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RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

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No. 27 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 16, 1999, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

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PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Lombardi,  
Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin,  
DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Council-  
men Hassett, Igliozzi, Jackson, Mancini,  
Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams  
and Young—15.

Absent: None.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 17 2000

APPROVED:

*Michael S. Clement* CLERK

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Reverend JOSEPH PRANZO, C.S., Pastor of Saint Bartholomew's Church, Providence, Rhode Island.

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

COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN 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. 22 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held October 7, 1999, and Posted December 3, 1999, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall; Journal of Proceedings No. 23 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held October 21, 1999, and Posted December 3, 1999, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall; Journal of Proceedings No. 24 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 4, 1999,

and Posted December 3, 1999, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall, and Journal of Proceedings No. 25 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 18, 1999, and Posted December 3, 1999, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall, are approved as printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated November 19, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1104 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Philip Addison, Jr., of 131 Camp Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Civic Center Authority for a term to expire May 2002.

**Received.**

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Communication dated December 3, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Executive Order Number 1995-04 dated August 10, 1995, he is this day appointing Mr. Eric Olin of 145 Meeting Street, Providence, Rhode Island as the Executive Director of the Providence Film Commission and the Mayor's Office of Broadcast and Film Arts.

**Received.**

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Communication dated December 6, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Chapter 1996-36 of the "Residency of Employees" Ordinance, he is this day reappointing Mr. Artin H. Coloian of 360 Adelaide Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Residency

Committee for a term concurrent with the term of the Mayor ending on the first Monday in January, 2003.

**Received.**

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Communication dated December 6, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Chapter 1996-36 of the "Residency of Employees" Ordinance, he is this day reappointing Mr. W. Fitzgerald Himmelsbach of 197 Knight Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Residency Committee for a term concurrent with the term of the Mayor ending on the first Monday in January, 2003.

**Received.**

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

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Communication dated August 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. William J. Benell of 135 Dean Street,

Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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Communication dated August 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. Michael Van Leesten of 11 Belair Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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Communication dated August 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. Thomas J. Reilly of 572 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

Communication dated August 31, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. Marvin Holland of 4 Woodland Terrace, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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Communication dated September 7, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Mary Dean of 31 Chaucer Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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Communication dated September 7, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Howard Phengsomphone of 61 Russo Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee  
on Finance.**

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Communication dated November 4, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31, passed in 1987, he is this day appointing Ms. Kyle A. MacDonald of 175 Bartlett Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Public Building Authority for a term to expire in July, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval. Ms. MacDonald will replace Mr. Bienvenido Garcia who has resigned.

**Received and Referred to the Committee  
on Finance.**

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Communication dated November 12, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Anthony Michael Catauro of 565 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Review for a term to expire in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee  
on Finance.**

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Communication dated November 19, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Ms. Pam Meyers of 28 Luzon Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2002 and respectfully submits the same for approval. Ms. Meyers will replace Ms. Kai Cameron who has resigned.

**Received and Referred to the Committee  
on Finance.**

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Communication dated November 29, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Alan Costantino of 170 Gentian Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term to expire in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee  
on Finance.**

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Communication dated November 29, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mrs. Arline Feldman of 235 Sixth Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term to expire in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

Providence, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

Communication dated November 29, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 813 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Alexander Prignano of 6 Lynne Drive, Coventry, Rhode Island, as the Finance Director of the City of

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

## ORDINANCES SECOND READING

**The following Ordinances were in City Council December 2, 1999, Read and Passed the First Time and are returned for Passage the Second Time:**

An Ordinance amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended. (Open Space)

Code 61, Transportation Center, under column OS (Open Space) from "N" to "Y<sup>8</sup>" with footnote #8.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 3. Add footnote #8 to Sec. 6.0 to read as follows:*

*Section 1. The Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:*

<sup>8</sup> Limited solely to "bus passenger terminal," and to be operated by a public transit authority to serve as a hub or central facility for a statewide bus transportation system. The Transportation Center may include accessory uses, such as news-stand, café, convenience store, or ATM machines.

*Section 2. Amend Article III, Section 303 — Use Regulations, Sec. 6.0, by changing Use*

*Section 4.* This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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

**Ayes:** Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**The motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

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An Ordinance amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended. (Overlay Zoning District)

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* The Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended, shall be further amended as follows:

A. *Section 101.7 — Overlay Zoning Districts* is amended to add the following sub-paragraph following the DD Downcity District:

MSCOD Main Street Commercial Overlay District — This overlay zone is intended to be

superimposed on existing C-1, C-2, C-4, and R-P districts and will require additional dimensional requirements and performance standards. The overlay zone will establish zero lot line setbacks from a property line that abuts a street, special frontage treatment, and other requirements as provided in Section 505.

