

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



IN CITY COUNCIL  
NOV 1974

APPROVED:

*Vincent Vespecci*  
CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

No. 85 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 1974, 8:00 P.M. (DST)

**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**ROBERT J. HAXTON**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Crowley, Darigan, Fagnoli, Johnson, Kelly, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti and Xavier—19.**

**Absent: Councilmen Brown, Cola, DeVito, Lorenzo, J. Murphy and W. Murphy—6.**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN  
MICHAEL E. KELLY.

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

COUNCILMAN FRANCIS J. DARIGAN, JR.  
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. 84 of the Reg-  
ular Meeting of the City Council held October  
3, 1974 and Posted October 11, 1974, on that  
Bulletin Board located on the ground floor of the  
City Hall, is approved as printed, on motion of  
COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL-  
MAN KELLY.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication from Council President Haxton Informing the City Clerk of his Appointments to the Special Committee on the Municipal Observance of the Armistice of World War I, as follows:

October 2, 1974

Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Vespia:

In accordance with the Provisions of Resolution of the City Council No. 58, approved February 14, 1974, I hereby appoint the following

Members of the City Council to the Special Committee on the Municipal Observance of the Fifty-Fifth Anniversary, on November 11, 1974, of the Armistice of World War I.

Councilman Francis J. Darigan  
Councilman Edward W. Xavier  
Councilman Michael E. Kelly  
Councilman Ralph Fargnoli  
Councilman Thomas W. Pearlman

Very sincerely yours,  
Robert J. Haxton  
President, City Council

Received.

## SCHEDULE OF BILLS

### FROM ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

Street Lighting Bill for September, 1974, in the Amount of \$79,543.71.

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Council-

men Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Crowley, Darigan, Fargnoli, Johnson, Kelly, Lynch, McKiernan, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti and Xavier—18.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Brown, Cola, DeVito, Lorenzo, Moran, J. Murphy and W. Murphy—7.

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN KELLY (By Request):**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Providence to Create and Appoint Members of a Board to be Known as the "Homestead Board" whose purpose shall be Improving the Quality of Housing in the City of Providence.

An Ordinance Creating a Department of Human Resources.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN KELLY**.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE BEATINI:**

Resolution Noting the Bestowal of Decorations, by the Republic of Italy, Upon Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.; Honorable Joseph R. Muratore, Vice Consul of Italy; Alfred Toselli, M.D. and City Clerk Vincent Vespia.

*Whereas*, The Honorable Joseph R. Muratore, Italian Vice Consul of Providence, Rhode Island has been notified by the Honorable Franco Faa' di Bruno, Italian Consul General in Boston, that the President of the Republic of Italy, His Excellency Giovanni Leone, has bestowed the following decorations upon:

The Honorable Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, the *Commedia* in the Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana,

The Honorable Joseph R. Muratore, Italian Vice Consul for the City of Providence, Rhode Island, the *Cavaliato Ufficiale al Merito della Repubblica Italiana*,

Alfred Toselli, Doctor of Medicine, the *Cavaliato* in the Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana, and

The Honorable Vincent Vespia, City Clerk of Providence, Rhode Island, the *Cavaliato* in the Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana, and

*Whereas*, the Consul General diBruno, will present the Republic's decorations to the aforementioned recipients on the twenty seventh day of October, 1974, in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in the City of Providence,

*Now, Therefore, be It Resolved*, That in Noting the bestowal of these high honors by the Government of the Republic of Italy, Council President Robert J. Haxton and the Members of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, do hereby convey their respective expressions of appreciation to the Italian Government in its selection of the recipients who have, by their official and professional conduct, manifested their keen interest in continuing diplomatic relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Italy, and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That to Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Honorable Joseph R. Muratore, Doctor Alfred Toselli, and City Clerk Vincent Vespa, are extended heartiest congratulations and the appreciation of the Citizenry of the City of Providence, for their respective roles for which they have been so honored, and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the City Clerk is directed to transmit to the said recipients so honored, a duly engrossed copy of this resolution.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI and KELLY.**

**COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting Street Light on Pole No. 17 along Morris Avenue at Observatory Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of an electric street light on Pole number 17, located along Morris Avenue at its intersection with Observatory Avenue.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW and KELLY.**

**COUNCILMAN DARIGAN:**

Resolution Congratulating the FISH Organizations of Providence for their Community Spirit of Activity.

*Resolved*, That the congratulations of the City Council are hereby extended to the Fish Organizations of Providence for their community spirit of activity.

**COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves that the Resolution be Passed.**

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

**COUNCILMAN DARIGAN moves that the Resolution be Amended as follows:**

*Whereas*, FISH is an international, ecumenical public service, emergency oriented, voluntary organization, dedicated to the welfare of mankind, and

*Whereas*, In the City of Providence there are Active FISH Groups, Elmwood, South Providence and East Side Fish, serving hundreds of our needy citizens, providing personal comfort and genuine concern that has characterized this group over the years, and

*Whereas*, Because the activities of FISH in Providence has served as a direct and wholesome influence on the quality of life in our community; in grateful recognition of their countless good deeds, their charity and fellowship.

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Providence FISH Organizations are hereby congratulated for its many contributions to the Citizens of Providence, and that the City Clerk is directed to cause a duly engrossed copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Alexandria Hope Darigan, the Fish Organization Scheduler."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW and JOHNSON, and having precedence over the Main Motion, is put to Vote and Passed.**

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Providence FISH Organizations are hereby congratulated for its many contributions to the Citizens of Providence, and that the City Clerk is directed to cause a duly engrossed copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Alexandria Hope Darigan, the FISH Organization Scheduler.

The Resolution is thereupon Read and Passed, as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW, JOHNSON and KELLY.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN KELLY (By Request):

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers, Sums of Money Representing Overpayment of Taxes to the City Collector for the Years 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974.

Resolution Authorizing the Reimbursement to Caesare Santoro, an Employee of the City Collector's Office, the Sum of One Hundred Dollars, Representing his Payment for Accepting Counterfeit Currency.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Fi-

nance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY.

COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN:

Resolution Requesting the City Council to Investigate whether the Mayor has or has not Violated Section 2.14 of the City Charter.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves the Resolution be Not Passed.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN moves the Resolution be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, and having precedence over the Main Motion, is Put to Vote and Not Passed, by the following Rising Vote:

Ayes: 14

Noes: 4

The Resolution is thereupon Not Passed, by the following Rising Vote:

Ayes: 14

Noes: 4

COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW, McKIERNAN, PEARLMAN and PISATURO desire to be recorded as Voting "No."

COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN and COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

Resolution Requesting the Director of the De-

partment of Recreation to Establish a "Tot Lot" Upon the Vacant Lot Situated along the Corner of Cass and O'Connor Streets.

*Resolved*, That the Director of the Department of Recreation is requested to cause the establishment of a "Tot Lot," upon that vacant lot situated along the corner of Cass Street and O'Connor Street.

Resolution Requesting "No Thru Trucking" Signs along California Avenue, Except for Local Access.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Thru Trucking Except for Local Access," Signs along California Avenue.

**COUNCILMAN MORAN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting Replacement of Damaged Traffic Signs along Harrison Street, between Cranston and Wilson Streets.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the replacement of damaged and missing traffic signs along Harrison Street, between Cranston Street and Wilson Street.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN JOHNSON, KELLY, McKIER-NAN and MORAN**.

**COUNCILMAN PAYNE:**

Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor to Cause

the Introduction and Urge the Passage, of an Act Eliminating the State Income Taxation of Interest Earned from Savings Accounts.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN KELLY, PAYNE and PISATURO**.

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN PISATURO:**

Resolution Requesting the Mayor to Sign the Arbitration Award Agreement for the Providence Police Department.

**COUNCILMAN LYNCH** moves that the Resolution be Not Passed.

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

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN** moves that the Resolution be Referred to the Committee on Employee Relations.

This motion being seconded by **COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW**, and having precedence over the Main Motion, is Put to Vote, and Not Passed.

The Resolution is thereupon Not Passed.

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW:**

Resolution Requesting the Board of Contract and Supply to Draw Up Specifications for Bids for the Computer Work for the City of Providence.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of **COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**.

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Superintendent of Parks to Cause the Area In and Immediately Adjacent to the Gladys Potter Memorial Park to be Refurbished.

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of Parks is requested to cause the Gladys Potter Memorial Park, and the area immediately adjacent to it, to be refurbished.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW, KELLY and PEARLMAN.**

Resolution Requesting Relief from Annoyance Concerning a Dog Problem along Belair Avenue.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY.**

Resolution Requesting Removal of Tree Roots Under Sidewalk Causing Dangerous Condition at 123 Elton Street.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY.**

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

**COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER, Vice Chairman for**

**COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE E. BROWN, Chairman, In Absentia**

**COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING**

**Transmits the following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Adopted:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1973-52 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Approved December 24, 1973 and Entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for West Broadway NDP Urban Renewal Area (1)."

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1974-6 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Approved February 14, 1974, and Entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Providence Approving the Urban Renewal Plan and the Feasibility of Relocation for the Neighborhood Development Program."

An Ordinance Granting the Consent of the City of Providence to the Acquisition of Its Interest in Certain Lands in the West Broadway NDP Urban Renewal Area (1) by the Providence Re-development Agency.

**Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Kelly, Lynch, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Storti and Xavier—15.**

**Noes: None.**

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, the First Time, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN KELLY**, by the following Roll Call vote:

**Absent: Councilmen Brown, Cola, Darigan, DeVito, Johnson, Lorenzo, McKiernan, J. Murphy, W. Murphy and Pisaturo—10.**

**COUNCILMAN PETER C. MORAN, Chairman  
COMMITTEE ON LICENSES**

Transmits the following with Recommendation  
the Same be Adopted:

Resolution Granting Accompanying Petition of Vincent A Marcello, of Providence, for Appointment as an Auctioneer.

on the first Monday in January 1975, all in accordance with accompanying petition; the fee for such appointment is Two Hundred Dollars (\$200).

Resolved, That Vincent A. Marcello, 11 View Street, Providence, is hereby appointed as an Auctioneer for the remainder of the term ending

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY.**

**COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER for  
COUNCILMAN JOHN M. MURPHY, Vice Chairman, In Absentia**

**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES**

Transmits the following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of 23.6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Relative to Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places.

An Ordinance in Prohibition from Throwing Litter or Foreign Objects Upon the Playing or Performance Area in the Providence Civic Center.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 544 of 1951, by Changing from a R-3 General Residence Zone to a C-4 Heavy Commercial Zone, Lots 272 and 273, as Set Out and Delineated on City Assessor's Plat 99; Said Lots being Located along the

Northerly Side of Hawkins Street and the Southeast Corner of Hawkins and Cornwall Streets.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY.

**COUNCILMAN CHARLES A. PISATURO, Chairman**  
**COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS**

Transmits the following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Approved:

Certificates from the City Assessor 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, 1956, as Amended, as follows:

1-L, pages 1 through 28, inclusive	13-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive
2-L, pages 1 through 31, inclusive	14-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive
3-L, pages 1 through 27, inclusive	15-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive
4-L, pages 1 through 28, inclusive	16-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive
5-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive	17-L, pages 1 through 22, inclusive
6-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive	18-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive
8-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive	19-L, pages 1 through 20, inclusive
9-L, pages 1 through 19 inclusive	20-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive
10-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive	22-L, pages 1 through 22, inclusive
11-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive	23-L, pages 1 through 22, inclusive
12-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive	24-L, pages 1 through 18, inclusive
	26-L, pages 1 through 23, inclusive
	27-L, pages 1 through 7, inclusive
	28-L, pages 1 through 14, inclusive

29-L, pages 1 through 7, inclusive

30-L, pages 1 through 26, inclusive

33-L, pages 1 through 13, inclusive

Severally Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Council-

men Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Crowley, Darigan, Fagnoli, Kelly, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Storti and Xavier—17.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Brown, Cola, DeVito, Johnson, Lorenzo, J. Murphy, W. Murphy and Pisaturo—8.

## REPORTS

### FROM BUREAU OF LICENSES

Statement of Monies Received During the Quarter Ended September 21, 1974.

Received.

School Funds for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 1974.

Received.

### FROM CITY CONTROLLER

Monthly Statement of Capital, General and

### FROM PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ninety-seventh Annual Report for the Period July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974.

Received.

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Parkway Realty Incorporated, Providence to Abandon, as a Public Highway, that Portion of Benefit Street, from the Southerly Line of Route 195, Southerly for a Distance of 100.90± Feet More or Less.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN KELLY.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

*"In Memoriam"*

**COUNCILMAN PISATURO Presents:**

Resolution Mourning the Passing of Michael A. Mirando, Late Industrial and Cultural Leader of Our Community.

*Whereas*, Almighty God, in His Divine Wisdom, has called unto Himself the soul of our beloved and respected friend, Michael A. Mirando, and

*Whereas*, Mr. Mirando, a native of the town of Frosolone, Italy, who migrated to the United States of America in 1907, founded in company with his younger brother Felix Mirando and the late Domenic Fazzano, what is presently recognized as the largest cutlery manufacturing enterprise internationally, and

*Whereas*, Notwithstanding his economic bet-

terment, Michael A. Mirando maintained a degree of religious, civic, and social level which endeared him to his community, which counted amongst it, many immigrants from his native township, whom he assisted their establishing a new life, in his adopted America,

*Now, Therefore Be It Resolved*, In mourning the passing of Michael A. Mirando, one of our community's beloved leaders, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council, for themselves and the Citizens of the City of Providence, do hereby express their heartfelt sympathy to his children and his brother and sister, in this period of bereavement.

**Read and Passed**, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN KELLY and PISATURO.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI and KELLY, the City Council Adjourns at 9:25 o'clock P.M. (DST), to meet again on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1974 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST).



*City Clerk*

October 17]

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