

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

No. 36 City Council Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 25, 1984, 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 17 1984

PRESIDING

APPROVED:

Robert Mendonca **CLERK**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Paolino and Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Bras-sil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Council-woman DiRuzzo, Councilman Easton, Councilwoman Fargnoli, Councilmen Farmer, Glavin, Griffin, O'Connor, Petrosinelli, Pitts and Stravato—15.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-
MAN DAVID G. DILLON.

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

~~COUNCILMAN~~

COUNCILMAN MALCOLM FARMER, III
leads the Members of the City Council and
the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance
to the Flag of the United States of America.

COMMUNICATION FROM CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The Clerk Reads the following Communi-
cation:

April 23, 1984

Honorable Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to Section 406 of the Providence
Home Rule Charter of 1980, we are, this day,

calling a Special Meeting of the City Council to be
held Wednesday, April 25, 1984 at 8:00 o'clock
P.M. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall for
the purposes of acting upon the following:

Resolution declaring a vacancy in the Office of
the Mayor pursuant to Section 206 of the
Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980.

Resolution in Compliance with Section 206(b)
of the Providence Home Rule Charter calling a
Special Election for the Office of Mayor of the
City of Providence to be held on Tuesday, July 17,
1984.

Respectively,

Malcolm Farmer III
Carolyn F. Brassil
Nicholas W. Easton
Thomas M. Glavin
Andrew J. Annaldo
David G. Dillon
Herman C. Pitts, III

Received.

FROM THE CITY CLERK

The Clerk Reads the Following Warrant with the City Sergeant's Return Endorsed thereon, Certifying that He did Notify the Members of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be held Wednesday, April 25, 1984 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) by Personally Delivering a Copy of the Warrant on April 23, 1984.

TO GIACOMO MARTONE, CITY SERGEANT:

Whereas, More than One-Sixth (1/6) of the Members of the City Council, pursuant to Section 406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, have respectfully requested that a Special Meeting of the City Council be held on the 25th Day of April, 1984 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) for the purpose of Acting upon the Following:

Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor pursuant to Section 206 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980.

Resolution in Compliance with Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter calling a Special Election for the Office of Mayor of the City of Providence to be held on Tuesday, July 17, 1984.

You are accordingly commanded and required to summon each Member of the City Council to that Special Meeting, as Called.

Hereof, Fail Not, and make a true return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 23rd Day of April, A.D., 1984

Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE sc.

April 25, 1984

I, Giacomo Martone, City Sergeant, do hereby certify that I have notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Scheduled to

be held on Wednesday, April 25, 1984 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall, Providence, in accordance with the subject warrant by delivering to each member, a copy thereof.

Giacomo Martone
City Sergeant

Received.

RESIGNATION FROM HIS HONOR MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

The Clerk reads the following Communication from His Honor, Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, dated April 25, 1984:

April 25, 1984

The Honorable Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk
The City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam Clerk:

I respectfully submit my resignation as Mayor of the City of Providence to become effective at 7:59 P.M., EST, on April 25, 1984.

Respectfully,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

Received.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN and COUNCILMAN FARMER:

Resolution declaring the Office of Mayor vacant in accordance with Section 206(a) (5) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN moves to amend the Resolution as follows: Line 1 following Sec. 206(a), delete the figure "(5)" and insert in lieu the figure "(4)".

This motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion to Amend is Sustained.

Resolved, That in accordance with Sec. 206 (a) (4) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the Office of Mayor of the City of Providence is hereby declared vacant.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN moves that the Resolution be Read and Passed as Amended.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON is Put to Vote and Passed by a Voice Vote.

The motion for Passage, as Amended is Sustained.

Resolution calling a Special Election for the Office of Mayor pursuant to Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980.