B. *Article V — Special Zones* shall be amended by adding a new Section 505 entitled "Main Street Commercial Overlay District," as follows:

*Section 505 — Main Street Commercial Overlay District:* The Main Street Commercial Overlay District (MSCOD) is hereby created in recognition that certain commercial districts exist to serve adjacent neighborhoods where people are more likely to walk for commercial services and shopping. These neighborhood commercial districts often are congested with traffic and unsightly parking along the main streets. The intent of this section is to overlay the MSCOD on certain areas that are currently zoned C-1, C-2 C-4, and R-P It would require dimensional and performance standards that exceed the minimum standards provided for in the underlying zones. The MSCOD is located in areas that are pedestrian oriented, that encourage a lively mix of street frontages that include shopping and services for people to access primarily by walking and driving to rear parking lots. The uses for the underlying C and R-P zones shall not be changed except as provided herein.

505.1 — *Minimum Front Yard:* Notwithstanding the requirements for C zones in Section 305, all buildings in the MSCOD shall be built with zero (0) setback from the front line that faces a street. Buildings fronts shall limit blank walls, where there are no windows, to not more than ten (10) lineal feet. Window openings shall

be no higher than four (4) feet above grade at the property line.

505.2 — *Front Lot Line Treatment*: The portion of the lot that extends from the front lot line to a parallel line, not less than four (4) feet back from said front lot line, which does not have a building on the front lot line shall comply with the following:

A) *Fence, wall or hedge* — A fence, wall or hedge (less than 4 feet high) along the front lot line shall be required. Fences and walls shall be low or transparent to allow viewing of landscaping.

B) *Landscaped Edge* — If any part of the lot is used to accommodate parking, such area shall also have a landscaped edge that is at least four (4) feet wide and shall run the entire frontage of said lot. The landscaped edge shall include a low wall or fence.

C) *Security Fence* — Any tall fence (4 to 6 feet), necessitated for security purposes, shall be visually transparent wrought iron, ornamental metal or black chain link and shall include trees that are taller than the fence. Aluminum chain link, barbed wire or razor wire are prohibited. Solid fences or walls over four (4) feet tall are prohibited.

D) *Curb openings at the street* shall be one lane width wide (12 feet) for single lanes and eighteen (18) feet wide for double lanes, wherever possible.

505.3 — *Parking*: Parking requirements may be reduced to not less than fifty (50) percent of spaces required by Section 703.2.

505.4 — *Parking Lots*: Parking lots shall be located to the rear of buildings, wherever possible. The paved area of a lot shall not exceed the maximum parking required by Section 505.3. Site lighting shall be limited to the property, with no light spill on to adjacent properties.

505.5 — *Corner Lots*: The corner that fronts on two streets shall be defined by a building, porch, low or transparent walls, hedges, trees and landscaping. Parking at the corners of a lot that faces two streets are prohibited within an area at least twenty (20) feet in each direction, from the corner. Corner lot access can only be reached from the secondary street, with one means of egress on the main street.

505.6 — *Drive-Through*: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, drive-through facilities are prohibited within the MSCOD. Any relief from this section shall be considered a change in use that must meet the test for a use variance as provided in Section 902.3. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit walk-up windows provided that such windows shall be located on the front lot line facing a street, with no curb cut or allowance of any motorized vehicular access whatsoever.

505.7. — *Utilities and Services*: On site utilities, junction boxes, HVAC, and utility boxes, shall be located underground, on the roof of buildings, or a minimum distance of twenty (20) feet of any front lot line. The latter shall be screened from view.

505.8 — *Principal Use Parking* - Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the principal use of surface parking shall not be permitted in the MSCOD.

B. *Section 103 A) — Official Zoning Map —* Providence Zoning District Maps 14 and 17, dated October 24, 1991 and amended June 27, 1994, shall be further amended as follows:

Zoning District Map 14, Lots 576, 272, 273, 296, 325, 324, 574, 357, 380, 381, 382, and 383 and Map 17, Lots 638, 372, 373, and 416 currently zoned C-2 shall be overlaid by the Main Street Commercial Overlay District.

*Section 2.* This Ordinance shall apply solely to the Gano Street business area and shall take effect upon passage.

Read and Passed the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, second-

ed by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

**Ayes:** Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):**

An Ordinance amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended. (Westminster Street Overlay Zoning District)

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):**

An Ordinance in amendment with Chapter 21, Section 19, Number 714, approved November 29, 1999 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled: "Capital Equipment Budget," as amended.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN:**

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved October 23, 1986 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment for the Special Vacant Lot Project" for the acquisition of Lot 372 on Plat 52, 184-186 Hamilton Street.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Powhattan Street and Division Street to 27,500 lumens.

