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Respectfully submitted for the Board of Park Commissioners,

*John R. Glynn*

Chairman.

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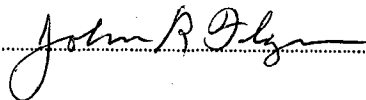
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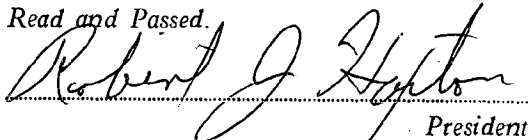
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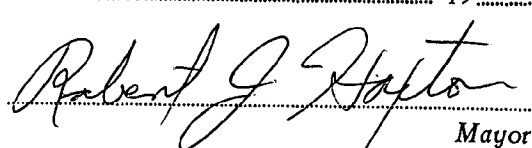
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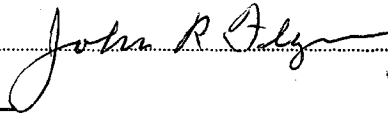
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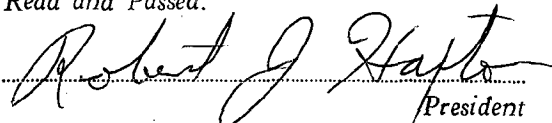
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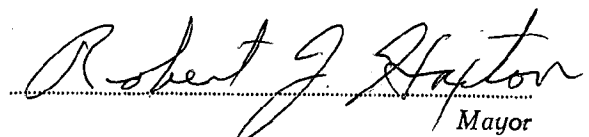
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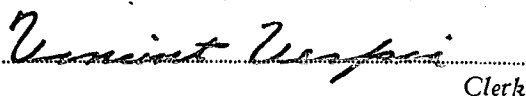
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# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 294

Approved May 17, 1971

WHEREAS, Resolution of the City Council No. 74, approved January 22, 1966, designated the intersection of Thurbers Avenue and Prairie Avenue as "McGeary Littlejohn Memorial Square", and

WHEREAS, Cub Scout Pack 4 Roger Williams Homes are desirous of locating upon property, which is a portion of Roger Williams Middle School, a memorial plaque in memory of Specialist Fourth-Class McGeary Littlejohn, who gave his life while on active duty in Vietnam on December 5, 1965.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to establish a deserving honor to his memory, His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council hereby authorize the designation of a portion of the Roger Williams Middle School for the purpose of the erection of such a Memorial.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ and PASSED

*Robert J. Hayton*  
President  
*Vincent Cesperi*  
Clerk

APPROVED

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*Robert J. Hayton*  
MAYOR

Councilman Brown and Councilman McKiernan (By Request)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

150 WASHINGTON STREET

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

CHARLES R. WOOD  
BUSINESS MANAGER

May 3, 1971


Mr. Edward B. Watts  
Committee Chairman, Pack 4  
Roger Williams Homes  
240 Thurbers Avenue  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Watts:

This will acknowledge your letter regarding relocation of the Pvt. McGeary Littlejohn memorial plaque to a location upon property which is a portion of the Roger Williams Middle School.

I would be able to recommend same, providing all proper legal steps were taken in advance. I recommend that you consult Mr. Vincent Vespia, City Clerk, in this regard, as it seems to me likely that a City Council Resolution may be required with referral of same to the Providence School Committee before this can be physically moved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles R. Wood". To the right of the signature, there is a small handwritten mark that appears to be "ka".

Charles R. Wood  
Business Manager

CRW:1a

cc: Mr. Vespia

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**Mr. J. Fowlkes**

**Mr. J. Soares**

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**Mr. P. Picerno**

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**Miss Barbara Lacey**

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**Miss Sandra Fontaine**

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**CUBSCOUT PACK 4**

**ROGER WILLIAMS HOMES**

**240 THURBERS AVE.**

**PROVIDENCE R.I. 02905**

**Mr. Charles R. Wood  
Business Manager  
Providence School Dept.  
150 Washington St.  
Prov. R.I. 02903**

**April 27, 1971**

**Dear Mr. Wood,**

This letter is in reference to your recent conference with Mr. Lincoln, concerning School Department property adjoining Pvt. McGeary Littlejohn Memorial Square.

