

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 89 City Council Regular Meeting, April 2, 1998, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Fargnoli,
Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Has-
sett, Igliozzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini,
Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Wil-
liams-12.

Absent: Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Council-
man Rollins and Councilwoman Young-3.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 7 1998

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APPROVED:

Richard S. Clement

CLERK

“In Memorium”

Council Member — 1975-1989



CAROLYN F. BRASSIL

1936-1998

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN.

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

COUNCILMAN PETER S. MANCINI 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 Journal of Proceedings No. 84 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held February 5, 1998, and the Journal of Proceedings No. 85 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held February 19, 1998, and Posted March 23, 1998, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall, are approved as printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated March 16, 1998, Informing the Honorable City Clerk that she is this day appointing several members to study the current Peddlers and Hawkers Ordinance.

Received.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The following Ordinance was in City Council February 19, 1998, Read and Passed the First Time, Referred Back to the Committee on Finance, and is returned for Passage the Second Time, as amended:

An Ordinance establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for the Fletcher Building, as amended.

condition of the above-mentioned Ordinance; and

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Whereas, Section 21-169 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence grants authority to the City Council, pursuant to Section 44-3-9 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended, to exempt property used for industrial, commercial or residential purposes from the payment of property tax if the granting of the exemption meets certain conditions set forth in said Section of the Ordinance; and

Whereas, Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC is a commercial concern who intends to convert its building in the City of Providence to residential use, on Assessor's Plat 20, Lots 163 and 158 and ("Project");

Whereas, The Project will cause an increase in the tax base of the City and will increase residential apartments in the DownCity Arts & Entertainment District in the City; and

Whereas, Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC has made application under, and has satisfied each

Whereas, It is in the interest of the residents of the City of Providence to grant such an exemption to induce the development and construction of the apartments in the City, and

such exemption will inure to the benefit of the City;

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. That the findings set forth in the preceeding *Whereas* clauses are hereby made and confirmed.

Section 2. As long as Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC owns or operates the facility, it will continue to pay taxes on the facility. Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC, its successors and assigns, agrees that this property will be subject to taxation at the expiration of the tax treaty. Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC also agrees not to transfer the property to a tax-exempt entity or to allow any transfer by any subsequent transferee to a tax-exempt entity during the term of the tax treaty. Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC is also required as a condition precedent to this tax treaty to record notice of the requirement that the property covered by this Ordinance be transferred only to a tax-paying entity, as set forth herein in the Land Evidence Records of the City of Providence. Notwithstanding this provision, in the event that the successor to the property does not make the payments under the tax treaty, Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC will be responsible to make payments in lieu of taxes for the City of Providence in the amounts set forth in the attached schedule. In the event that the property covered by this Ordinance is transferred to a tax-exempt entity, whether by Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC or any subsequent transferee of such property, Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC will be responsible to make payments in lieu of taxes to the City of Providence equal to the amount of taxes which would have been paid to the City of Providence if such prohibition against transfer to a tax-exempt entity had not been violated. Notwith-

standing anything to the contrary herein or in the tax treaty used in connection herewith, the provisions of this Section 2. shall continue to be given full force and effect until such time as the same shall be amended or terminated by majority vote of the City Council of Providence.

Section 3. It shall be the goal of Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC to award Minority Business Enterprises as defined in Rhode Island General Laws, Section 37-14.1 ("MBE Act") no less than 10% of the dollar value of the construction costs for the Project (as determined in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the MBE act). It shall be Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC's further goal to award to women business enterprises (WBE) no less than 10% of the dollar value of construction costs for the project (as determined in accordance with Section 21-52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence). It shall be a further goal of Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC to achieve a minimum level of 10% for minority and 10% for female employment.

Section 4. The City of Providence has entered this tax treaty as a result of increasing demand for apartments in the City's Arts and Entertainment District by artists interested in taking advantage of the tax incentives available in that district as well as other professionals seeking apartments in the center of the DownCity area. As required by state law, the Fletcher Building is a former commercial building being converted into apartment use. This treaty shall only be in effect as long as the property it utilized primarily for residential purposes and failure to use the building for primarily residential purposes would render this treaty null and void. The parties do not intend that this agreement would extend to use of the building as a "dormitory" or "apartment dormitory" use.¹ In fact, use of the building for

“dormitory” or “apartment dormitory” purposes would also render the treaty null and void. The treaty being rendered null and void for any reason would require the owner to pay all taxes and fees as due and owing as if no treaty had been entered.