Whereas, A vacancy exists in the Office of Mayor of the City of Providence, Rhode Island pursuant to Section 206(a) (5) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, caused by the final conviction of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude and exhaustion of all appeals from said conviction on April 23, 1984, of Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and

Whereas, The said vacancy did occur more than One Hundred Eighty Days before the time of the holding of the next succeeding regular City Election, and

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of Section 206(b) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, it is mandatory that a Special Election for the purpose of filling such vacancy be held within ninety days of the

date of the occurrence of such vacancy, and

Whereas, Section 17-15-4 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island provides a primary election for the nomination of such city or town officials shall be held and the local board shall fix the date thereof; provided, however, that said primary election shall have been held by the thirtieth (30th) day preceding the date fixed for said election,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, that, in compliance with the provisions of Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the said City Council does hereby order a Special Election to be held on July 17, 1984, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Office of Mayor of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, caused by the final conviction of a felony on April 23, 1984 of Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Canvassers and Registration of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, and all other officers whose duty it is to prepare for elections, are hereby requested and notified to make such preparations for said election as required by law, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the City Clerk is directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to the Board of Canvassers and Registration of the City of Providence, Rhode Island; and that a duly certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the State of Rhode Island Board of Elections and to the Secretary of State of Rhode Island.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PAOLINO re-
linquishes the Chair.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
LOUIS R. STRAVATO IN THE CHAIR.**

OATH OF OFFICE OF MAYOR

The Oath of Office is duly administered to
COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. PAOLINO,
JR., as Mayor of the City of Providence by
Honorable Anthony B. Sciarretta, Judge of
Probate Court of the City of Providence.

ADDRESS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Tonight is a new beginning for all of us — a
night for healing, and a fresh start.

By operation of law, I am charged with the
orderly administration of the affairs of the City
for the next 90 days. A decent man does not revel
in the misfortune of another, but neither does a
responsible man shirk a duty thrust upon him by
law. I am accepting the awesome obligation
placed upon me tonight.

I pledge to you that I will devote all of my
energy, all of my resources, to the task at hand. I
am here tonight to tell you that the past is behind
us, tomorrow and for all of the tomorrows that

follow, we must form "A New Pact for
Providence" — a solemn agreement that together,
using the greatest resources of this City — her
people — we will build a secure future for all of
our children and our children's children.

We must restore the confidence and trust of the
people of Providence in their government. We
must streamline our City's management
practices, route out corruption wherever it exists,
and establish an atmosphere of predictability,
stability and uncompromising professionalism.

Political differences have no place in this pact,
and we must set them aside now. Fear of change

has no place in this pact. Change is inevitable if progress is to follow. We must implement new and proven ideas and practices.

To progress, we must heal the wound that divided us, we must soften the rhetoric and strengthen our resolve to manage the City effectively, honestly and fairly.

As I look at you, the Members of the City Council — people with whom I have served for more than five years — I feel a strong sense of kinship and warmth. We have shared many of the City's triumphs and tribulations, and I think we are all keenly aware of Providence's uniqueness, of its resiliency and its vast potential. The tasks before us require the contributions of all the City's neighborhoods, ethnic groups, and civic leaders.

I pledge to run the kind of open, fair and honest administration that will encourage each of these vital segments of our City to roll up their sleeves and work together for the City's advancement.

Because the challenges before us are so urgent and demanding, I am taking the following immediate steps to assure the people of Providence that their City Government will be run efficiently and effectively:

Executive Order #1 Instituting Purchasing Controls

Executive Order #2 Instituting Personnel Controls

Executive Order #3 To Determine the Current Financial Status

In addition, I am also issuing an Executive Order creating a "Mayor's Management Task Force". This Task Force will assist and advise me on a daily basis to insure that the daily operations of the City are conducted in a business like manner.

One of the Task Force's prime objectives will be to protect Providence taxpayers from waste and mismanagement, while also protecting city employees from abuse or intimidation.

Tonight, I ask you all to enter with me into this pact for Providence.

We have a lot of work ahead of us, but with the prayers and support of all the people of Providence, the job of moving our City forward, will be accomplished. Together we will succeed.

RECESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE STRAVATO declares the City Council in Recess at 8:25 o'clock P.M. to Reconvene at the Call of the Chair and appoints **MAJORITY LEADER THOMAS M. GLAVIN**

and **MINORITY LEADER MALCOLM FARMER, III** to escort **HIS HONOR MAYOR JOSEPH R PAOLINO** to the Executive Chamber.

RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE STRAVATO reconvenes the City Council at 8:35 o'clock P.M. and directs the Clerk to Call the Roll to ascertain if there is a quorum present:

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Stravato and Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon,

Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Easton, Councilwoman Fagnoli, Councilmen Farmer, Glavin, Griffin, O'Connor, Petrosinelli and Pitts—14.

Absent: Council President Paolino—1.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DILLON, the City Council adjourns at 8:40 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Rose M. Mandonca

City Clerk