As Committee Chairman of Cubscout Pack 4, Roger Williams Homes, I am in complete agreement with Mr. Lincoln and fully support his endeavor to obtain this property for the purpose of erecting a permanent memorial to Pvt. Littlejohn. I would sincerely appreciate any and all help you could render in this matter.

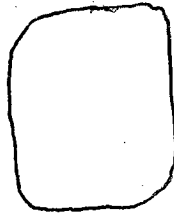
**Thank you for your consideration!**

**Respectfully,**

*Edward B. Watts*

**Mr. Edward Watts  
Committee Chairman  
Pack 4**

**EW/slf**



Spec. 4th. Class

McGeary Little John

Memorial Square

12-5-1965

5-31-1971

Donated by

Cubscout Pack A

Roger Williams Homes



THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 295

Approved May 17, 1971

RESOLVED,

That His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council hereby extend to Mrs. Frank A. Prete, mother of their colleague, Councilman Joseph F. Prete, best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent illness.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ and PASSED

*Robert J. Hapton*  
President  
*Vincent Vespera*  
Clerk

APPROVED

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*Robert J. Hapton*  
MAYOR

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MAY 13, 1971

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
CITY HALL  
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

GENTLEMEN:

TWO WEEKS AGO, MAYOR JOHN LINDSAY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, SUBMITTED HIS BUDGET MESSAGE TO THE CITY COUNCIL. IN HIS MESSAGE HE SAID:

"THIS BUDGET HAS BEEN PREPARED UNDER CONDITIONS  
OF DURESS AND UNCERTAINTY UNKNOWN IN NEW YORK  
CITY SINCE THE DEPRESSION."

I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT THE SAME CONDITIONS WHICH UNDERMINE THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF NEW YORK CITY UNDERMINE THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF EVERY MAJOR CITY IN THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING OUR OWN CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

NO CITY IN THIS NATION CAN CONTROL THE ECONOMY, INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, WELFARE, POVERTY AND THE INCREASING GROWTH OF THE SOCIAL AND HUMAN PROBLEMS OF ITS PEOPLE. THE ABOVE MENTIONED FACTORS ACTUALLY INCREASE THE DEMAND FOR PUBLIC SERVICES. BUT, BY THE SAME TOKEN, THESE FACTORS DIRECTLY RELATE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF REVENUE WHICH IS SO NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC SERVICES.

DURING A PERIOD SUCH AS THIS, WHEN IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN ORDER TO MEET THE HUMAN AND PHYSICAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND AT THE SAME TIME DEFER OR AT LEAST STABILIZE THE MONEY DEMAND ON THOSE WHO ARE PAYING THE COST OF SERVICES I MUST POINT OUT THAT SUCH

I.

A COURSE OF ACTION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THIS CITY. I MUST BY LAW SUBMIT, AND YOU MUST FINALLY APPROVE, A BALANCED BUDGET. OUR EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES MUST BE MATCHED BY A LIKE AMOUNT OF REVENUE.

IF I WERE ASKED TO DESCRIBE THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH I AM CHARGED WITH OPERATING THIS CITY DURING THIS PRESENT FISCAL YEAR I WOULD IMMEDIATELY BLURT OUT THE WORD - TRAUMATIC. TOGETHER, WE BALANCED THE PRESENT YEAR'S BUDGET BY UTILIZING \$2,700,000 FROM THE RESERVE FOR EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES AND \$4,500,000 FROM ESTIMATED SURPLUS FOR THE 1969-70 FISCAL YEAR. THIS TOTAL OF \$7,200,000 IF RAISED BY REAL PROPERTY TAXES WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A TAX RATE INCREASE OF \$8 PER THOUSAND LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION, WE FULLY EXPECTED TO RECEIVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT TAXES FROM THE RAILROADS AND ANTICIPATED THE PAYMENT OF AT LEAST A PART OF THE BACK TAXES OWED ON RAILROAD PROPERTIES.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CITY COUNCIL'S FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE CITY WAS STRUCK WITH A SERIES OF FINANCIAL BLOWS. ON JUNE 21, 1970, THE PENN-CENTRAL RAILROAD DECLARED BANKRUPTCY AND WE LOST THAT ANTICIPATED TAX RECEIPT ALONG WITH THE IMMEDIATE HOPE OF ANY SETTLEMENT ON BACK TAXES. TWO COMPULSORY ARBITRATION AWARDS MANDATED BY STATE LAW BUT WITH NO COMPANION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, RAISED POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL WAGES BY ALMOST \$300,000. A NEGOTIATED WAGE SETTLEMENT FOR BLUE COLLAR PERSONNEL COST ANOTHER \$500,000. A RAISE IN THE RATE OF BLUE CROSS COST AN ADDITIONAL \$455,000. THERE HAS BEEN NO MATCHING INCREASE IN REVENUE.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY REVIEWING DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES. VACANT POSITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN FILLED, PURCHASING HAS BEEN DEFERRED, OVERTIME HAS BEEN DRAMATICALLY CURTAILED AND THE WHOLE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN ONE OF AUSTERITY. THIS ATMOSPHERE WILL AND MUST CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