Section 5. The schedule listed below is based upon the information provided to the Tax Assessor by Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC including, but not limited to, estimated construction costs. In the event that any of this information is inaccurate or proves to be erroneous, this treaty shall be modified to reflect the accurate information. This tax treaty is also conditioned upon the commencement of construction upon the payment of any and all taxes due and owing on the property within sixty (60) days of this Ordinance going into effect. Failure to begin construction within that time frame or failure to make said payment in full renders the treaty null and void. The treaty being rendered null and void for any reason would require the owner of the property to pay all taxes as due and owing as if no treaty had been entered.

Section 6. That the real property taxes payable to the City by the Project during the term of this Ordinance shall be based upon the real property tax rates in effect for the City’s 1997 fiscal year. The treaty is further conditioned upon Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC at all times owing no back taxes to the City of Providence or remaining current on a payment plan approved by the Tax Collector. Failure to make said timely payments may render this treaty null and void at the sole discretion of the City of Providence.

Section 7. That the City, in accordance with Section 44-3-9 of the Rhode Island General

Laws and Section 21-169 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Providence, is hereby authorized to grant an exemption from the assessed valuation for tax purposes as of December 31, 1997 up to and including December 31, 2006 to Stanley Weiss Assoc., LLC located at Weybosset and Union Streets in Providence, Rhode Island, on a portion of Assessor’s Plat 20, Lots 163 and 158 as provided in the above-mentioned Ordinance, in accordance with the schedule in Exhibit A.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

¹ For the purposes of this Ordinance, the definition of the term “dormitory” or “apartment dormitory” is defined according to Section 1000.12 of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Providence.

Read and Passed the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli, Councilmen Clarkin, Hassett, Igliazzi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—8.

Noes: Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Jackson and Lombardi—4.

Absent: Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—3.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

On Tuesday, I lost a good friend and the city lost a great leader. In 1974 I was the Democratic Ward Chairman in the First Ward and the councilman at that time John Murphy was not going to run for re-election and it was the Ward Committees job to find a replacement for him. We on the Ward Committee went through all the familiar male names in the ward trying to come up with a good candidate. While searching to find a good candidate we started to ask ourselves who in the neighborhood was a good leader and who was most familiar with local issues. There was one person that stood out head and shoulders above all others. A person with brains, values and a pleasing personality, a person who that lead the fight to keep open the local school, a person who was a leader in the local parish, a person that new all the local issues, that person was Carolyn Brassil. I was

asked by the Ward Committee to approach Carolyn and to see if she would be willing to run for the council and the rest is history. Carolyn ran, she won and she became the first woman to serve on the City Council. A council that at that time was composed of twenty five men and one woman. She became a leader on that council and overtime had many other "firsts" added to her name, too many to mention here. Carolyn was the pacesetter for all those that followed, she opened the door for people to be elected for their abilities rather than their sex. I've always been proud that along with the other members of the Ward Committee that I picked the best person to run for the council. Carolyn's husband Vinney and their five children should be proud of the accomplishments of their mother. As she not only did a fine job in helping to run a city she did a fine job in raising a family. She will be missed but she will not be forgotten.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street, between College Street and Waterman Street on Saturday, April 18, 1998 between the

hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. for the Rhode Island School of Design Annual Spring Student Art Sale.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along

Benefit Street, between College Street and Waterman Street on Saturday, April 18, 1998 between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. for the Rhode Island School of Design Annual Spring Student Art Sale.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN:

Resolution Extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Harvey "Skippy" Erwin, for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Resolved, That the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council are extended to Harvey "Skippy" Erwin, for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along San Souci Drive on Saturday, June 13, 1998 between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. for the Fourth Annual Woonasquatucket River Greenway Festival.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along San Souci Drive on Saturday, June 13, 1998 between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 5:00 o'clock P.M. for the Fourth Annual Woonasquatucket River Greenway Festival.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI:

