Director of Public Works, for general construction, repaving, or repairs of City streets. Any remaining balance after completion of said work shall revert to the "Trust and Special" account of the City of Providence, entitled, "Emergency Public Improvement Fund 5-580".

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Sums of Money Representing Overpayment of Taxes for the Years 1969, 1972 and 1973 to the City Collector.

Resolved, That the accompanying certificates Nos. 1903 thru 1919 representing overpayment of taxes for the years 1969, 1972 and 1973 are hereby refunded in the amounts overpaid. (For list of certificates, See files of City Council.)

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Cirelli, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Goldin, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, J. Murphy, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti, and Xavier—20.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Crowley, Kelly, Lorenzo, W. Murphy, and Payne—6.

**COUNCILMAN EDWARD S. GOLDIN, Chairman**  
**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Adopted:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 544 of 1951, as Amended, Relative to "Halfway Houses and Community Residences". on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN GOLDIN**.

**COUNCILMEN J. MURPHY and XAVIER** desire to be Recorded as Voting "No".  
Referred Back to Committee on Ordinances,

**PETITION**

**COUNCILMAN ADDISON** for Himself and **COUNCILMAN KELLY**, In Absentia (By Request):

Referred to Committee on Licenses, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

Petition of William R. Lovett of 10 Creighton Street, Providence, for Appointment as an Auctioneer.

**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petition of Rhode Island Hospital to Abandon as Public Highways Wellington Street, from Pearl Street to East Beacon Street; East Beacon Street, from Beacon Street to Landor Street; and Portions of Gay, Pearl, Landor, and Lockwood Streets.

Petition of Rhode Island Hospital to Donate Certain Lands for the Purpose of Relocating Gay Street, from Somerset Street to Pearl Street.

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

Petitions (3) to the City Council Requesting a Public Hearing be Held Relative to: "An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 544 of 1951, as Amended, Relative to 'Halfway Houses and Community Residences'".

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

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Theresa DeCoteau

Shelby Mutual Insurance Company as Subrogee of Anthony and Grace Pennacchia

Mrs. Anthony Sirabella

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

### In Memoriam

#### COUNCILMAN DARIGAN and COUNCILMAN GOLDIN:

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Death of James F. Sullivan, Former Battalion Chief of the Providence Fire Department.

Whereas, After a long and fruitful life of public service to the City of Providence, death has claimed James F. Sullivan, veteran Battalion Chief of the Providence Fire Department, and

Whereas, Chief Sullivan was one of the last surviving firefighters to serve with horse drawn apparatus in the City, having joined the force on August 14, 1912, and

Whereas, "Big Jim", as he was affectionately and respectfully called, epitomized the public image of the ideal firefighter, having been cited for heroism in 1935 and in 1940, and

Whereas, Having been promoted to Lieutenant in 1918, Captain in 1921, and Battalion Chief on February 17, 1935, a position he held with distinction for 19 years until his retirement on March 5, 1973, and

Whereas, His character, courage, and dedication was well recognized and revered by fellow firefighters and private citizens as well,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That to the bereaved family of Chief Sullivan, his sons, Chief Robert A., James W., and Francis L., go the heartfelt sentiments of condolence at the passing of this kind and dedicated public servant from His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council.

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, seconded by COUNCILMEN LYNCH and GOLDIN.

## MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, it is voted to suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council incorporated in Resolution No. 1, approved January 4, 1971, in order to allow the introduction of the following matter Not appearing on the Printed Docket.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Resolution Expressing Best Wishes to Councilman Francis Crowley for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from his Recent Illness.

*Resolved*, That His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council hereby extend to Councilman Francis Crow-

ley best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN AHERN, seconded by COUNCILMEN LYNCH and DARIGAN.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, the City Council Adjourns at 9:50 o'clock P.M. (EST) to meet again on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1973, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST).

*Rcse M. Mendonca*

Acting City Clerk

November 1]

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