*Resolved,* That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Powhattan Street and Division Street to 27,500 lumens.

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**COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Bellevue

Avenue between Dexter Street and Cranston Street between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon to 5:00 o'clock P.M. on Friday, December 3, 1999 to accommodate the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church's dedication of nine "lead-safe" apartments in the West End of Providence.

*Resolved,* That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Bellevue Avenue between Dexter Street and Cranston Street between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon to 5:00 o'clock P.M. on Friday, December 3, 1999 to accommodate the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church's dedication of nine "lead-safe" apartments in the West End of Providence.

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**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Magnolia Street at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Pocasset Avenue on Saturday, December 11, 1999 between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 5:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the Ward Fifteen Children's Christmas Party.

*Resolved,* That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Magnolia Street at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Pocasset Avenue on Saturday, December 11, 1999 between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 5:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the Ward Fifteen Children's Christmas Party.

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ALLEN**, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI:**

Resolution Requesting His Honor, the Mayor, to execute any and all documents, including deeds, relative to conveyance of the Woonasquatucket River Greenway.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on City Property.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI:**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Hillhurst Avenue to 27,500 lumens.

*Resolved,* That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Hillhurst Avenue to 27,500 lumens.

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Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of street lighting along the entire length of Springfield Street.

*Resolved,* That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of street lighting along the entire length of Springfield Street.

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**COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Lucille Street to 27,500 lumens.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Lucille Street to 27,500 lumens.

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**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of a street light on pole no. 4 between 30-32 Taft Avenue and 34-36 Taft Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a street light on pole no. 4 between 30-32 Taft Avenue and 34-36 Taft Avenue.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "stop for pedestrian" signs at the intersection of Brook and Meeting Streets.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "stop for pedestrian" signs at the intersection of Brook and Meeting Streets.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of crosswalks at the intersection of Brook and Meeting Streets.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of cross-

walks at the intersection of Brook and Meeting Streets.

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Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the removal of that dead tree located on the side of 141 Sessions Street located on the west side of Wayland Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the removal of that dead tree located on the side of 141 Sessions Street located on the west side of Wayland Avenue.

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Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the removal of that dead tree located at 365 Elmgrove Avenue at the intersection of Sessions Street.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the removal of that dead tree located at 365 Elmgrove Avenue at the intersection of Sessions Street.

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ALLEN**, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:**

“Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to make a lot of meetings, in particular, the meeting that the School Department had with the City Council and the meeting that the Superintendent made a presentation to the full School Board with regard to the new proposal that recently has been passed with regard to assignment of students. I would like to go on the record as being quite disappointed with regard to the proposal, specifically because for many, many years, I have been asking the School Committee to look at neighborhood schools as a number of other council people have. Frankly, this to me, this new program that was passed, is a watered-down version of anything that I would like to have seen happen in the City of Providence. I was hoping that more communication, more conversation, more input from the community people themselves, the people that have children in school, would have had the opportunity to discuss it with their elected officials. Especially those neighborhoods that do not have members of the School Committee serving from their particular areas. There are a lot of things that were described to me with regard to the proposal. I spoke with Susan DeRita. She seemed satisfied with it. I spoke with Mark Dunham and I tried to reach Gertrude Blakey, but we didn’t connect, because in the meantime, my mother got very sick, and I didn’t have the opportunity to do what I really

wanted to do. So I wanted to be placed on the record that this watered-down version of what we hoped would be neighborhood school, which is more of a choice of schools, which in my particular neighborhood, the people that buy houses or come to live there because of the schools, maybe one or two percent are looking forward to sending their children outside of their neighborhood. When I checked the roster that Mr. Dunham sent to me with regard to one of the schools in my ward, Webster Avenue School, over 105 students are presently enrolled in that neighborhood schools from other neighborhoods. From the Charles Street area, from the Mt. Pleasant area, South Providence area, from everywhere except the Webster Avenue area. As I indicated to Mr. Dunham, it would have been more pleasing to me, and I am not sure how all the rest of you feel, if you would take those 107 pupils from outside of the neighborhood and put them in the neighborhood, because they can walk across the street to their own neighborhood school. I am hoping that after about a year of trying this, that we can regroup with the superintendent of schools because she has her own ideas, and they are progressive and I respect that. But I would hope that we would have a more neighborhood oriented school system than this proposal indicates. So I am disappointed. My people will have to live with it, but they are not happy about it.”