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of a light fixture on pole number 6 located along Laurel Hill Avenue.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a light fixture on pole number 6 located along Laurel Hill Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the increase of the lumen on street lights on Simmons, Mercy, Magdelene, Hauxhurst and Plainfield Streets and Laurel Hill, Daniel, Pocasset and Hartford Avenues.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the increase of the lumen on street lights on Simmons, Mercy, Magdelene, Hauxhurst and Plainfield Streets and Laurel Hill, Daniel, Pocasset and Hartford Avenues.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA:

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill (98-S

2598) relating to sports, racing and athletics — establishment and extension of gambling activities, in substantially the form attached. This resolution is not intended at this time to place the question on the ballot at the next general election. The question can only be placed on the ballot by another resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Providence specifically allowing the question to be placed on the ballot.

Resolved, That the City Council endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill (98-S 2598) relating to sports, racing and athletics — establishment and extension of gambling activities, in substantially the form attached; provided however, that said legislation shall not require but only enable the City of Providence by resolution of the City Council to submit any question regarding the establishment of a gambling facility in the City of Providence to the qualified electors of the City of Providence.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves that the Resolution be amended by deleting "This resolution is not intended at this time to place the question on the ballot at the next general election. The question can only be placed on the ballot by another resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Providence specifically allowing the question to be placed on the ballot.", and inserting in lieu thereof "provided however, that said legislation shall not require but only enable the City of Providence by resolution of the City Council to submit any question regarding the establishment of a gambling facility in the City of Providence to the qualified electors of the City of Providence."

This motion is seconded by **COUNCILMAN MANCINI**.

Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—11.

Noes: Councilman Clarkin—1.

Absent: Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—3.

The motion for Passage as amended is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the City Collector to cause the taxes to be abated on that property located on Assessor's Plat 49, Lot 414, 143 Congress Avenue in the amount of five thousand fifteen dollars and sixty two cents (\$5,015.62), as requested by Robert V. Fisher.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:

Resolution Requesting that the Brown Street Playground be transferred to the Parks Department from the School Department for future improvements and maintenance responsibility.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI
Refers the Resolution to the Committee on City Property.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT RENEWAL AND PLANNING

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Adopted:

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1984-11 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence, approved February 10, 1984, and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the West River Project No. UR R.I. 1-6" for the revision of regulations and controls in the Silver Springs Industrial Park.

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

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—3.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Unanimously Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY**

**Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be Approved:**

Resolution Requesting the President of the City Council to create a study committee of the City Council to deal with City employee misconduct.

Resolved, That the President of the City Council is requested to create a study committee of the City Council to deal with City employee misconduct.

Resolution Requesting the management and control of the land under the Exchange Terrace Bridge be transferred from the Department of Public Property to the Board of Park Commissioners to facilitate the development of public uses and access from Kennedy Plaza to Waterplace Park.

Resolved, That the management and control of the land under the Exchange Terrace Bridge be transferred from the Department of Public Property to the Board of Park Commissioners to facilitate the development of public uses and access from Kennedy Plaza to Waterplace Park.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to include all dirt, grass and gravel sidewalks eligible for consideration for the installation of sidewalks under the \$50 Million Dollar Neighborhood Bond Issue.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to include all dirt, grass and gravel sidewalks eligible for consideration for the installation of sidewalks under the \$50 Million Dollar Neighborhood Bond Issue.

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

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Hassett, Igliozzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—3.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting that the City Council accept that parcel of land and buildings located at 246 Magnolia Street, Assessor's Plat 108, Lot 460, same to be used for a Community Police Sub Station as requested by the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

Resolved, That the Providence Redevelopment Agency requests the City Council accept that parcel of land and buildings located at 246 Magnolia Street, Providence, Rhode Island, A/K/A AP 108, Lot 460. This parcel to be used as a Community Police Substation.

Resolution Authorizing transfer to the Providence Redevelopment Agency that property located at 113-115 Comstock Avenue on Assessor's Plat 45, Lot 551, and that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents including the deed, relative to the conveyance of said parcel.

