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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 39 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 15, 2000, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

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PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 3 2000

APPROVED:

*Richard S. Clement*

CLERK

Present: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Absent: Councilman Mancini—1.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-  
WOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN.

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

COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI 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. 36 of the  
Regular Meeting of the City Council held  
May 3, 2000 and the Journal of Proceedings  
No. 37 of the Regular Meeting of the City  
Council held May 18, 2000, and Posted June  
2, 2000, on that Bulletin Board located on  
the Ground Floor Level of City Hall, are  
approved as printed, on motion of COUN-  
CILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCIL-  
WOMAN WILLIAMS.

# APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated June 6, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Ordinance 1960, Chapter 1342, he is this day appointing Mr. Malcolm G. Chace, Jr., of 78 East Orchard Avenue, Providence, Rhode

Island, as a Member of the Providence Historic District Commission for a term to expire in September 2001. Mr. Chace will replace J. Michael Everett whose term has expired.

Received.

# ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council June 1, 2000, Read and Passed the First Time and are severally returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 21, Section 19, No. 714, approved Number 29, 1999, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled: "Capital Equipment Budget", as amended.

Furniture 28,410  

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\$406,950

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

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

*Section 1.* That the City of Providence enter into a lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of the following list of capital items and improvements totaling, subsequently in accordance with the attached schedule of estimated payments.

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

*School Department:*  
Computer Equipment \$378,540

**Nays:** None.

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

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

An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Whereas, The Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA), pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) Title 45, Chapter 32, as amended, has formulated a plan entitled "The Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project," (Redevelopment Plan); and*

*Whereas, Providence 2000, the Comprehensive Plan has been prepared and adopted by the City Council and City Plan Commission pursuant to RIGL Section 45-22.2 et seq., and is recognized and used as a guide for the general development of the City of Providence as a whole; and*

*Whereas, The State of Rhode Island has revised its enabling legislation affecting land use controls and requires compliance with the Comprehensive Plan; and*

*Whereas, The said Redevelopment Plan's Project Boundary encompasses an area which has been designated "Redevelopment Areas" by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, as amended; and*

*Whereas, Properties within the Project Area have been neglected and presently meet the*

*criteria and definition of a blighted structure and area in accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws Section 45-31-8; and*

*Whereas, The Project Area contains properties which are delinquent in taxes to the City of Providence;*

*Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. The Project is hereby designated as "The Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project." The Project Area will be designated number thirty-eight (38) in the Redevelopment Area Number (4).

2. There is hereby adopted "The Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project — 2000."

3. The Plan entitled "The Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project — 2000" shall be adopted as a part of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, in compliance with *Providence 2000 — The Comprehensive Plan*.

4. It is the intent of the City Council to use powers granted under RIGL 45-32-1 et seq., as amended, to acquire vacant and/or blighted properties, reduce density of housing, facilitate rehabilitation of deteriorated structures, provide site improvements, and provide for the orderly redevelopment of the project area.

5. It is found and declared, pursuant to RIGL 45-32-20, that:

A. The Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project is feasible, conforms to the Comprehensive Plan, and if carried out, will promote the public health, safety, moral and welfare of the City of Providence. The acquisition of the real property in accordance with the Ninth (9th)

Ward Redevelopment Plan is in the public interest.

B. The Redevelopment Plan shall provide for payments for property that may be acquired by the exercise of eminent domain.

C. The Redevelopment Plan contains provisions stating that the controls contained within the Redevelopment Plan shall follow the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Providence, as amended.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

**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, Iglizzi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Mancini—1.**

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

## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"There is an old axiom that states that a politician is only as good as his word. Standing by my word is a principle that I have tried to live by my whole life. I have been on this council for over 11 years, and in that time, I have never been embarrassed by any vote that I made. I always knew that I could stand tall, look anyone straight in the eye and explain my vote, no matter what it was, that is, until the last council meeting. For the first time on this

council I voted against what I knew was right. When I walked into this chamber at that last meeting, it was well known that I was not going to support the Resolution asking for the resignation of the Chief of Police. As I approached my desk, a colleague asked me if I would vote to send the resolution back to committee. Thinking that this was an attempt to drop this matter, I agreed to send it back. Then I read the whole resolution with all the particulars that we don't get in the docket that we receive before the meeting. When I read they were asking for the Chief to resign because of the murder of Cornel Young, Jr., I was

disturbed. I was deeply disturbed by this unfortunate death of Mr. Young being called a murder. I initially abstained from voting on the call for the Chief to resign, until my colleague said that I had given my word to send it back to committee. It was a convoluted vote, as we did not directly vote to send the resolution back to committee, but as my word has always been my bond, and as my colleague believed that I gave my word, I voted to send it back to committee. It was my fault. It was my fault that

I was blind-sighted by the particulars of that resolution. I hadn't read it because it doesn't come out that early, but it will never happen again. I promise you all that from this day forth, I will never, never, ever, commit to a vote until I hear the full discussion on this floor, and I see all the particulars of any resolution or ordinance in our packet. And on that, I give you my word. Thank you."

## ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council June 1, 2000, Read and Passed the First Time and are severally returned for Passage the Second Time:

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 Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" for the acquisition of Lot 33 on Plat 45, 3 Harvard Avenue.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. That Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved October 23, 1986 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" as amended by the following: Chapter 1989-26, approved

December 11, 1989, Chapter 1997-3, Chapter 1998-1, approved January 16, 1998, Chapter 1998-29, approved June 10, 1998 and Chapter 1998-56 is hereby further amended as follows:

A. Add the following property to page 12 of the Attachment B entitled "A List of Proposed Acquisition and Disposition" as contained and set forth in that certain booklet entitled "Special Vacant Lot Project, Official Redevelopment Plan" which is part of the aforementioned Ordinance.

<i>Address</i>	<i>Plat/Lot</i>
3 Harvard Avenue	0045/033

2. That said Chapter 1986-28 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

**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, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Mancini—1.**

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

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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 Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" for the acquisition of Lot 260 on Plat 52, 181-183 Gallatin Street.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. That Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved October 23, 1986 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" as amended by the following: Chapter 1989-26, approved December 11, 1989, Chapter 1997-3, Chapter 1998-1, approved January 16, 1998, Chapter 1998-29, approved June 10, 1998 and Chapter 1998-56 is hereby further amended as follows:

A. Add the following property to page 12 of the Attachment B entitled "A List of Proposed Acquisition and Disposition" as contained and set forth in that certain booklet entitled "Special Vacant Lot Project, Official Redevelopment Plan" which is part of the aforementioned Ordinance.

<i>Address</i>	<i>Plat/Lot</i>
181-183 Gallatin St.	052/0260

2. That said Chapter 1986-28 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

**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, Iglizzi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Mancini—1.**

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

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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 Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" for the acquisition of Lot 372 on Plat 52, 184-186 Hamilton Street.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. That Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved October 23, 1986 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" as amended by the following: Chapter 1989-26, approved December 11, 1989, Chapter 1997-3, Chapter 1998-1, approved January 16, 1998, Chapter 1998-29, approved June 10, 1998 and Chapter 1998-56 is hereby further amended as follows:

A. Add the following property to page 12 of the Attachment B entitled "A List of Proposed Acquisition and Disposition" as contained and

set forth in that certain booklet entitled "Special Vacant Lot Project, Official Redevelopment Plan" which is part of the aforementioned Ordinance.

<i>Address</i>	<i>Plat/Lot</i>
184-186 Hamilton Street	052/0372

2. That said Chapter 1986-28 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

**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, Iglizzi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Mancini—1.**

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

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An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved May 23, 1996 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan and the attached restrictions for the Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project" for the acquisition of Lots 84, 85, 86 and 87, on Plats 68, 211, 217, 219 and 223 Douglas Avenue.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. That Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved May 23, 1996 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan and the Attached Restrictions for the Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project", as amended by the following: Chapter 1997-7, approved February 26, 1997, and Chapter 1998-28, approved June 10, 1998, is hereby amended as follows:

A. To the Douglas Avenue Redevelopment Ordinance, Section 6. C., the following parcels shall be immediately added to the list of properties to be acquired:

<i>Address</i>	<i>Plat/Lot</i>
211 Douglas Avenue	68/0084
217 Douglas Avenue	68/0085
219 Douglas Avenue	68/0086
223 Douglas Avenue	68/0087

B. A certain map of the aforementioned Official Redevelopment Plan, hereinafter entitled "Acquisition Map" shall be amended to include the Proposed Acquisition of the aforementioned properties.

2. That said Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

**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, Iglizzo, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Mancini—1.**

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

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN and COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):**

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 1999-13, No. 253, and in amendment of Chapter 21 Revenue and Finance by adding Article XI, Section 21-190 entitled "Tax Exemption for certain property owned by the Providence Redevelopment Agency."

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1984-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence approved March 9, 1984, entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Upper South Providence Revitalization Project" for additional acquisition.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):**

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 1999-22, approved August 5, 1999, of the Ordinances of the City of Providence making an amended appropriation of four hundred seventeen million, one hundred forty nine thousand, seven hundred thirty one dollars (\$417,159,731) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2000, as amended.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**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 Best Wishes to Boyce Spinelli for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

*Resolved,* That the Members of the City Council hereby extend Sincere Best Wishes to Boyce Spinelli for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Resolution Extending Sincere Sympathy to the family of the late James C. Murphy.