GENTLEMEN, I AM SUBMITTING TO YOU A BALANCED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,942,933.24. THIS CALLS FOR INCREASED EXPENDITURES OF \$4,106,246 OVER THE CURRENT YEAR. IT MAINTAINS THE PRESENT LEVEL OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ONCE AGAIN CONTAINS A REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL.

LAST YEAR I PROPOSED THE ELIMINATION OF 94 POSITIONS - TONIGHT I PROPOSE TO ELIMINATE AN ADDITIONAL NET OF 53 FULL TIME JOBS AND OVER 30 PART TIME POSITIONS. THIS MEANS, GENTLEMEN, THAT SINCE I HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CITY THERE HAS BEEN A NET REDUCTION OF OVER 600 POSITIONS FROM THE CITY PAYROLL. THERE HAS BEEN NO REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF POLICEMEN, OR FIREMEN AND THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

THE \$4,106,246 INCREASE I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO INCLUDES AN INCREASE OF \$1,360,000 IN WELFARE PAYMENTS OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. SINCE THIS FULL AMOUNT WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE STATE OF

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RHODE ISLAND OUR NET INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES OVER THE CURRENT YEAR WILL BE \$2,746,236. WITHOUT CONSIDERING ANY OTHER FACTORS, THIS INCREASE WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST A \$3 PER THOUSAND TAX RATE HIKE.

I MIGHT POINT OUT HERE, SO THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME IDEA OF THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SERVICE WE NEED, THAT IN 1965, MY FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE, THE BUDGETED WELFARE EXPENDITURE WAS \$2,307,635. FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR THE ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE IS \$6,353,541.

ALL THE REQUESTS FOR MONEY, SUBMITTED TO ME FOR REVIEW, TOTALED ALMOST \$75,000,000. APPROVAL OF ALL THESE REQUESTS WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A \$15 PER THOUSAND TAX INCREASE. THIS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. AFTER WEEKS OF REVIEW, AND AFTER HOURS OF DISCUSSION, I HAVE CUT BACK THE REQUESTS TO THE \$71,942,933.24 FIGURE.

RECOGNIZING THAT THIS YEAR'S SURPLUS USAGE WAS EQUIVALENT TO \$8 ON THE RATE, AND NEXT YEAR'S INCREASE REQUIRES MORE THAN \$3 PER THOUSAND, I WILL RECOMMEND A \$7 PER THOUSAND TAX INCREASE. THIS IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS A WATER RATE INCREASE, A SEWER ASSESSMENT AND A REVISION IN THE PENALTIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS.

THESE INCREASES, EXCLUSIVE OF THE TAX RATE INCREASE, WILL HAVE ONLY A SLIGHT IMPACT ON THE HOME OWNER, BUT WILL CHARGE USERS WHO NOW PAY VERY MODESTLY, IF AT ALL, FOR THE USE OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

LET US NOTE ALSO, THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET MAKES NO ALLOWANCE FOR ANY WAGE INCREASES WITHIN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN OFFERED DURING NEGOTIATIONS. ANY SUBSEQUENT MANDATES OR AGREEMENTS WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TAXES, FOR I ASSURE YOU, THERE IS NO MEAT TO BE GLEANED FROM THE BONES OF THIS BUDGET. THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE LEFT TO US IS A LAY OFF OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHICH WILL RESULT IN A VERY REAL CUTBACK IN SERVICES.

WHERE HAS ALL THE MONEY GONE? I SUGGEST YOU REVIEW THE PUBLIC SAFETY ITEM. THE RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURE HAS BEEN INCREASED BY \$1,200,000. THIS BASICALLY IS A RESULT OF STATE MANDATED AND NEGOTIATED BARGAINING AGREEMENTS. WHILE THE PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENDITURES HAVE CLIMBED FROM \$7,761,500 IN 1965 TO \$11,910,891 IN 1971-72, PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES WHICH INCLUDE GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION, STREET PAVING AND CLEANING, SNOW PLOWING, SERVICE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSAL AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, HAVE ONLY GONE FROM \$5,109,800 IN 1965 TO \$6,647,073. PUBLIC WORKS INCREASES NEXT YEAR ARE FOR SALARIES AND STREET LIGHTING. NO NEW POSITIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED, BUT IN FACT, NINE MORE HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

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ONCE AGAIN, I PROPOSE AN INCREASE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. I RECOMMEND THE APPROPRIATION OF \$26,553,376 DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 OVER THE PRESENT BUDGET. I ALSO PROPOSE THE APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 FOR THE HIRING OF TEACHERS BY THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN INSTRUCTING PUPILS IN NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

OUR EXPECTED EXPENDITURES FOR BLUE CROSS, SOCIAL SECURITY, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, MODEL CITIES, AND DATA PROCESSING ARE ALL EXPECTED TO INCREASE NEXT YEAR. THE INFLATIONARY TREND HAS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON OUR PURCHASES OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT.

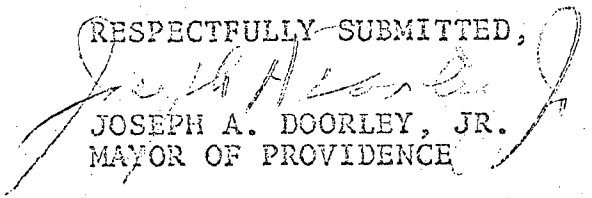
I ONCE AGAIN RECOMMEND THAT THE TAXPAYERS BE GIVEN THE BENEFIT OF ANY ANTICIPATED SURPLUS IN THE CURRENT YEAR. THIS SURPLUS SHOULD AMOUNT TO \$2,300,000 AND IS MADE UP MOSTLY OF TRANSFERS FROM TRUST AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS SO WE CAN PAY DEBT SERVICE AND THE LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF BACK TAXES RECEIVED A FEW WEEKS AGO FROM THE BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE RAILROAD.

IN CONCLUSION, MAY I SAY TO YOU THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR EVERY MAJOR URBAN CENTER IN THIS COUNTRY. THE REAL PROPERTY TAX WAS NEVER DEVISED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SOLVE THE AWESOME SOCIAL PROBLEMS FACING THE CITIES TODAY. HOW CAN ONE REALLY EXPECT PERSONS WITH LIMITED INCOMES AND PENSIONS TO SUPPORT A SCHOOL SYSTEM WHOSE OPERATING BUDGET HAS SKYROCKETED FROM \$13,400,000 TO OVER \$26,750,000 IN SEVEN YEARS? ANY REASONABLE PERSON READING THE PROBLEMS OF NEW YORK, NEWARK, BALTIMORE AND OUR SISTER CITY OF BOSTON MUST CONCLUDE THAT MONEY IS NEEDED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND THAT MONEY CANNOT BE RAISED BY LITERALLY CONFISCATING REAL PROPERTY.

THE TIME FOR TALK IS PAST. STOP THE DIALOGUE IN WASHINGTON AND GIVE US BACK SOME OF OUR OWN MONEY SO WE CAN MEET OUR HOUSING NEEDS, FEEL SAFE ON OUR STREETS, IN OUR PARKS AND IN OUR HOMES. I ASK THOSE IN THE STATE HOUSE TO LITERALLY FORCE THE CITIES AND TOWNS TO WORK TOGETHER WHEN IT WILL SAVE TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS. WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO KNOW MORE THAN WE DO, WALK TALLER THAN WE DO, LOVE EACH OTHER BETTER THAN WE DO, AND TO SMILE MORE THAN WE DO.

GENTLEMEN, WHILE THE TIME IS OURS, WHILE WE GUIDE THE CITY, LET US MAKE THINGS HAPPEN.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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