Whereas, On June 18, 1993, the Providence City Council, by and through Resolution 427, memorialized their intention to convey certain foreclosed properties from the City of Providence to the Providence Redevelopment Agency; and

Whereas, It is still the intention of the Providence City Council to convey property located at 115 Comstock Avenue on Assessor's Plat 45, Lot 551 to the Providence Redevelopment Agency in that it is no longer useful for municipal purposes and it has been found to be in the best interest of the City of Providence and its' respective neighborhoods;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That it remains and always was the intention of the City Council that deeds not be executed transferring said properties listed in Resolution 427, approved June 18, 1993, until a project or a property owner had been identified by the Providence Redevelopment Agency,

Be it further Resolved, That the Providence Redevelopment Agency shall see that said property is developed in accordance with the City's comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and that all proceeds from the sale of this property, minus and administrative, management, insurance or development costs shall be returned to the City of Providence, and

Be it further Resolved, That a use has been identified for property located at 115 Comstock Avenue, Plat 45, Lot 551, and that His Honor, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, including the deed, relative to the conveyance of said parcel.

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Adopted, as amended:

Resolution Requesting the Student Body of Hope High School receive financial benefit from the contract between the City of Providence and Sprint Telecommunications.

Whereas, The City of Providence and Sprint Telecommunications entered into a contract to install an antenna on the tower at Hope High School, and

Whereas, The installation was approved by the Committee on City Property and approved by the full City Council, and

Whereas, The full City Council approved such installation.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Student Body of Hope High School should benefit from the contract and all moneys from said contact shall be appropriated to the Parks

Department for the sole purpose of maintaining the fields adjacent to Hope High School.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1996-27 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence making an appropriation of three hundred forty-nine million, two hundred thirty-eight thousand, seven hundred twelve dollars (\$349,238,712) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, relative to Public Works, as amended.

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

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—3.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN ALLEN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

Yesterday's paper depicts an article that reads "Vocola is denied Towing License" and when you read that article it speaks to how a city employee gave testimony that she lives at 60 Argyle Street in Cranston and in talking with the city officials she is on record as living somewhere in the City of Providence and in that same article Madam President and members of this council Kathleen Moretti our Personnel Director says that she is investigating the matter and will be making a recommendation to the council and to the Mayor. Well, I think this is just another one of those situations where we have somebody who says they live somewhere to us but in fact lives somewhere else and when you have two conflicting official

documents that are in testimony before the PUC which she has raised her right hand and took an oath and signed an affidavit for the City of Providence and also took an oath saying she lives in the City of Providence. I think that this is something that needs to be addressed by the Personnel Director and in the absence of that the Residency Commission. I would ask that the Personnel Director come forth with a recommendation to the Mayor and the council as expeditiously as she can. This matter can't continue to go on and we need to send a message to all these people who are on the city payroll taking the city's money and doing it fraudulently. This is a golden opportunity and there is not much investigation that has to go on here so I would hope that the Personnel Director would expedite her investigation and bring forth some report to the council and the Mayor.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

**COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

Resolution Approving the transfer of Assessor
Plat 28, Lot 31 also known as 7 Pallas Street

from the City of Providence to the Providence
Redevelopment Agency.

Whereas, 7 Pallas Street (A.P. 28 Lot 31) has been vacant and tax delinquent for many years.

Whereas, 7 Pallas Street has been neglected and presently meets the criteria and definition of a blighted area in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-31-8.

Now, therefore, The City Council resolves that 7 Pallas Street must be put to beneficial use for the City of Providence, in accordance with Providence 2000 — The Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

The City Council further resolves that:

1. The City Treasurer shall be instructed to work with the Providence Redevelopment Agency to foreclose the right of reverter on 7

Pallas Street, in accordance with Section 2-75 of the City Code of Ordinances, and

2. The City shall transfer 7 Pallas Street to the Providence Redevelopment Agency once the title rests with the City, and

3. Such Agency shall dispose of 7 Pallas Street to the abutters in accordance with state laws governing redevelopment agencies and the reuse of property shall be in accordance with the City's Zoning Ordinance.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 9B and 10B) recommending the same be severally canceled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Communication dated March 4, 1998 from Superintendent of Schools, Arthur M. Zarella, Ped.D., Informing the Council President that he is this day appointing Mr. Roland Rainville, CPM., Purchasing Administrator for the Providence School Department to the Commission to examine and modify, if necessary, the Retirement Ordinance of the City of Providence.