*Resolved,* That the Members of the City Council hereby extend Sincere Sympathy to the family of the late James C. Murphy.

**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 George Farrell, Providence Fire Fighters Local Union 799 upon receiving the Regional Samuel Gompers National Labor Award, and also upon his appointment as Chairman of the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review for a term expiring July 1, 2001.

*Resolved,* That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Congratulations to George Farrell, Providence Fire Fighters Local Union 799 upon receiving the Regional Samuel Gompers National Labor Award, and also upon his appointment as Chairman of the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review for a term expiring July 1, 2001.

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Francisco Colon, upon the quick apprehension of five murder suspects charged in the car jacking and shooting deaths of two college students, namely, Amy Shute and Jason Burgeson.

*Resolved,* That the Members of the City Council hereby extend Sincere Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Francisco Colon, upon the quick apprehension of five murder suspects charged in the car jacking and shooting deaths of two college students, namely, Amy Shute and Jason Burgeson.

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Patrolman Stephen Gencarella, upon the quick apprehension of five murder suspects charged in the car jacking and shooting

deaths of two college students, namely, Amy Shute and Jason Burgeson.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend Sincere Congratulations to Patrolman Stephen Gencarella, upon the quick apprehension of five murder suspects charged in the car jacking and shooting deaths of two college students, namely, Amy Shute and Jason Burgeson.

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**COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Baxter Street from Lillian Avenue to Massie Avenue, on Saturday, June 10, 2000, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock p.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a birthday party.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Baxter Street from Lillian Avenue to Massie Avenue, on Saturday, June 10, 2000, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock p.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a birthday party.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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On motion of **COUNCILMAN ALLEN**, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**, it is voted to suspend Rule 14 of the Rules of the City Council in order to allow the following matter to be moved to the end of the Docket:

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

Resolution Declaring Support for Colonel Urbano Prignano, Jr., Chief of the Providence Police Department, for his outstanding leadership and continued dedication to the Providence Police Department and to the people it protects and serves.

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**COUNCILMAN BUTLER and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:**

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Christine Roundtree on the birth of her grandson, born on May 27, 2000.

*Resolved*, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Christine Roundtree on the birth of her grandson, born on May 27, 2000.

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**COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along North Main Street, between College Street and Waterman Street, beginning on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 12:00 o'clock midnight to Saturday, June 3, 2000 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., and to also close Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street on Saturday, June 3, 2000 between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Rhode Island School of Design Commencement and related events.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along North Main Street, between College Street and Waterman Street, beginning on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 12:00 o'clock midnight to Saturday, June 3, 2000 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., and to also close Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street on Saturday, June 3, 2000 between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Rhode Island School of Design Commencement and related events.

**COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, 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 Fire Captain Michael Blackburn of the Training Division of the Providence Fire Department on his efforts in reaching out to the Providence Community in the recruiting of firefighters.

*Resolved*, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Fire Captain Michael Blackburn of the Training Division of the Providence Fire Department on his efforts in reaching out to the Providence Community in the recruiting of firefighters.

Resolution Extending Sincere Appreciation to the members of the Providence Police Department who solved recent house breaks on the East Side and also to the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of Police for their leadership in this matter.

*Resolved*, That Sincere Appreciation is hereby extended to the members of the Providence Police Department who solved recent house breaks on the East Side and also to the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of Police for their leadership in this matter.

**COUNCILMAN CLARKIN:**

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to Anna Evora for a complete and speedy recovery.

*Resolved*, That Sincere Best Wishes are hereby extended to Anna Evora for a complete and speedy recovery.

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

Resolution Requesting the City Council President convene a meeting between the City Council as a Whole, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of the Providence Police Department to make a concerted effort to ameliorate the Public Safety Operation in the City of Providence.

*Resolved*, That the City Council President is requested to convene a meeting between the City Council as a Whole, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of the Providence Police Department to make a concerted effort to ameliorate the Public Safety Operation in the City of Providence.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI and COUNCILMAN BUTLER:**

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to fund, with the approval of the City of Providence Pension Board, a forensic audit of the city's pension system from 1990 to 1997, wherein said funds shall be appropriated from the city's pension system.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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

Resolution Endorsing and Supporting Passage of House Bill (H-8249) relating to loud car radios and stereos.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN HASSETT:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of the missing street signs along Geneva Street and Berlin Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the replacement of the missing street signs along Geneva Street and Berlin Street.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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Resolution Requesting the Providence Redevelopment Agency to acquire that property located at 87 Bernon Street, Assessor's Plat 68, Lot 420, in order to satisfy necessary expansion plans by the "Friends of the Smith Hill Library", wherein the organization may establish a reading park for neighborhood youth.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Springfield Street from Hartford Avenue to the dead end, on Saturday, June 3, 2000, between the hours of 7:30 o'clock a.m. to 2:30 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a "Family Fund Fair".