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## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

### COUNCILMAN ROBERT M. CLARKIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

**Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:**

Resolution Accepting a certain wall located on DePinedo Street.

*Whereas*, John F. Mahoney had petitioned the City Council seeking to convey to the City of Providence a forty-foot (40') retaining wall at 152 DePinedo Street which was constructed on proposed portion acquisition shown as cross-hatched area on plan entitled, "Providence, R.I. P.W. Dept. — Engineering Office, Street line Section, Plan No. 064648, dated 12/13/99." Said Acquisition shown as A-B-C-D-E-F-A, on the accompanying plan, contains 82.40 square feet; and

*Whereas*, John F. Mahoney appeared at a meeting of the Council Committee on Public Works and voiced his support of the petition; and

*Whereas*, After study of the Petitioner's request, the City, acting through its appropriate authorities, has determined that the 40-foot (40') wall is not adverse to the public interest,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That His Honor, the Mayor, is authorized to accept said grant upon such terms and conditions as he and the City Solicitor may deem appropriate.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "steep hill" sign and a "slow" sign at the intersection of Myra Street, Boundary Avenue and Mott Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "steep hill" sign and a "slow" sign at the intersection of Myra Street, Boundary Avenue and Mott Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "no parking to corner" sign along the westerly side of Stewart Street and Pine Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "no parking to corner" sign along the westerly side of Stewart Street and Pine Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "no parking" signs on Montague Street on the Mount Hope Day Care side, between Hope Street and Brenton Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "no parking" signs on Montague Street on the Mount Hope Day Care side, between Hope Street and Brenton Avenue.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "no parking" signs on Rutland Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "no parking" signs on Rutland Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Woodman Street to be established as a one-way street, from Elmwood Avenue west to Bucklin Street and to install "no parking" signs on Woodman Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause Woodman Street to be established as a one-way street, from Elmwood Avenue west to Bucklin Street and to install "no parking" signs on Woodman Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a handicap space and appropriate signage at 324 River Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a handicap space and appropriate signage at 324 River Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "children playing" signs along Atwood Street between Union Avenue and Wallace Street and also along Polly Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "children playing" signs along Atwood Street between Union Avenue and Wallace Street and also along Polly Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs along Molly Street and Home Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs along Molly Street and Home Avenue.

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Alexander Prignano, Acting Finance Director, dated November 29, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 813 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Ms. Deborah Lapatin of 115 Fifth Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as the Tax Collector of the City of Providence to serve at the pleasure of the Finance Director.

**Received.**

**At the request of COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Ms. Lapatin is escorted to the podium by the City Sergeant.**

Application of Curtis C. Gower, 12 Hylestead Street, Providence, Rhode Island, requesting permission for a fuel dispensing permit to be located at 9 Hylestead Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Application to the Committee on Public Works.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 6D and 7D) recommending the same be severally cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

**Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:**

Mary-Ann E. Porrazzo (Staci L. Sawyer, Esquire)

Jeremy Goulet (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Pamela Medford

Anthony S. Otrando

Peerless Insurance Company a/s/o Francis  
Gardella

Henrietta Alfano (Todd D. White, Esquire)

National Grange Mutual Insurance Company  
a/s/o Jarvis Ewing

MetLife Home & Auto a/s/o Brian Cole

Amica Mutual Insurance Company a/s/o  
Michael & Charlene Bullock

John J. Reis

Jason McDougall (John N. Calvino, Esquire)

Nisim Tzadok

Peerless Insurance Company a/s/o Mary  
Ann Firmino

Debra J. Buckman

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

*“In Congratulations”*

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI 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:

Michael E. Croker, Community Relations  
Representative, in recognition of his many  
years of community service on behalf of PG&E  
Generating and Narragansett Electric  
Company.

Cristina Delossantos, in recognition of being  
the recipient of the \$1,000.00 Clare Sullivan  
Memorial Nurse Leadership Scholarship and  
Progreso Latino's Health Award.

Liz Branca and Peter Vachon, in recognition  
of the celebration of their marriage on October  
30, 1999.

Brendan P. Doherty, in recognition of being  
promoted to the rank of Captain assigned as  
Commander of the Detective Bureau of the  
Rhode Island State Police.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to take the following matter off the Clerk's Desk that was put there at the last Council Meeting and will provide an explanation at the appropriate time once it gets back on the floor.**

**This motion is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

Communication dated November 15, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 42-99-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, he is this day reappointing Mr. Paul MacDonald of 514 Coldwell Road, Harrisville, Rhode Island, as a member of the Convention Center Authority for a term to expire on June 30, 2003.

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN explains that an opinion was received from the Law Department stating that this position does not fall under the City Charter Residency Rules making this appointee available to be appointed by the Mayor.**

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves for Approval of the Appointment, seconded by COUNCILMAN BUTLER.**

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS request to be recorded as voting "No" on this matter.**

**The motion to Approve is Sustained.**

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## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"It's too bad the reporter is not here because this is clearly something that is worth the press. The School Board is in the process of evaluating School Committee members and a particular injustice is about to, or may happen, unless we, the members of the City Council take a more active role in the reappointment of Mr. Roosevelt "Bell" Benton. It is my understanding that when the search committee set up the appointments to come before them and go through a public hearing and screening process, Mr. Benton was involved with surgery. It was not elective. It was something that had to happen, so he could not go into surgery to attend this gathering. As a result of that, it is my understanding that he is not being referred to the Mayor for appointment. I would hope that everybody who knows "Bell" Benton knows the wonderful job he has done for the School Board and for the fine young men and women that attend the Providence School system. That being said, I would ask that my colleagues know of your concern, and our concern, to reappoint Roosevelt "Bells" Benton, because he could not find a more competent and capable more individual to serve on the School Board. Thank you."

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**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN** requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

"Thank you Councilman Allen. I have already written to the Mayor. I was at that forum when the different people came forward and expressed why they wanted to be on the School Board, and I was there when the call came from Roosevelt that he had had surgery that day and could not attend, and when we wrote our written comments, the audience members, I wrote a very strong message that even though Roosevelt was not there, he was having surgery, and I know he is very much interested and wants to serve on the School Board. Roosevelt is a very dear friend of mine, and for him to be eliminated after all the years of service that he has put in on the School Department because not from his own fault he had surgery, I think that is not what the intention of that School Board review committee or commission or whatever they are, I don't think we expected that to happen. I think you have to have exceptions to everything whether it be residency or some other matter, and I think in this situation, there should be an exception, and I would appreciate it if you would support Roosevelt. As I said, I have already written to the Mayor and I hope will support him in his bid to regain his seat on the School Board. Thank you very much."

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**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO** requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

"On the spirit of camaraderie, I would just like to say that I agree. I was not able to attend

that meeting either. I have been missing a lot of these meetings because of this leg, but when I picked up the paper and read about it, I said who is this person that is speaking for the people in the city. Roosevelt Benton should be re-appointed to the School Board. He served a short time with me when I was Chairwoman of the School Committee. He has devoted a good part of his life to young people. He has served as an ideal role model for especially minority children, as well as all of our children. He has a great concern about education. He has a great concern about all the social ills we have in the city. He has a great track record of caring for the students and the children in the City of Providence. I just wanted to put my ten cents in for all it's worth, and show my support for him. Thank you."

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**COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:**

"I too was shocked, when I found out that the Chairman of this committee had decided that because Roosevelt wasn't there. We call him "Bells" those who know him well. I went to school with "Bells". I know a lot of his brothers and sisters. I know his nephews. He is not only concerned about minority children, but about every child in this city and state. That has been his legacy. That is why he works at the Training School. We call him the "quiet giant". Even when he disagrees with you, there is a way that he has about himself that he can let you know that without being disagreeable. The fact that he was, as our young people would say, kicked to the curb, is amazing to me. He has dedicated his life to work with young people. If he is going to leave his position, I think it

should be his choice, and not some petty bureaucratic choice. So I think we need to definitely . . . the letter might be something, I think we might even want to do something stronger than a letter. A resolution. Whatever is necessary because we need to send a message loud and clear that this gentleman should be reappointed."

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

"I went to school with Bell's also, but I am surprised, you don't look that old. You went to school with him too? I would at this time, take the suggestion and ask the Clerk to put in a Resolution for me for the next council meeting and anyone who wishes to support that resolution to endorse the reappointment of Rosie Benton to the Providence School Board."

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

"I have been working for DCYF for 27 years, and I had an office at Broad and Sackett Street and Rosie was the Director of the Southside Boys' Club, and I had kids on my case load and I would go to Rosie and say that this kid needs a program. He would always do it. He has also done a great job at the Training School, and for this to happen is absolutely ridiculous, and I can wholeheartedly support Rosie Benton for this School Committee position."

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

*“In Memorium”*

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

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

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

Timothy P. Jackson

Lieutenant Thomas E. Spencer

Jeremiah M. Lucey

James F. Lyons, III

Joseph T. McGuirk

Paul Brotherton

Henry J. Baptista

Marie Sabitoni

Noreen M. Casey

Anne A. Murphy

Demetrios P. Alexakos

Margot Goulding

June M. Russell

Maria Freitas

Mary Salera

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,  
by a Unanimous Rising Vote.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:15 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk



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No. 28 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 6, 2000, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

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PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

**Present:** Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozzi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—13.

**Absent:** Councilman Mancini and Councilwoman Young—2.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 17 2000

APPROVED:

*Clifford H. Clement* CLERK

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Father  
RAYMOND TETRAULT, Pastor, Saint  
Teresa's Church, Providence.

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

COUNCILWOMAN CAROL A. ROMANO  
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. 26 of the  
Regular Meeting of the City Council held  
December 2, 1999, and Posted December 20,  
1999, on that Bulletin Board located on the  
Ground Floor Level of City Hall, is approved  
as printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN AL-  
LEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WIL-  
LIAMS.

## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated December 9, 1999, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1101 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Joseph Cataldi of 171 Ledge Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Water Supply Board for a term to expire in January, 2004.

**Received.**

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Communication dated December 28, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Rhode Island Public Law of 1980, Chapter 84, he is this day appointing Mr. Christopher Gasbarro of Phil Gasbarro Liquors, 618 Warren Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Convention Center Authority of the City of Providence for a three (3) year term to expire in December, 2002. Mr. Gasbarro will replace Mr. Jack Lindenfeld whose term has expired.

**Received.**

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.**

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Communication dated December 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Roosevelt Benton of 226 Gallatin Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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Communication dated December 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Susan R. DeRita of 100 Isabella Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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Communication dated December 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Samuel D. Zurier of 330 Grotto Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday

in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval. Mr. Zurier will replace Mr. Sydavong "Simon" Kue whose term has expired.

**Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):**

Resolution in support of the "Petition for Stricter Laws on Drinking and Driving" which was initiated by Patrick McSally and Rainer Heinderwadel and the Students of the Town of Narragansett.

*Resolved,* That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby support of the "Petition for Stricter Laws on Drinking and Driving" which was initiated by Patrick McSally and Rainer Heinderwadel and the Students of the Town of Narragansett.

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

**COUNCILMEN CLARKIN, DeLUCA, and COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN request to be recorded as voting "No" on the foregoing Resolution.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

Resolution Extending sincere congratulations to Jean M. Angelone, First Deputy City Clerk, upon her retirement from the City Clerk's Department, after twenty six (26) years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

*Whereas*, Jean M. Angelone became an employee of the City of Providence on January 7, 1974 in the Department of the City Clerk as a Clerk Steno II, and

*Whereas*, During her years of service in the Department of the City Clerk, she has rose to the rank of various positions, such as in July of 1974 she became Clerk Steno III, and in February of 1978 she rose to the position of Clerk IV, and

*Whereas*, As the years past on Jean did excel here in the office, by taking on various jobs and never once complaining, but wanted to learn everything about the City Clerk's Department, and

*Whereas*, Although Jean has seen a number of City Council people come and go she treated each and everyone with kindness and respect, and

*Whereas*, Jean has not only worked for a number of City Council people, and under the administration of three Mayors and they are Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and Mayor Joseph A. Paolino, Jr., and

*Whereas*, Jean worked under three different City Clerks, Vincent Vespia, Rose Mendonca and during Rose's tenure she was promoted to the positions of Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk and Second Deputy City Clerk, and upon becoming City Clerk Michael R. Clement appointed Jean to her current position where she has remained for eight years, and

*Whereas*, Jean has become a fixture not only in the City Clerk's Department but all through City Hall and will be missed by all of us in City Government, and

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That His Honor the Mayor and the Members of the Providence City Council do hereby congratulate Jean M. Angelone upon her retirement from the Department of the City Clerk and wishing her and the family good health but most of all she will have an abundance of time to collect and enjoy her Beanie Baby Collection.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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Resolution Extending sincere best wishes to Olympia Bulle for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent illness.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend sincere best wishes to Olympia Bulle for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent illness.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI,  
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN  
APONTE and COUNCILWOMAN  
YOUNG:**

Resolution Extending sincere best wishes to Nancy Castillo for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

*Resolved,* That the Members of the Providence City Council extend sincere best wishes to Nancy Castillo for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

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**COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of a street light on the first pole on Butler Avenue on Medway Street.

*Resolved,* That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a street light on the first pole on Butler Avenue on Medway Street.

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**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:**

Resolution Requesting the reappointment of Roosevelt Benton to the Providence School Board.

*Resolved,* That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby request the reappointment of Roosevelt Benton to the Providence School Board.

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

**Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Department of Planning and Development to cause the cleanup of all debris on lots belonging to the Providence Redevelopment Agency located in Ward Fifteen.

*Resolved,* That the Department of Planning and Development is requested to cause the cleanup of all debris on lots belonging to the Providence Redevelopment Agency located in Ward Fifteen.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI and COUNCILMAN MANCINI:**

Resolution Requesting the Chief of Police to assign several more police officers to the City Board of Licenses.

*Resolved*, That the Chief of Police is requested to assign several more police officers to the City Board of Licenses.

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

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests to be recorded as voting "No" on the foregoing Resolution.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

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**COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "stop" signs at the intersection of Gentian and Royal Avenues.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "stop" signs at the intersection of Academy Avenue and Salter Street.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the removal of that tree located at 41 Rome Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the removal of that tree located at 41 Rome Avenue.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

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## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal privilege and states:**

"I was looking at the Metro Section of the Providence Journal yesterday, and I would like to commend the Council President for taking the initiative. The headline reads "Lombardi proposes a commission to tackle and crime problems. "The public clambers for more effective action" the Council President said. I couldn't agree with you and those efforts anymore. I would like to volunteer my time and effort in that endeavor. I do have an extensive background in that field, when and if that commission comes about. I do have a few comments to make regarding the formation of this commission to take on an advisory role to light crime and drugs in the City of Providence. God knows we have an overabundance of both. What I think we need is some immediate things. The common concern is, I call the police, I see them dealing drugs on the corner, and they don't show up. Or by the time they show up it is two hours later and they are not there. We need an immediate response team. We need unmarked cars that drive around every day with trained officers. In my casual day to day driving around the city, I see drug activity going on all the time. And if I see it, why doesn't the law enforcement people see it. I see it every day, seven days a week. They don't have a sign saying Drugs for Sale, but if you know your business, you can spot it. That person standing on the corner waiting to sell Coke. I see the signs. A trained individual can see it. Now maybe a regular patrol is looking for speeding cars, inspection stickers, I don't know why this drug problem activity needs to be done in public in broad daylight, and there are people out there

day after day, and night after night. A few sleepless nights, 4:00 in the morning, I go to my office to do some paperwork, and what do I see across the street, a guy — the cars pulling up. He is selling Crack Cocaine. One of thousands types of visits. You need a Substance Abuse Response . . . the current patrol force, whatever they are doing, is not working. That doesn't mean putting on more people, that means reorganizing, using what you have more effectively. Another problem is treatment facilities. Treatment facilities are basically supported by the State of Rhode Island. At various hospitals, the state might pay for two beds here, three beds here, four beds there, but that is all they are paying for. — someone who has a drug abuse problem, is down and out, has nowhere to stay, has no money, has the shakes and that person is willing to go into full treatment right now. Forget about it. It is a 30 day wait, at least, before you get that person into a treatment facility. Then by 30 days they have already robbed three or four houses and back on the habit and they are not desperate anymore. We need more beds in the treatment facility to be able to accommodate the need when it is there. The article mentions that the report be due in about a year if this commission is put together. I disagree. I think the commission should work about a year, but within three months they should report its findings and its suggestions and begin with an immediate plan, some immediate goals, or some short term goals that could be accomplished right now. And long term goals, legislative goals, plan it around what kinds of things can help address this problem and furnish the reports with things that can be done immediately and things that need a little time or need a legislative act. Every three months,

those things need to come out and being to plan an implementation. If you wait a year, by the time you initiate the plan . . . I think that working at it every three months with new suggestions, following up on what has already been initiated is the way to go. There was also a mention in this article that there is an organization called the Mayor's Council on Drug Abuse. I remember when they started, it might be eight years or so, the Mayor's Council on Drug Abuse is paper tiger . . . it sounds good but has absolutely no effect on stopping drug abuse. For at least the last eight years or that I know of, this money that was earmarked for the purpose of combating drugs in the city continues to be used to reward political support with a job. I don't care about that. I don't even have a problem with that as long as the people that are hired to deal with a substance abuse problem are willing to be trained and are willing to work on substance abuse problems. Initially when this substance abuse council

started, at least there was some interaction with the community groups with what they were trying to do. They would attend a meeting, they would go to the local schools. There was some sign of life. There hasn't been any for the last seven or eight years. I don't think we ought to scratch the Mayor's Council on Drug Abuse, I do think we have got to rearrange it. You can't hire people to work in substance abuse problems that don't know the difference between Coca-Cola and Crack Cocaine. You just learn the business. It is not hard. I don't know what they do every day. Salaries are huge salaries, they are more than what we make for the work that we do, but I really think that money should be used for what we intended it to be used by simply training those people, if they are willing to be trained, and having a little more accountability. Thank you."

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## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

### COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved:

Resolution, together with accompanying copy of Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (Bus Monitors).

*Resolution*, together with accompanying copy of Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (Bus Monitors).

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

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—13.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Mancini and Councilwoman Young—2.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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Resolution, together with accompanying copy of Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (Teacher Assistants).

*Resolution, together with accompanying copy of Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (Teacher Assistants).*

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

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—13.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Mancini and Councilwoman Young—2.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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Resolution, together with accompanying copy of Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (B.E.S.T.).

*Resolution, together with accompanying copy of Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (B.E.S.T.).*

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

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—13.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Mancini and Councilwoman Young—2.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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Communication dated August 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. William J. Benell of 135 Dean Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated August 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. Thomas J. Reilly of 572 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated August 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. Michael Van Leesten of 11 Belair Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the

Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated September 7, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Mary Dean of 31 Chaucer Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated November 4, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31, passed in 1987, he is this day appointing Ms. Kyle A. MacDonald of 175 Bartlett Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Public Building Authority for a term to expire in July, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval. Ms. MacDonald will replace Mr. Bienvenido Garcia who has resigned.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated November 12, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Anthony Michael Catauro of 565 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Zoning Board of Review for a term to expire in January, 2005, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated November 19, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Ms. Pam Meyers of 28 Luzon Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2002 and respectfully submits the same for approval. Ms. Meyers will replacing Ms. Kai Cameron who has resigned.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated November 29, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Alan

Costantino of 170 Gentian Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term to expire in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated November 29, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mrs. Arlene Feldman of 235 Sixth Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term to expire in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Approved.**

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Communication dated November 29, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 813 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Alexander Prignano of 6 Lynne Drive, Coventry, Rhode Island, as the Finance Director of the City of Providence, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Received and Approved.**

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**Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Denied:**

Communication dated August 31, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. Marvin Holland of 4 Woodland Terrace, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Read and Denied, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for Denial is Sustained.**

Communication dated September 7, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Howard Phengsomphone of 61 Russo Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Read and Denied, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for Denial is Sustained.**

**REPORT**

Report from the Narragansett Bay Commission for Fiscal Years 2001-2005 Capital Improvement Program.

Received.

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Jack Simeone, Property Manager, Providence Journal Company requesting an easement across Worcester Street for use of installation of underground conduit to be used for communication cables to a parking lot gate arm.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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Certificates from the City Assessor (No. 8D) recommending the same be severally cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:**

Chris Pieranunzi & Daniel R. Bucki

Janice L. Avila

Nancy Striuli

Roslyn A. Spinola

Jorge Amaral

Jose Marrero (Charles J. Vucci, Esquire)

Carol A. Dillon

Joseph McSally (David S. Cass, Esquire)

Lisa Moniz (David S. Cass, Esquire)

Lesa A. Carullo (Charles J. Vucci, Esquire)

Mayra Morales p.p.a. Jennifer Rodriguez (Lidia M. Sanchez, Esquire)

Amica Mutual Insurance Company a/s/o Kevin W. Casey

Christopher E. Millette

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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## PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

### *"In Congratulations"*

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI 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:

Jean M. Angelone, in recognition of the celebration of her retirement from the City Clerk's Department after twenty six years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Billy "V" Vigeant, in recognition of receiving a national award from Good Sports Productions for his sports talk show in the Communicator Awards 1999 National Competition.

Honorable David Caprio, in recognition of becoming the newly elected State Representative from District 47.

Leonard and Myrna Altman, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 1, 2000.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlo M. Russo, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on September 17, 1949.

Micky Kelly, in recognition of the celebration of her birthday on December 15, 1999.

Silvia LaBoissonniere, PVD Station News and Gifts, in recognition of her donation of toys to needy children during the holiday season.

Shirley Abrahamson, PVD Station News and Gifts, in recognition of her helping distributing toys to needy children during the holiday season.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

*“In Memorium”*

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

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

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

Edward F. Baggesen, Sr.

Carl Pesaturo

Joseph A. Spetrini

Richard P. D'Amico

Mary Borges Toste

Antonio “Anthony” DeMaio

Angelina Micheletti

Lawrence Ruggiero, Sr.

Nicholas “Nick” Lucarelli

Irene Greenberg

Cornelius J. “Connie” McAuliffe

Raymond Paul DiSanto

Felix A. “Pee Wee” Sacco

The Honorable Ralph R. aRusso

Filomena Assante

Thomas W. Daly, M.D.

Joseph D. Faria

Reverend Armand V. Ventre

Sylvia Viti

Orlando J. “Andy” Andreoni

Bernard J. Waters

Sanford B. Kessler

Albert E. Conde

J. Albert Boulet, Jr.

David R. Dillon

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:20 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk



