

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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CITY COUNCIL
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 24 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 4, 1999, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Reverend
RAYMOND P. LUFT, Pastor of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel Church, Providence.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"There was a woman who had a child out of
wedlock, and no one would Christen the baby,

so the woman went to Reverend Luft, and he
Baptised the baby. I know him very well. He
is a good man. We even went out for a few
drinks on occasion."

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

COUNCILMAN JOHN 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.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated October 4, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Representative Gordon Fox of 146 Woodbine Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2000, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. Representative Fox will replace Lodie Lambright who has resigned.

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

The motion to Receive and Refer is
Sustained.

Communication dated October 19, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Rhode Island Public Law of 1980, Chapter 84, he is this day appointing Mr. Philip Rivers of the RDW Group, 89 Ship Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Convention Authority of the City of Providence for a three (3) year term to expire in December, 2001. Mr. Rivers will replace Artin Coloian who has resigned.

Received.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication from Council President John J. Lombardi, dated October 20, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that he is this day appointing Mr. Jerry Roy of 25 Hammond Street, Providence, Rhode Island to

the Providence Neighborhood Housing Corporation Board of Directors. Mr. Roy will replace Mr. Keith Oliviera who has resigned.

Received.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The following Ordinance was in City Council October 21, 1999, Read and Passed the First Time and is returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 of Article VI of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled "Retirement System".

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 17 of Article VI of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence shall be amended by adding the following:

Sec. 17-189.1 — Honorable Service, revocation or reduction of retirement benefits of employees committing crime related to public employment.

(a) *General provisions.*

(1) Payment of an employee's retirement allowance or annuity or other benefit or payments as provided in Chapter 17 shall be for honorable service only.

(2) For purposes of this section, "crime related to his or her public employment" shall mean any of the following:

a. The committing, abiding or abetting of an embezzlement of public funds;

b. The committing, aiding or abetting of any felonious theft by a public employee from his or her employer;

c. Bribery in connection with employment of a public employees; and

d. The committing of any felony by a public employee who willfully, and with the intent to defraud, realizes or obtains, or attempts to realize or obtain, a profit, gain, or advantage for himself or herself or for some other person through the use or attempted use of power, rights, privileges, duties, or position of his or her public office or employment.

(3) For purposes of this section, "public employee" or "employee" shall mean any current or former city elected official, or any appointed official or employee of the city, or of a city board, commission or agency, who is otherwise entitled to receive a retirement allowance or annuity or other benefit or payment of any kind pursuant to Chapter 17.

(4) *Revocation or reduction authorized.* Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any retirement allowance or annuity or other benefit or payment of any kind which an employee is otherwise entitled to under Chapter 17 shall be revoked or reduced in accordance with the provisions of this section if such employee is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to any crime related to his or her public employment. Any such conviction or plea shall be deemed to be a breach of the employee's contract with his or her employer.

(5) *Hearing; civil action.* Whenever any employee is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to any crime related to his or her public employment, the Retirement Board shall

conduct a meeting, with the employee having the opportunity to be heard, to determine if a recommendation of revocation or reduction of any retirement allowance or annuity or other benefit or payment to which the employee is otherwise entitled to under this chapter is warranted. If the Retirement Board determined that revocation or reduction of any retirement allowance or annuity or other benefit or payment to which the employee is otherwise entitled to under this chapter is warranted, the Retirement Board shall initiate a civil action in the Superior Court for the revocation or reduction of any retirement allowance or annuity or other benefit or payment to which the employee is otherwise entitled to under Chapter 17.

(6) For purposes of this section, "pleads guilty or nolo contendere" shall not include any plea of guilty or nolo contendere which does not result in a conviction by virtue of G.L. 1956 § 12-10-12 or 12-18-3, as amended.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO and COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):

An Ordinance relating to pedestrian safety.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, 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 Councilman Patrick K. Butler and Heather Butler upon the birth of their daughter, Haley Anna, born October 19, 1999 and weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend their sincere congratulations to Councilman Patrick K. Butler and Heather Butler upon the birth of their daughter, Haley Anna, born October 19, 1999 and weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):

Resolution Supporting a timely intervention by a United Nations Peacekeeping Force in East Timor.