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Springfield Street from Hartford Avenue to the dead end, on Saturday, June 3, 2000, between the hours of 7:30 o'clock a.m. to 2:30 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a "Family Fund Fair".

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Webster Avenue between Laban Street and Whittier Street, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate a birthday party.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Webster Avenue between Laban Street and Whittier Street, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate a birthday party.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of a "stop" sign at the intersection of Eliza Street and Hartford Avenue.

**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 Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Eliza Street to 27,500 lumen.

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

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

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Paul W. Hendricks, upon receiving a Citizen's Award, who on May 21, 1999, without regard for his own personal safety, jumped into the Providence River at Washington Street and Steeple Street in order to save the life of a despondent individual who had jumped from the overpass. Paul Hendrick's heroism was clearly above and beyond those of an average citizen.

*Resolved*, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Paul W. Hendricks, upon receiving a Citizen's Award, who on May 21, 1999, without regard for his own personal safety, jumped into the Providence River at Washington Street and Steeple Street in order to save the life of a despondent individual who had jumped from the overpass. Paul Hendrick's heroism was clearly above and beyond those of an average citizen.

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Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Robert E. Rainville, upon receiving the Citizen's Award, who on May 21, 1999, without regard for his own personal safety

jumped into the Providence River at Washington Street and Steeple Street in order to save the life of a despondent individual who had jumped from the overpass. Robert Rainville's heroism was clearly above and beyond those of an average citizen.

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hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a reunion of the Crary Street residents, past and present.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Glenham Street from the corner of Taylor Street, on Saturday, June 3, 2000, between the hours of 2:00 o'clock p.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a graduation party.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Glenham Street from the corner of Taylor Street, on Saturday, June 3, 2000, between the hours of 2:00 o'clock p.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a graduation party.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Providence Street and Prairie Avenue, Providence Street and Pearl Street, Lockwood Street and Prairie Avenue and Lockwood Street and West Clifford Street on Saturday, August 19, 2000 between the hours of 2:00 o'clock p.m. to dusk, to accommodate a free Back to School Block Festival at the Lockwood Plaza Complex. (Rain date is August 20, 2000).

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Providence Street and Prairie Avenue, Providence Street and Pearl Street, Lockwood Street and Prairie Avenue and Lockwood Street and West Clifford Street on Saturday, August 19, 2000 between the hours of 2:00 o'clock p.m. to dusk, to accommodate a free Back to School

Block Festival at the Lockwood Plaza Complex.  
(Rain date is August 20, 2000).

**Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, and moves passage of the several

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

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

Resolution Ordering the abandonment of the dead-end portion of Okie Street.

*Resolved, Decreed and Ordered,* That the following-named Street shown on a cross-hatched area on the accompanying map entitled "Prov., RI, DPW — Engineering Office, Steet line Section Plan No. 064607 dated May 29, 1998".

*Viz:* Okie Street from Bath Street to its dead end adjacent to lots 273, 251 and 514, shown as cross-hatched area on the accompanying plan and designated by the letters A-B-C-D-A, having ceased to be useful to the public and is proposed to be abandoned as a public highway. Said abandonment is specifically conditioned precedent upon the following:

1. The Petitioner agrees to tender the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) in legal tender U.S. currency to the City of Providence.

2. The Petitioner shall convey an easement acceptable to the Narragansett Electric Company which will permit retention of its facilities in their existing location, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty-four hour access to said facilities, or in the alternative should it be determined by the petitioner that any such facilities need be relocated in order to comply with an intended use, the Petitioner shall assume all costs of relocation.

3. The Petitioner shall convey an easement acceptable to the Providence Gas Company

which will permit retention of its facilities in their existing location, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty-four hour access to said facilities, or in the alternative should it be determined by the petitioner that any such facilities need be relocated in order to comply with an intended use, the Petitioner shall assume all costs of relocation;

4. The City of Providence shall retain for itself, its heirs, successors and assigns, a sewer and hydrant easement in the premises which will permit retention of its sewer and hydrant in their existing location, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty-four hour access to said facilities, or in the alternative should it be determined by the petitioner that any such facilities need be relocated in order to comply with an intended use, the Petitioner shall assume all costs of relocation;

5. Any person having any private waste discharge lines shall be granted for him/herself, his/her heirs, successors and assigns, an easement in the premises which will permit retention of existing sewers in existing locations, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty-four hour access to said facilities, or in the alternative should it be determined by the petitioner that any such facilities need be relocated in order to comply with an intended use, the Petitioner shall assume all costs of relocation.

6. The Petitioner shall meet the conditions to which reference is made in the communication from the Providence Fire Department dated 15 June, 1998 which requires: (1) A continuous and unobstructed way of travel, not less than 10 feet in width, is maintained along Okie

Street. Path of travel shall start at the side exit door of 46 Bath Street and run in an easterly direction, terminating at Bath Street; (2) A fire lane, minimum of 20 feet in width, shall be maintained along the abandoned portion of Okie Street. Fire land shall start at Bath Street and continue in a westerly direction approximately 100 feet, terminating at the fire hydrant on Okie Street; and (3) The fire department connections along Okie Street for the sprinkler system at both 46 Bath Street and 38 Bath Street, shall be posted and kept free of obstructions at all times. Further, any new construction shall be approved by the Fire Department so as to assure the accessibility of the premises to fire suppression apparatus.

7. The City of Providence shall retain for itself, its heirs, successors and assigns an easement acceptable to the Providence Water Supply Board which will permit retention of its existing water facilities in its existing location, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty-four hour access to said facilities, or in the alternative should it be determined by the petitioner that any such facilities need be relocated in order to comply with an intended use, the Petitioner shall assume all costs of relocation.

*Ordered*, That the Traffic Engineer be and he is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway", and it is further

*Ordered*, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper, published in the County of Providence at least once a week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the

above-named highway which has been abandoned, who is known to reside within the State.

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Resolution Ordering the abandonment of a portion of Pleasure Street.

*Resolved, Decreed and Ordered,* That the following-named Street shown on a cross-hatched area on the accompanying map entitled "Prov., RI, DPW — Engineering Office, Steet line Section Plan No. 064645 dated November 24, 1999".

*Viz:* Pleasure Street from Poe Street to Allens Avenue, shown as cross-hatched area on the accompanying plan and designated by the letters A-B-C-D-E-F, having ceased to be useful to the public and is proposed to be abandoned as a public highway. Said abandonment is specifically conditioned upon the following:

1. The Petitioner agrees to tender the amount of twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000.00) in legal tender U.S. currency to the City of Providence.

2. The Petitioner shall convey an easement acceptable to the Narragansett Electric Company which will permit retention of its facilities in their existing location, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty-four hour access to said facilities, or in the alternative should it be determined by the petitioner that any such facilities need be relocated in order to comply with an intended use, the Petitioner shall assume all costs of relocation.

3. The Petitioner shall meet the conditions to which reference is made in the communica-

tion from the Providence Fire Department dated 5 August, 1999 which states that no permanent barriers are to be constructed to limit access to any building by emergency vehicles; and that any new construction will require approval by the Fire Department of new fire hydrant locations and accessibility of emergency vehicles to such new construction; and a twenty-foot wide fire lane shall be established and maintained by clearly marking the same with paint or signs.

4. The Petitioner shall meet the conditions to which reference is made in that communication from the Providence City Plan Commission dated 28 December, 1999 and in particular that which asks that Petitioner shall establish and easement area along the abandoned roadway so as to allow for underground installation of any future utilities construction.

*Ordered,* That the Traffic Engineer is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway", and it is further

*Ordered,* That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper, published in the County of Providence at least once a week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which has been abandoned, who is known to reside within the State.

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Resolution Requesting an easement along Chapman Street.

*It is hereby Resolved*, That His Honor, the Mayor, is authorized to grant a surface easement abutting 217 Chapman Street in the City of Providence. Said easement shall be granted specifically upon the following conditions and within the following provisions:

1. Said easement shall be utilized only for the installation and maintenance of a loading dock adjacent to the premises. Said easement shall not exceed an area six (6) inches deep by three (3) feet long.

2. Any breakout necessary for installation and/or repair or replacement shall be resurfaced/rehabilitated to the approval of the Director of the Department of Public Works.

3. Petitioners shall ascertain that their exists no adverse impact on any local utility company and certification of the same shall be forwarded by mail to the City Clerk.

4. Said easement shall be deemed to run with the land and shall operate against any successors in title and the easement or a memorandum of the same shall be recorded in the Office of Land Records for the City of Providence.

5. The current record owner of the adjacent realty shall execute an indemnification and hold-harmless agreement approved by the Department of Law of the City of Providence and the same shall run with the land for as long as said easement is utilized.

6. The record owner of the adjacent realty shall each supply the City of Providence with an insurance policy naming the City of Providence, it officers, employees, and agents as additional-named insureds in a sum of not less than one hundred thousand dollars

(\$100,000.00), which policy shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of said easement and which shall be approved by the Department of Law of the City of Providence.

7. Grantees shall not construct or affix to the realty any temporary or permanent structure other than that described to the City Council Committee on City Property and all construction shall be to the approval of the Director of Inspection and Standard.

8. Said easement shall be subject to a right of reverter/right of reversion in the event that the situs of the easement is no longer utilized for the aforestated purposes.

9. Petitioner shall submit to the Director of Public Works a scale engineering drawing depicting the proposed construction. Said drawings shall be to the approval of said Director who shall acknowledge receipt of the same in writing to the City Clerk. Additionally, Petitioner shall submit an engineering map of and a legal description of the precision dimensions of the encroachment.

10. Such other terms and conditions as may be reflected in the record and minutes of the City Council Committee on Property and/or as may be deemed appropriate by the Department of Law of the City of Providence.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "stop" sign at the intersection of Taylor and Public Streets. (Stop sign to be placed on Taylor Street).

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "stop"

sign at the intersection of Taylor and Public Streets. (Stop sign to be placed on Taylor Street).

Sterling Avenue a one-way from Laurel Hill Avenue to Webster Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "two hour parking" sign on Brook Street in front of the Carolyn F. Brassil Park.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "two hour parking" sign on Brook Street in front of the Carolyn F. Brassil Park.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to study the feasibility of designating Bowdoin Street a one-way between Appleton Street and Atwells Avenue and to determine the direction of the flow of traffic.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to study the feasibility of designating Bowdoin Street a one-way between Appleton Street and Atwells Avenue and to determine the direction of the flow of traffic.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to study the feasibility of designating Sterling Avenue a one-way from Laurel Hill Avenue to Webster Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to study the feasibility of designating

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, and moves passage of the several Resolutions, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DeLUCA**.

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO, Chairwoman  
COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY**

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

Resolution Authorizing the City of Providence to enter into a lease with Capital City Community Centers for the property located at 1085 Chalkstone Avenue for use as a Senior Center.

*Resolved,* That the City of Providence is authorized to enter into a lease with Capital City Community Centers for the property located at 1085 Chalkstone Avenue for use as a Senior Center.

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

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

**Nays:** None.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO, Chairwoman  
COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY  
and  
COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Jointly transmit the following with recommendation the same be Approved, as amended:**

Resolution Authorizing His Honor, the Mayor, to take any and all action to execute, file and deliver a Sale/Lease Purchase Maintenance Agreement and any and all agreements, notes and other documents in such form as he may deem necessary or desirable to implement the

Sale/Lease Purchase and Maintenance of the Ornamental Street Lighting System.

*Whereas,* It has been brought to the attention of the City Council that the ornamental street lighting system of the City (the "ornamental

street lighting system") is in need of substantial renovations and repairs; and

*Whereas*, The street lighting system is comprised of various makes and models of ornamental street lights; and

*Whereas*, Due to the number of makes and models it is financially impracticable for the City to maintain in stock replacement parts for the various street lights; and

*Whereas*, As a result, street lights in the City are out of service from time to time while replacement parts are ordered; and

*Whereas*, In the interest of public health and safety, it is in the best interest of the City to provide for a mechanism to ensure the timely repair and replacement of the ornamental street lighting system; and

*Whereas*, The City's Board of Contract and Supply is soliciting proposals for the purchase by a vendor of the City's ornamental street lighting system and the maintenance of the ornamental street lighting system by such a vendor; and

*Whereas*, The Board of Contract and Supply has given public notice of the sale of the ornamental street lighting system, and

*Whereas*, The City Assessors has caused an appraisal of the ornamental street lighting system to be performed;

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that:*

1. The City Council hereby approves the transfer of the title and interest of the City in the ornamental street lighting system to the

vendor selected by the Board of Contract and Supply pursuant to its competitive bidding process by manner of sale lease-purchase. The City Council reserves the right to restrict the affixing of any material, printed, electrical, cellular or otherwise, to any and all of the decorative lights included in this transfer.

2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a lease-purchase and maintenance agreement with the vendor, and the Mayor is authorized to take any and all action and to execute, file and deliver the lease-purchase maintenance agreement and any and all other agreements, notes and other documents in such form as he may deem necessary or desirable to implement the lease-purchase financing and maintenance of the ornamental street lighting system.

3. The Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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

**Ayes: Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Young—11.**

**Nays: Council President Lombardi and Councilman DeLuca—2.**

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## COMMUNICATION

Communication dated June 8, 2000 from Gertrude F. Blakey, Providence School Board President, Informing the Honorable City Council that pursuant to Article 7-2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Providence School Board Providence Teachers Union, AFT, Local 958, that they have this day reviewed said contract and agreed upon the revisions.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI  
Receives the Communication and Refers  
the same to the Committee on Finance.**

**The motion to Receive and Refer is  
Sustained.**

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## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

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

JoEllen M. Goldberg

Thomas Remaglia

Daniel Berto

Donna Gabriel

Peter Marinucci (John B. Ennis, Esquire)

M & S Claims Service, Inc. a/s/o Rhode  
Island Joint Reinsurance Association and  
Marcelino & Christina Mendez

Mercedes Lopez and Providence Pawnbrok-  
ers, Inc. (Kevin J. Bistrow, Esquire)

Charlene Healey

Yeghia Hovagimian

Michael Bianco

Shaun Lee Hunter

Carmine Imondi

Antonio & Gloria Ceprano (John D. Archetto,  
Esquire)

Elizabeth A. Mancini

Paul E. Dahlberg

Linda Gonsalves (James V. Burchfield, Jr.,  
Esquire)

**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:

Kelly McCann, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from LaSalle Academy, Class of 2000.

Kaitlin Feeney, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from Saint Pius School.

Colleen Feeney, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from Saint Pius School.

Mary Zompa, Regent, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary Jubilee of Sacred Heart Circle No. 839, Daughters of Isabella.

Michael Ryan, in recognition of the celebration of his graduation from North Providence High School.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Rose, in recognition of being the recipient of the Joseph G. LeCount Medal.

Samantha M. Arias, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Anthony Broccoli, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Jose J. Campos, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Jennifer Cea, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Brianna Cochrane, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Krystle C. DaSilva, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Justin M. Duffy, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Stanz P. Hun, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Christopher Kelly, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Ashley R. Larrivee, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

William Lescault, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Jennifer Loaiza, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Mandy L. Perez, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Manirith Pho, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Wesley Poirier, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Michael L. Reed, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Nathalie Tejada, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Kayla D. Vigeant, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Ashley M. Almgren, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Stephen A. Arias, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Xanthe I. Calderon, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

William Coico, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Crystal M. Dutra, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Alfredo Gozzi, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Luis Gutierrez, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Stephanie Gyamfi-Darwah, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Kervin Jeanlouis, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Daniel P. Kenney, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Tiffany A. Malo, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Ashley M. McKenna, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Troynis Mitchell, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Michael Moretti, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Cindy N. Perez, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Fariana M. Rosario, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Ashley A. Sanders, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Hollie R. Threats, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Edward J. Varone, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Nicole Walsh, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Sheena Williams, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Melinda Harney, in recognition of her graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Richard Iasimone, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Darby Bonilla, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Derek Whitman, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Nelson Garcia, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

Ronald Burnham, in recognition of his graduation from the 6th grade at Webster Avenue Elementary School.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN** moves to take up the following matter at this point:

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

Resolution Declaring Support for Colonel Urbano Prignano, Jr., Chief of the Providence Police Department, for his outstanding leadership and continued dedication to the Providence Police Department and to the people it protects and serves.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby declare their support for Colonel Urbano Prignano, Jr., Chief of the Providence Police Department, for his outstanding leadership and continued dedication to the Providence Police Department and to the people it protects and serves.

*Whereas*, Over the last five years, Colonel Urbano Prignano has extended his leadership and talents to modernization of the Police Department, innovations that have improved the performance of the Police Department and for the "take charge attitude" that has buoyed the confidence of the men and women of the Police Department, this City Council and to the people of Providence, and

*Whereas*, Over the last two years Colonel Prignano has replaced more than one quarter of the police automobile fleet, purchasing eighty six (86) new vehicles through an efficient, less costly purchasing process, and

*Whereas*, In 1997, the Police Department confiscated a bus during the course of a series of drug investigations and this bus was completely refurbished through funding from asset forfeitures and has been extensively utilized for the KIDS, INC., Program, an interim school for violent youths, and

*Whereas*, In 1998, the Police Department utilized grant funds secured by Colonel Prignano for the purchase of a new van for the bomb squad, and

*Whereas*, Over the past years, at the direction of Colonel Prignano, the Police Department purchased and installed state of the art PC based Computer Network Systems totaling One Hundred Fifty (150) within the Police Department, entirely funded by grants, and

*Whereas*, In June 1998, the Police Department received delivery of 100 lap-top computers for installation in all patrol vehicles, serving multi-functionally to type police reports, retrieve criminal histories, retrieve information on wanted individuals and communicate through e-mail messages to all officers and the Communications Department, and

*Whereas*, In 1996, a unit was created, at the direction of Colonel Prignano, to combat and prevent gang related activity within the City of Providence, and this unit is supported with a full time assignment from the Rhode Island State Police, and

*Whereas*, In the summer of 1996, the Police Department, at the direction of Colonel Prignano, purchased shallow-draft boats, absent city tax dollars, to serve as emergency

patrol boats associated with the ever popular waterfires, and

*Whereas*, The Police Department, at the direction of Colonel Prignano, purchased bullet-proof vests to enhance the safety of our city's officers in the Special Response Unit with funds generated through the Asset Forfeiture Program, and

*Whereas*, The Police Department, at the direction of Colonel Prignano, purchased high speed chase equipment, commonly known as "stingers", to reduce the dangers associated with high speed pursuits involving suspects, at no cost to city taxpayers, and

*Whereas*, Colonel Prignano has ordered the overhaul of the department's evidence and property room with the installation of an internal camera system to monitor all activity in the evidence and property room at all times, and

*Whereas*, Over the past two (2) years, the department, at the direction of Colonel Prignano, instituted the bicycle patrol unit to enhance police visibility, outfitting the unit to service special responses on patrol, and

*Whereas*, The Providence Police Department, at the behest of Colonel Prignano, established non-violence training in accordance with the Kingian Philosophy, wherein the objective of the program is to reduce the level of incidents where police are forced to use physical force, and where this program certified nineteen (19) police officers as instructors, and where three hundred (300) police officers have participated in the non-violence training coordinated by Sergeant Tonya King-Harris, including a cultural diversity emphasis, and

*Whereas*, The department, at the direction of Colonel Prignano, has established a mandatory "entry-level diversity education program", wherein the program has been identified by outside observers as the most intense program of its kind in the United States, as the program requirement is one hundred (100) hours of training and wherein this program emphasizes field experience relating to issues of race, ethnicity, gender, social class and sexual orientation, and

*Whereas*, The Police Department in 1995, at the direction of Chief Prignano, established a specialized Domestic Violence Bureau to address the volatility of domestic violence cases, and where this unit has been recognized as a model unit in the state and throughout the New England; an elderly affairs unit has been incorporated into this bureau to protect elderly Providence residents, and

*Whereas*, The "Accident Recovery Program", established in 1995, adopting a comprehensive strategy for the recovery of damages incurred by the department through motor vehicle accidents recovering two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) in property damage, wherein the department has coordinated its efforts with the City Solicitor to recover medical expenses by the Law and Order Magazine, a national periodical, as one of the most technologically advanced departments in the United States, and

*Whereas*, In 1997, ordered the building partnership with the Providence School Department in order to reduce crime among juveniles, wherein the initiative "Behind the Badge" involves police officers addressing middle school students in the non-threatening environment of the school, and

*Whereas*, In 1997, the department began to integrate the concept of community policing as a department-wide strategy, wherein the Patrol Bureau Officers are also given special duty assignments with the Community Policing Units to develop improved problem solving techniques, and

*Whereas*, In the fall of 1997, the Police Department, under the leadership of Colonel Prignano, initiated an interim school for violent youths, entitled, KIDS, INC., to develop academics and mentoring, and wherein school teachers are provided by the Providence Community Action Program in this full service program, and

*Whereas*, Colonel Prignano has implemented mobile Video Recording Systems in the patrol vehicles to monitor police conduct and serve to counter false claims against the city.

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That Colonel Urbano Prignano, Chief of the Providence Police Department, has distinguished himself as an outstanding leader of the Police Department of the Capital City, and has achieved numerous awards and recognition in addition to the meager mention of his accomplishments identified herein, and where this City Council is duty bound to formally recognize the achievements and substantial modernization of the Police Department under his direction.

*Now, therefore, be it further Resolved*, That by virtue of this Resolution, the City Council

congratulates Colonel Prignano with this expression of confidence and admiration, and whereas, the people of this great city support the continued progress that has been made by our Chief of Police and the hard working, selfless professionals of the Providence Police Department.

**COUNCILMAN HASSETT requests that the Resolution be read into the record.**

**On motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILMAN HASSETT, it is voted to Approve the foregoing Resolution, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Councilmen Butler, Clarkin, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hasset, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Nolan and Romano—7.**

**Nays: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, DeLuca, Jackson and Councilwoman Young—5.**

**Not Voting: Councilman Allen—1.**

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

**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:**

Mary R. Ferreira

Nelson Aldrich

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

John Bailey

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

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

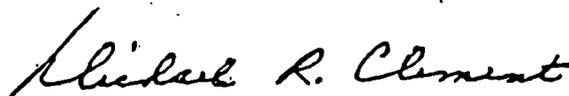
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**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

John Joaquin

# ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, it is voted to adjourn at 9:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).



City Clerk