Received.

Communication dated February 26, 1998 from Donald S. Iannazzi, Esquire, Informing the Council President that he is this day appointing Joseph Virgilio, President of Local 1033 to the Commission to examine and modify, if

necessary, the Retirement Ordinance of the City of Providence.

Received.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from the Providence Redevelopment Agency and International Etching, Inc., requesting permission to abandon a portion of Puritan Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Petition from Alan Costantino, requesting permission to remove the extended sidewalk at the intersection of Atwells Avenue and DePasquale Plaza for public safety concerns.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Chester McHaffey

Nnamdi Okonkwo

David and Dorothy Campopiano

Indrani K. Peyton

Nicole Rosario

Terrence G. Flynn

Carol Y. David

Linda Hayman

Susan L. Hoffman

Amica Mutual Insurance Co. a/s/o W. Scott and Mary Alice Conklin

Sunday C. Adebayo

Commerce Insurance Company a/s/o Margaret McGowan

Insurance Recovery Services a/s/o Susan A. Lauda

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Severally Refers the Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

“In Congratulations”

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI 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:

Ada K. McConaghy, in recognition of the celebration of her 80th birthday on April 1, 1998.

Luciano Garcia Placencia, in recognition of the celebration of his 80th birthday on April 15, 1998.

Elizabeth Colt and Kent Field, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, Cary Colt Field.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, seconded by COUNCILMAN ALLEN.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

“In Memorium”

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI and
the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Virginia A. DiRuzzo

JoAnn Bettencourt

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

Italo Fagnoli

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their sincere sympathy to the families of the following:

Captain John J. Neary, Jr.

Ellie Siesel

Queenie Colgan

Lena B. Ginolfi

Vincenta Senquiz

Mafalda “Muffy” Calicchia

Peter Integlia

Gladys M. Yergeau

Jean D. Gomes

Raymond G. McNamara

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

Eleanor Dillon

**The motion for Passage is Unanimously
Sustained.**

Michael J. Campagnone, Jr.

MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

**On motion of COUNCILMAN CLARKIN,
seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, it
is voted to Suspend Rule 16 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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILMAN ROLLINS, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution upon the life and character of the late Carolyn F. Brassil, former Member of the Providence City Council.

Resolved, That the following Minute on the life and character of the late Carolyn F. Brassil, former Member of the Providence City Council from 1975 to 1989, is hereby adopted, ordered, and inscribed on the records of this City Council and a duly certified copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Minute

Carolyn F. Brassil, a native of Providence, was born May 24, 1936, the daughter of Katherine Bowen and the late Francis A. Bowen.

Carolyn was the first woman ever elected to serve on the Providence City Council. Carolyn was elected as the Chairwoman of the Democratic City Committee, she served on the Ward One Ward Committee, and was the State

Committee Women for District Two and also the State Democratic Committee Executive Board. During her tenure as City Councilwoman, Carolyn served on many Boards and Commissions in the City, such as a Member of the Board of Tax Assessment Review, as well as a member of the Historic District Association and the Zoning Board.

She also served on the Committee on Finance, Committee on Licenses, Committee on Public Welfare, the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning and the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

Carolyn was appointed by Mayor Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., in 1989 to serve as the City Collector for the City of Providence.

Newspapers do not reflect these accomplishments and they are too numerous to record here, but they are written in the hearts of a grateful constituency.

A loving wife and mother, Carolyn's devotion to her husband, Vincent, their children Barry, Maureen, Sean, Kara and Kevin, and her grandchildren reared with love and pride, was infinite.

With her passing, Carolyn F. Brassil will be missed and mourned by her legion of friends and associates to whom she has bequeathed a wealth of fond and wonderful memories, and may God, in His Wisdom, bestow upon Carolyn F. Brassil, Eternal Rest, and to her family, peace and tranquility.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:35 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1998 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) In Memory of Carolyn F. Brassil.

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk