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TO: THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF RHODE ISLAND;
MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND FINANCE DIRECTOR OF PROVIDENCE

This is the fifth semi-annual report submitted on the activities of the Providence Review Commission (PRC) for January 1984 to June 1984, pursuant to Section 28-7 of Chapter 1981-10, No. 156. During said period, the second half of FY1983-84, seven (7) regular meetings and one (1) special meeting were conducted by the PRC. The official minutes of said meetings, as well as the tape recordings used to prepare same, are on file at the PRC, Room 510, City Hall, City of Providence.

The regular monthly meetings of the PRC are structured so as to receive reports in the following general areas: personnel, purchasing and finances. Such reports are presented by the Directors of Personnel, of Purchasing and of Finance, respectively. Additionally, the PRC receives monthly reports from the Internal Auditor, as well as other individuals periodically requested to provide information to the PRC.

The Directors of Personnel and of Purchasing report on

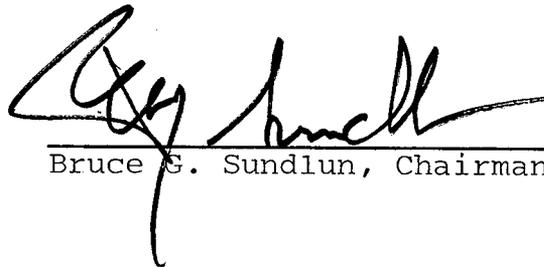
the practices and procedures occurring in the prior month in their respective departments. The Director of Personnel notes, inter alia, such items as the number of employees entering or terminating city service. The Director of Purchasing provides an analysis of goods and services let to contract by the Board of Contract and Supply. The Finance Director reviews revenues and expenditures. The Internal Auditor assesses payroll costs, purchases and finances in relation to the budget and applicable Charter requirements.

As a result of these reports and others submitted to the PRC during this report period, a number of issues have become concerns of the PRC. In the area of personnel, one such concern has been the development of an employees' seniority list which is acceptable to the City's administration and Union 1033. The PRC has had the City's labor attorney periodically before it to report on the status of the arbitration hearings; and, the PRC has contacted the American Arbitration Association to expedite these hearings.

Also in the area of personnel, the Commission has reviewed the residency requirements of the City Charter and has requested signed affidavits attesting to residency or an intent to become a resident. Further, the PRC has joined as amicus curiae in a suit for declaratory judgment to enforce the residency requirement for teachers, police, and firefighters.

In purchasing, a major concern of the PRC, the issue relating to "non-bid" procurement of goods and services in contravention of the Charter has been dominant. As there exists some confusion between older ordinances and the Charter, the PRC drafted and submitted an ordinance to alleviate this situation. The PRC has closely monitored and pursued "non-bid" purchases with the result that such practice has been greatly reduced.

In finances, the Commission analyzed and compared the 1983 and 1984 fiscal years. Additionally, the PRC has monitored revenues, revenue projections, expenditures, and potential liabilities; it has insisted upon full disclosure of information which could have a financial impact on the City. Two specific areas of concern of the PRC have been the revenues listed as "Forfeitures, fines and escheats" and the application of the proceeds from the sale of the Valley View Housing Project to the City's debt.



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