Whereas, The people of East Timor recently held a referendum of the issue of independence from Indonesia and overwhelmingly voted for independence; and

Whereas, After the vote for independence armed militia in East Timor have created widespread havoc, destruction and the death of many innocent people, including the elderly, women, children and religious; and

Whereas, The United States of America has always been a world-wide symbol for freedom and democracy; and

Whereas, The United States of America has always been vigilant in protecting the rights of all peoples of all countries from persecution and the abuse of their rights.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby supports, and requests its elected officials, both state and national, to support a timely intervention by a United Nations Peacekeeping Force in East Timor; and

That the City Clerk be, and he hereby is, instructed to forward a duly executed copy of this resolution to all officials elected to represent the city and to all other city and town clerks of the state urging their joint participation in this effort.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:**Resolution creating a Drug Summit Commission.**

Whereas, The President of the Providence City Council is requested to empanel and create a Drug Summit Commission; and

Whereas, This newly created Commission would meet in order that some concrete discussion would be made relative to the Drug problems that we have here within the City of Providence; and

Whereas, These problems have over-flowed into our schools and neighborhoods where there have been a number of robberies and murders on the streets of the City of Providence; and

Whereas, With the creation of such a Commission, it could address these many instances of violation of law, which in addition to being criminal violations, constitute a public nuisance; and

Whereas, The Commission is hereby requested to host and conduct many meetings with the Public Schools, Churches, Community Centers, Recreation Centers, Neighborhood Groups and any other organization or groups which could be helpful to this Commission.

Now therefore, be it Resolved, That the purpose and charge of said Commission is to study and advise the City Council on the practicability of implementing a plan of how to address this very serious problem we have here in the City of Providence; and

Be it further Resolved, That any and all reports from the Commission shall be submitted

to the City Council by filing said reports with the City Clerk within a timely fashion; and

Be it further Resolved, That said Commission shall consist of seventeen (17) members to be appointed by the President of the Providence City Council. This Commission shall have the following membership:

Two (2) Providence City Council Members

Two (2) Members of the Clergy

One (1) Commissioner of Public Safety or Designee

One (1) Chief of Police or Designee

One (1) State Representative of the RI General Assembly

One (1) State Senator of the RI General Assembly

One (1) Director of the Mayor's Council of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Three (3) Community Leaders

One (1) Job Training Professional

Two (2) Drug Rehabilitation Professionals

One (1) Superintendent of Schools or Designee

One (1) Recreation Director or Designee

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN:

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

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting to name the Administration Building at the Department of Public Works the "James T. Morris Administration Building".

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "four-way stop" sign at the corner of Washington Avenue and Virginia Avenue.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting that the portion of Chapman Street between O'Connor Street and Eddy Street be renamed Bailey Boulevard.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, 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 Sergeant Luis San Lucas on his historic appointment as the first Hispanic Sergeant on the Providence Police Department.

Whereas, Sergeant Luis F. San Lucas was appointed to the Providence Police Department on January 10, 1989, and assigned to the Patrol Bureau, Uniformed Division as a night patrol officer, and

Whereas, Sergeant Luis F. San Lucas is married to the former Martha Diaz and they have one daughter, and

Whereas, In January 1991, Sergeant San Lucas, a 2nd Lieutenant in the Rhode Island Air National Guard, was called to duty and saw action during the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, and in November of 1995, he was assigned to the Community Policing Bureau, and

Whereas, Sergeant San Lucas was promoted to the rank of Detective and transferred to the Detective Bureau in the Investigation Division, and

Whereas, Sergeant San Lucas received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rhode Island College in 1992. Sergeant San Lucas is the recipient of numerous commendations for excellent police work.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council, do hereby congratulate Luis F. San Lucas upon being promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and wishing him many years of distinguished service and to protect and serve the Citizens of the City of Providence.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street from 7:30 o'clock p.m. on Friday, November 5, 1999 to 2:00 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 1999 to accommodate the annual Artist Ball.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street from 7:30 o'clock p.m. on Friday, November 5, 1999 to 2:00 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 1999 to accommodate the annual Artist Ball.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to name that open space currently under improvement along Oakland

Avenue at Chalkstone Avenue and at Pleasant Valley Parkway the "Thomas D. Twitchell Greenway".

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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

Resolution Requesting to name the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier as the "James T. Morris Hurricane Barrier".

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the sewers to be bailed along various streets within the Seventh Ward.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the sewers to be bailed along the following streets within the Seventh Ward.

Laurel Hill Avenue

Magdalene Street

What Cheer Avenue

Hillhurst Avenue

Hauxhurst Street

Myra Street

Horace Street

Killingly Street

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the trees to be trimmed along the entire length of Ophelia Street, especially in front of 132 Ophelia Street.

Resolved, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the trees to be trimmed along the entire length of Ophelia Street, especially in front of 132 Ophelia Street.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "three-way stop" signs at the corner of Lowell Avenue and Harlem Street.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI:

Resolution Requesting the Department of Public Works to clean the catch basins on Laban Street, Heath Street and Eastwood Street.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Works is requested to clean the catch basins on Laban Street, Heath Street and Eastwood Street.

COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Durham Street from Admiral Street to the first intersection on the Admiral Street side, on Saturday, October 30, 1999 between the hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Durham Street from Admiral Street to the first intersection on the Admiral Street side, on Saturday, October 30, 1999 between the hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate a Neighborhood Block Party.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Carr Street, from 113 to 115 Carr Street, on Sunday, October 31, 1999, between the hours of 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 11:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a Birthday Party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Carr Street, from 113 to 115 Carr Street, on Sunday, October 31, 1999, between the hours of 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 11:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a Birthday Party.

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

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

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

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

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

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the removal of the "two-way stop" sign located at the corner of Updike Street and Moore Street and to cause the installation of a "four-way stop" sign in its place.

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

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause that tree located at Willard Avenue and Taylor Street to be trimmed, said branches are hanging over the street.

Resolved, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause that tree located at Willard Avenue and Taylor Street to be trimmed, said branches are hanging over the street.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the City Council to place a Moratorium on any and all land to be acquired by SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property) throughout the City of Providence until such time as they hold public hearings on any and all existing and proposed projects, and that all requests for tax abatements be placed on hold.

Whereas, SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property) has been a fixture here in the City of Providence for many years and has created and rehabilitated a lot of housing in the City; and

Whereas, It seems that in the last few years SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property) has distanced itself and organization away from the various Communities in the City of Providence; and

Whereas, By doing this, the Communities are unaware of what they are doing until the last minute, or when a new piece of property is taken over by them; and

Whereas, Instead of following the City Plan to provide urban open space and larger lots for existing owners, they swallow up all the land they can, through whatever means necessary; and

Whereas, The residents of the City of Providence are requesting that SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property) inform the communities of any proposed plans by way of holding public hearings which would be advertised in local and community papers.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Providence City Council place a Ninety (90) Day Moratorium on any and all land to be acquired by SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property) throughout the City of Providence until such time as they hold a public hearing on any and all existing and proposed projects,

and that all tax abatements and building permits be placed on hold, if such public hearings are not held within the Ninety (90) Days, said Resolution shall be extended.

Be it further Resolved, That SWAP (Stop Wasting Abandoned Property) respond in writing to the Providence City Council as what it intends to do about these problems within Ninety (90) Days of the passage of this Resolution.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves passage of the Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG moves to amend the Resolution by adding the words "and building permits", to the last sentence to read:

"... and that all requests for tax abatements and building permits be placed on hold ...".

This motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN ALLEN.

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

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN requests to be recorded as "Not Voting" on this matter.

The motion for Passage, as amended, 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 Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "stop" sign at the intersection of Havana Street and Burns Streete.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "stop" sign at the intersection of Havana Street and Burns Streete.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "no parking to corner" signs at the corner of Venice Street and Douglas Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "no parking to corner" signs at the corner of Venice Street and Douglas Avenue.

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

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs along the intersection of Wisdom Avenue and Huron Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of speed limit signs along Unit Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of speed limit signs along Unit Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "stop" sign along Steere Avenue and Amherst Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "stop" sign along Steere Avenue and Amherst Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "slow children"

signs at Hendricken Street and Erastus Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "slow children" signs at Hendricken Street and Erastus Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "no thru trucks" signs on all residential streets located within Ward Nine that are not designated as truck routes, to be placed on both Broad Street and Elmwood Avenue, and the entrance to said streets.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "no thru trucks" signs on all residential streets located within Ward Nine that are not designated as truck routes, to be placed on both Broad Street and Elmwood Avenue, and the entrance to said streets.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs at the intersection of Fair Oaks Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs at the intersection of Fair Oaks Avenue and Elmhurst Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Fairbanks Avenue to become a one-way street from Wyndham Avenue to River Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause Fairbanks Avenue to become a one-way street from Wyndham Avenue to River Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs at the corner of Lenox Avenue and Niagara Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs at the corner of Lenox Avenue and Niagara Street.

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

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting permission to locate fiber optics cable route, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by Williams Communications along and across various city streets rights of way.

Laid on the Clerk's Desk until the November 13, 1999 Council Meeting, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion to Lay on the Clerk's Desk is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Adopted, as amended:

An Ordinance in accordance with Chapter 21, Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled "Capital Equipment Budget", as amended.

Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

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

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time, as amended, is Sustained.

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo,

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

Resolution Requesting a Moratorium for up to a three month period on any new tax

stabilization programs for the City of Providence until such time as the City

Council can ascertain its economic impact on the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island.

Resolved, That a Moratorium is requested for up to a three month period on any new tax stabilization programs for the City of Providence until such time as the City Council can ascertain its economic impact on the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island.

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

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Clarkin, DeLuca, Jackson, Councilwomen Williams and Young—8.

Nays: Councilman Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan and Romano—7.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

and

**COUNCILWOMAN BALBAINA A. YOUNG, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL and PLANNING**

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

Resolution Authorizing the approval of certain expenditures of funds from the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

Whereas, An Ordinance appropriating \$50 million and authorizing the issuance of \$50 million in bonds for the Neighborhood

Improvement Program: a Plan to Revitalize Providence's Neighborhood's was adopted (1997-27); and

Whereas, Said Ordinance requires that "each component of said plan will be developed and approved by the City Council prior to the expenditures of any funds", and

Whereas, \$28,680,259.80 million has been appropriated by Council Resolution No. 375, dated June 30, 1997 as well as Council Resolution Numbers 474 dated August 22, 1997, 610 dated October 19, 1997, 702 & 703 dated December 19, 1997, 163 dated March 16, 1998, 258 & 259 dated April 24, 1998, 357 dated June 26, 1998, 555 dated September 28, 1998, 719 dated December 28, 1998, 118 dated February 28, 1999, No. 276 dated May 14, 1999 and No. 486 dated August 16, 1999 for various projects; and

Whereas, Plans have been developed for additional components of the Neighborhood Improvement Program;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the following expenditures of funds are approved:

1. *Neighborhood Improvement Projects:*

A. Ward 1

1. Fox Point Project Area
(Trenton & Ives St.) \$93,500.00
2. Fox Point Elementary School
Site Improvements \$80,000.00
3. Wayland Square Traffic Calming
Improvements \$165,000.00
4. Removal of Diseased Street Trees
(additional funds) \$10,000.00
5. Governor Lippitt Museum
(sidewalk repairs) \$5,000.00

6. Street & Traffic Sign
Replacement \$5,000.00

B. Ward 12

1. Camden Avenue Recreation Center
Improvements \$6,200.00

C. Ward 13

1. West Broadway
Traffic Calming Project \$250,000.00

D. Ward 14

1. 100 General Street Building Renovations
(additional funds) \$100,000.00

E. Ward 8

1. Holy Cross Church of God
in Christ \$10,000.00

F. Ward 10

1. Holy Cross Church of God in Christ (To
assist with renovations of the Community
Rooms used for after school literacy
programs) \$15,000.00

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves passage of the Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN APONTE moves to amend the Resolution to add to the expenditures:

F. Ward 10

1. Holy Cross Church of God in Christ (To
assist with renovations of the community
rooms used for after school literacy
programs) \$15,000.00

COUNCILMAN ALLEN seconds this motion.

The motion to Amend is Sustained.

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

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clar-kin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo,

Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage, as amended, is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL and PLANNING**

Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be Adopted, as amended:

An Ordinance amending Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan of the City of Providence, Chapter 1994-52, No. 798, adopted December 27, 1994, as amended. (Harbor Management Plan 1998-2002).

Read and Passed the First Time and Referred Back to Committee, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clar-

kin, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—11.

Nays: Councilman DeLuca, Councilwo-
man DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett and
Igliozi—4.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time and Referral Back to Committee is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of John F. Mahoney, 152 DePinedo Street, in the City of Providence, Rhode Island, giving to the City of Providence the 40 foot wall located at that address, which was constructed by miscommunication by and between Mr. Mahoney, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Inspection and Standards.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Nicola Palladino (Michael R. DeLuca, Esquire)

Carlos A. Saraiva

Daryl Guglielmi

Charles Bouris (Robert A. D'Amico, II, Esquire)

Metropolitan Property & Casualty Co.
a/s/o Rosetta Aikens

Hilbert Beale

Louis C. Pierce

Maria Elena Castro (Mark B. Laroche, Esquire)

Kimberly Sanzi (Jeffrey B. Pine, Esquire)

Premier Insurance Company a/s/o Dana Bradley (Gerald P. McOsker, Esquire)

W. Artesani & Sons, Inc.

Selvin Orellana (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Victor Orellana (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Patricia A. Violette

Susan W. Clausen

Kathleen H. Caspararo

CJW & Associates a/s/o Kevin O'Brien

Fitchburg Mutual Insurance a/s/o Ya Fen Liu

Edwin Martinez (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Alfredo Schontter (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petition of William F. Rommel, Warren Equities, Inc., 355 Allens Avenue, Providence, RI 02905, requesting to abandon Pleasure Street from Poe Street to Allens Avenue.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

"In Congratulations"

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

Citations Extending Congratulations.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their sincere congratulations to the following:

Karen Leach, in recognition of the celebration of her retirement after thirty years of dedicated service to the Providence School Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Julio Sabitoni, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on October 15, 1949.

Beverly Waite, in recognition of receiving the community service award for her many years in the Youth Football Organization of Providence, Rhode Island.

Raymond "Ray" Rollins, in recognition of his dedicated service to the youth of the community

and continued involvement in the Youth Football Program for over twenty years.

Edward "Mac" Bansette, in recognition of his dedicated service to the youth of the community and continued involvement in the Youth Football Program for over twenty years.

Enemencio "Papo" Toribio, in recognition of becoming a citizen of the United States of America.

Christopher Maselli, in recognition of the celebration of his admission into the Rhode Island Bar Association.

Davey Lopes, in recognition of being named manager of the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Team in the National Baseball League.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memorium"

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

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

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

Florence Irene Arena

Carmino V. Ginolfi

Teresa Galea

Elvira "Vera" Moses

Frank A. Lilli

The Honorable John H. Chafee

James T. Morris

Herman C. Pitts

Patricia A. Gibney

W. Patricia Lynch

Thomas A. Jordan

Vincent J. Flynn

Henry "Hank" Mangili

John L. Fuzek

John Ricci, Sr.

Joseph C. Washington

Paul Barnett

Santo Calitri

Louis C. McGowan

Natalie E. Davis

Bart Rizzo

Kaitlyn Elizabeth DeCubellis

Michael S. "Mitch" DelSanto

Emilio DePasquale

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:55 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk



CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 25 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 18, 1999, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Deacon
HAROLD METTS of Congdon Street Baptist
Church.

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

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON leads
the members of the City Council and the
Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to
the Flag of the United States of America.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The following Ordinance was in City
Council November 4, 1999, Read and Passed
the First Time and is returned for Passage
the Second Time:

An Ordinance in accordance with Chapter 21,
Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City
of Providence entitled: "Capital Equipment
Budget," as amended.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

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:

City Clerk:

Electronic Filing	\$ 14,000
Typewriter	1,000
Two (2) Printers	2,000
Fax Machine	600
Cash Register	600
Calculator	200
Personal Computer	1,600
	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

City Council:

Computer Equipment	\$ 40,000
	<u>\$ 40,000</u>

Communications:

Twenty-five (25) Portable Radios	\$ 27,000
Two (2) Vans	60,000
Twenty-five (25) HT1000 Radios	26,000
Five (5) Radio Control Room Consoles	54,500
Copier	5,000
	<u>\$ 172,500</u>

Fire:

Two (2) 1500 GPM Pumpers	\$ 440,000
Rescue	120,000
Two (2) Compact Adm. Sedans	36,000
Diesel Emission Control System	170,000
Computer Equipment for	
Fire Apparatus	145,000
Fire Hose, Nozzles, Air Packs & Tools	60,000
Van for Auto Repair Division	30,000
Four (4) Trailers	20,000
	<u>\$1,021,000</u>

Data Processing:

Application Software	\$ 400,000
Sixty (60) Personal Computers	90,000
High-speed	
Laser Printer/Mailing System	241,000
Color Laser Printer	6,000

EDS License

8,225

\$ 745,225*Police:*

Grant Match/Record Management System	\$ 320,000
One (1) Prisoner Van	100,000
Eight (8) Crown Victorias	240,000
One (1) Crown Victoria — Commissioner	30,000

\$ 690,000*Traffic Engineering:*

Decorative Street Posts & Luminaries	\$ 40,000
Various Equipment & Supplies	10,000
	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

Parks:

Four (4) 60" Riding Mowers	\$ 28,000
Mobile Radio Equipment	3,000
Five (5) Walk-behind Blowers	4,250
Trailer	4,000
Two (2) Tractor-propelled Blowers	10,000
Twelve (12) Hand Trimmers	3,000
Eight (8) Back Pack Blowers	3,600
Dump Body	9,000
Five (5) Chain Saws	3,500
Five (5) Lawn Mowers	3,500
Bobcat w/Backhoe	35,000
Gator Dump Bed	10,000
Security Vehicle	20,000
Ballfield Tractor	14,000
Fourteen (14) Mobile Radios	14,000
3500 HD Stakebody Dump	35,000
Sweepster	1,500
52" Riding Scag Mower	6,000
Walk-behind Snow Blower	4,000

\$211,350

<i>Procap:</i>	
4x4 Pick-up Truck	\$ 17,000
	<u>\$ 17,000</u>
<i>Public Property:</i>	
Miscellaneous	\$ 131,325
	<u>\$ 131,325</u>
<i>Public Works:</i>	
Vehicle Analyzer	\$ 3,500
Fork Lift	32,500
Street Sweeper	99,000
Flusher Truck	95,000
Digital Camera	6,300
Copier	4,300
Scanner for Transfer Station	5,000
Time & Attendance System	15,000
Two Digger Truck Bodies	76,000
	<u>\$ 336,600</u>

Total Requested \$3,435,000

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, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

The following matter was Laid on the Clerk's Desk at the November 4, 1999 City Council Meeting, the Committee on Public Works transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved.

Resolution requesting permission to locate fiber optic cable route, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by Williams Communications along and across various city streets rights of way.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to withdraw the motion.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves passage of the Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN withdraws the motion for passage, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Refer the Resolution back to the Committee on Public Works, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

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 their sincere best wishes to Patrolman Michael Cileli for a complete and speedy recovery.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Patrolman Michael Cileli for a complete and speedy recovery.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:

Resolution Requesting the School Department and/or School Committee to review the document attached for potential implementation in the schools of the City of Providence.

Resolved, That the School Department and/or School Committee is/are requested to review the document attached for potential implementation in the schools of the City of Providence.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN:

Resolution Requesting condemnation fees for the Public Safety Facility.

Resolved, That authorization be given to deposit with the Superior Court of the State of Rhode Island for condemnation proceedings for the new Public Safety Facility an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 for a period not to exceed 45 days. The City will be repaid interest on the advance at a rate of 5.5%.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG and COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic at Abbot Park Place on November 19, 1999 from 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 10:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate the RI Gay and Lesbian Alliance Hate Crimes Rally.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic at Abbot Park Place on November 19, 1999 from 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 10:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate the RI Gay and Lesbian Alliance Hate Crimes Rally.

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

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved:

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated October 4, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Fitzgerald Himmelsbach of 197 Knight Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2001, and respectfully submits the same for approval. Mr. Himmelsbach will be replacing Ms. Cecelia Ramos who has resigned.

October 4, 1999

The Honorable Members
The City Council of the
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day appointing Mr. Fitzgerald Himmelsbach of 197 Knight Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2001, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. Mr. Himmelsbach will be replacing Ms. Cecelia Ramos who has resigned.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated October 4, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Reverend Robert Farrow of 157 Ophelia Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2000, and respectfully submits the same for approval. Reverend Robert Farrow will be replacing Mr. John Shekarchi who has resigned.

October 4, 1999

The Honorable Members
The City Council of the
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day appointing Reverend Robert Farrow of 157 Ophelia Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2000, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. Reverend Robert Farrow will be replacing Mr. John Shekarchi who has resigned.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

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

Severally Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Approval is Sustained.

Transmits the following with recommendation that the same has been Received but Not Approved:

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated October 4, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Ms. Pam Meyers of 28 Luzon Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval. Ms. Meyers will be replacing Ms. Kai Cameron who has resigned.

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

Rejected, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion to Reject is Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from John Palmieri, Executive Director, Providence Redevelopment Agency, dated November 10, 1999, submitting the Report of the Providence Redevelopment Agency regarding the Public Safety and Municipal Building Projects.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Jointly Refers the Communication to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning and the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Communication from Gertrude F. Blakey, President, Providence School Board, dated November 8, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (Bus Monitors) were ratified by the Board on November 8, 1999.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Communication to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Communication from Gertrude F. Blakey, President, Providence School Board, dated

November 8, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (Teachers Assistants) were ratified by the Board on November 8, 1999.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Communication to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Communication from Gertrude F. Blakey, President, Providence School Board, dated November 8, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Providence School Board and LIUNA, Local 1033, (B.E.S.T.) were ratified by the Board on November 8, 1999.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Communication to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"A lot of times when we talk about our schools, we talk about negative things that have happened, but at this point it is unfortunate that the Journal is not here, I think all we need to be aware of some positive things that never get publicity, or enough publicity, within the schools that I would like to make my colleagues aware of. Two of them being sports related within this fall season, the Classical Girls' Tennis Team won the State Championship, and also the Hope High School Boys' Soccer Team won the State Championship, and I think that at a further time we should honor both teams. Probably numerous members of those teams come from all of our communities, or some of our communities. I think that is important because we don't give them enough recognition, nor does the Journal Bulletin give the young people who take the extra time to participate in extra curricular activities. The third thing in regard to the schools . . . it relates to the performing arts. We hear all the time about the creation and the future of performing arts school, but we already have a performing arts school as we know, and that is the Hope

High School Arts Magnet which has done a wonderful job. I just want to make my colleagues aware of that they were one of 24 schools chosen, their theater group, to perform at the Edinburrow Festival in Scotland in the spring. The play they will be doing is Rowing to America, the Immigrant Project, and they will be performing at Hope on December 2 and 3. They are one of only 24 schools. It is like the Olympics of theater production. One of only 24 public or private schools within the United States chosen to perform at this festival. They obviously need to raise funds. I would encourage my colleagues to call either the person who is the director, Ms. Auxier who is in charge of the theater production, or the principal. I think that instead of raising funds for the performing arts school, support the performing arts school that we already have and give money towards what they have already achieved. They all have to be recognized nationally and we need to promote that more than we have and not say we don't have anything going on in the arts within our high schools, but we already have something positive and unless we can stand behind that, I don't think the children will appreciate our efforts."

COMMUNICATION

Certificates from the City Assessor (4D and 5D) recommending the same be severally cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries
and Damages, viz:

Donald P. Rodrigues

Lynn A. Kiley

John Moniz

Patricia DiGiulio

Saliba, Inc. d/b/a Broadway Liquors

Amica Mutual Insurance Co.

Lisette Sales (Charles J. Vucci, Esq.)

Maria E. Palrao

Julie Armada

Narragansett Electric Co.

Latosha Taylor & Melissa Taylor, p.p.a.
Devon Taylor

USAA Casualty Insurance Co., a/s/o Yoash
R. Enzer

Yaaqov Magidin

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

"In Congratulations"

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

Citations Extending Congratulations.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their sincere congratulations to the following:

Sergeant Al Zonfrilli, in recognition of being the recipient of the Centurion Award from the Rhode Island Association of Italian American Police Officers.

Betsey Block, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement from State Service after nearly thirty years.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memorium"

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

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

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

Anthony Ancona, Jr.

M. Cecile Couto

Thomas J. Slater

Robert G. Reynolds

Stephen J. Meade

Joseph Richard "Bob" Solomon

Susan O. Echmalian

Jasper David

Caldonia Davies

Joseph P. Colaluca

Clara Mignacca

Rocco DelBonis

Mafalda "Muffy" Vispo

Carmin D. "Carmino" Vita

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

Dorothy E. Leach

Domenico Germani

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Ruth K. Murray

RULE SUSPENSION

On motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to Suspend Rule 2 of the Rules of the City Council in order to change the date of the City Council Meeting to be held on December 2, 1999 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. (E.S.T.).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 7:55 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1999 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).



JEAN M. ANGELONE
Deputy City Clerk

