

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 120

Approved March 5, 1954

Whereas, The City Council by Resolution Number 639 approved September 18, 1953 directed through the Mayor to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island a request that the Development Council of the State of Rhode Island negotiate with the City of Providence and the Town of East Providence for the purpose of conducting an economic study of the potentialities of the Port of Providence, and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of East Providence did resolve on October 8, 1953 to participate in the negotiations, and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Development Council has been directed by the Governor to engage consulting engineers and supervise the study and prepare a report,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of Rhode Island to undertake an economic study of the Port of Providence, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) be authorized to be paid from the Contingency Account as the City's share of the cost involved. At the completion of the study any unused portion of the \$16,000 so advanced shall revert to the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 4 - 1954

READ and PASSED  
*James E. Mumford*  
*Robert W. Moran*  
Clerk

APPROVED

MAR 5 - 1954

*Walter H. Reynolds*  
MAYOR



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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Prospectus of an  
ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE PORT OF PROVIDENCE  
for the  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
and the  
TOWN OF EAST PROVIDENCE

Rhode Island Development Council

February, 1954

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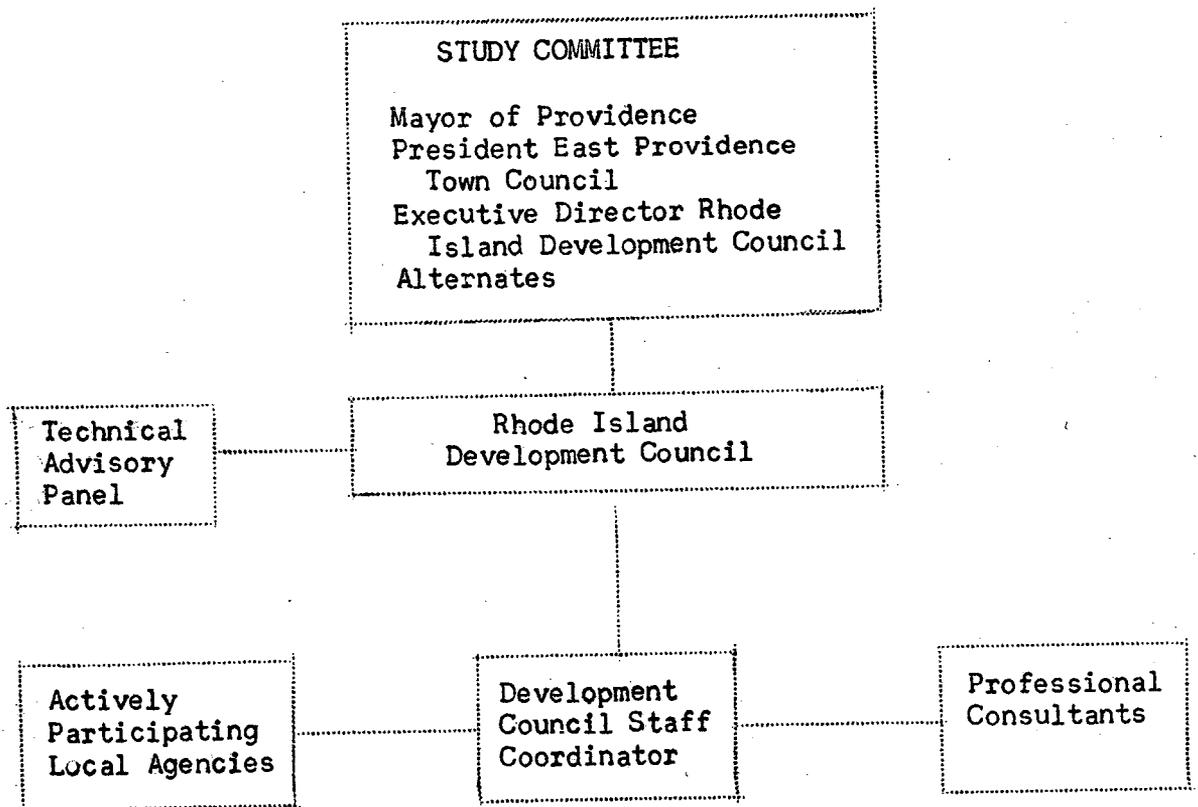
## PROSPECTUS FOR ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE PORT OF PROVIDENCE

Background. On September 18, 1953, the Providence City Council acted to request the Rhode Island Development Council to undertake an economic study of the Port of Providence. (See Appendix I) The Town of East Providence was invited to join in the project and on October 8, 1953, the East Providence Town Council resolved to participate in the negotiations.

The Community Assistance Program of the Rhode Island Development Council is established by law. Chapter 2732, Section 28B, of the Public Laws of 1951 states in part, "The council shall, upon request of the governor, make a study and report upon any planning, development or redevelopment problem submitted to the governor by the legislative body of any municipality in the state, and the council may agree with any such municipality as to the amount, if any, to be paid to the council for any such service."

At the direction of Governor Roberts and in accordance with the resolutions and law cited, the Rhode Island Development Council has given careful consideration to possible organization and methods for a port study. The following recommendations are submitted as an appropriate pattern for conducting a thorough study with economy of personnel, time, and funds.

Organization. General supervision and determination of policies is to be lodged in a Study Committee composed of the Mayor of Providence, the Town Council President of East Providence, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Development Council, and their alternates.



Coordination of the work program and drafting of the final report shall be the primary responsibility of the Chief of the Research Division, Rhode Island Development Council, or of a staff member to be designated by him.

A Technical Advisory Panel, consisting of state officials, local officials, and representatives of other groups interested in port development shall be named by the Study Committee and shall serve without pay. Their advice shall be sought as a group or individually by the Development Council Staff.

The engineering consulting firm of Knappen-Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy shall be engaged to assist and advise the Study Committee and Staff Coordinator. The functions of the consultants shall include 1) general advice on organization and procedure 2) submission of formal memoranda on certain phases of the study requiring specialized technical knowledge or experience; 3) review and comment on all phases of the study. It is felt that the arrangement will make the most efficient use of consulting time.

City and town agencies as designated by the Mayor of Providence and the Town Council President of East Providence shall participate actively in the port study through cooperation with the Development Council Staff Coordinator.

Procedure. The members of the Study Committee and their alternates shall meet monthly with the Development Council Staff Coordinator and with the professional consultants to review progress and establish policies.

The Technical Advisory Panel may be convened by the Staff Coordinator or individual members may be consulted informally.

The study shall, so far as it is practical, follow the outline presented in condensed form as Appendix II to this prospectus.

The purposes of the study shall be:

1. To assemble reliable data on the present and potential economic and physical development of the Port of Providence
2. To identify realistic goals and to define limitations of future port development
3. To support both positive and negative recommendations with full evidence
4. To recommend procedures for the promotion, improvement, development, operation, and administration of the Port of Providence

The major divisions of the study shall be:

1. Economic characteristics and potentials
2. Physical characteristics
3. Port administration and management
4. Port development program

Subtopics under these headings shall serve as subjects for a series of memoranda which, in turn, shall serve as the basis for a final report.

Some of the memoranda shall be prepared by regular or temporary members of the Rhode Island Development Council; others, by the consultants or cooperating agencies.

The Rhode Island Development Council shall be responsible for final analysis, coordination of memoranda, and preparation of a finished report.

Schedule. The study shall begin and the consultants shall be retained as of April 1, 1954.

The study shall be completed before the end of the calendar year 1954.

Financing. The normal cost of a port study of the type proposed is in the order of \$35,000 to \$45,000. This estimate is based on recent experience at the ports of Houston, Buffalo, and Trenton. However, the Rhode Island Development Council is prepared to contribute the time of regular staff members assigned and to provide office space, thus absorbing much of the usual overhead. It is further assumed that local agencies will make significant contributions of staff time.

Special appropriations of the City of Providence and the Town of East Providence shall be made to cover only unusual expenses incurred by the Development Council. These shall include temporary staff, printing and binding, and miscellaneous items to the total amount indicated below, apportioned on the basis of a formula to be mutually agreed upon.

Consultants fees	\$12,000
Temporary personnel	4,500
(Research technician)	
(Clerk-stenographer)	
Printing, binding, and	
supplies	1,000
Reserve for contingencies	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$19,500

If this total were to be divided approximately on the basis of assessed valuations, Providence might pay \$16,000 and East Providence \$3,500.

At the completion of the study, any unused portion of the appropriations shall revert to the City of Providence and the Town of East Providence in the same proportion as their original contributions.

Appendix I

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 639  
Approved September 18, 1953

WHEREAS, the Port of Providence is now and has been operating with much success over a period of years, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed most desirable to expand the activities of this port along whatever lines may be most feasible and desirable,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, that the Mayor of Providence be authorized to direct to the Governor of Rhode Island the desire of this Council that he request the Development Council of the State of Rhode Island to negotiate with the City of Providence for the purpose of making a study of the economic potentialities of said port for further and more intensive development, such study to be conducted by the Development Council with the active participation and co-operation of such city agencies as the Mayor may designate and in co-operation, likewise, with representatives of the town of East Providence should that community desire to participate in this study.

D. Everett Whelan,  
City Clerk.

APPENDIX II

CONDENSED OUTLINE

ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE PORT OF PROVIDENCE

Introduction--port history

I. Economic characteristics and potentials

- A. General economic characteristics
- B. Detailed characteristics of principal commodities: petroleum, coal, lumber, chemicals
- C. Commodities originating in southern New England or destined for southern New England which might be routed through the Port of Providence
- D. Potential long haul traffic
- E. The problem of outbound cargoes
- F. Specialized port developments
- G. Port development and future naval activity
- H. Port development and national defense
- I. State and local taxation as factors in port development
- J. Shipping and insurance rates
- K. Possible effects on the economy of the area of increased port activity and improved facilities

II. Physical characteristics, development, and potential

- A. Climate
- B. Location
- C. Navigation
- D. Wharfs and piers
- E. Storage and warehouse facilities
- F. Connecting transportation facilities
- G. Waterfront land use

III. Port administration and management

- A. Longshore and port services
- B. Federal legislation and services
- C. State legislation and services
- D. Local legislation and services
- E. Promotion of port facilities

IV. Port development program

- A. Goals for types and amounts of traffic
- B. Development of physical facilities
- C. Revision of laws, ordinances, regulations, fee schedules, zoning
- D. Administrative organization
- E. Economic justification of developments proposed
- F. Economic justification of negative recommendations



# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. **121**

Approved March 5, 1954

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Resolved,

That the City Solicitor be and he

hereby is directed to urge passage by the 1954 Session of the General Assembly of a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, substantially in accordance with the accompanying draft, in order that off-street parking facilities may include space for non-parking purposes.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 4 - 1954

READ and PASSED  
*James A. Lynch*  
President  
*Robert W. Hill*  
Clark

APPROVED

MAR 5 - 1954

*Walter H. Reynolds*  
MAYOR

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Approved

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the City Solicitor to and is

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
**CITY COUNCIL**

DIRECTING THE CITY SOLICITOR TO URGE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND RELATIVE TO OFF-STREET PARKING.

whereas it is the policy of the City of Providence to encourage the development of a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, substantially as follows: "The City of Providence shall, in order to encourage parking facilities, may include space for non-vehicle parking."

1951  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
CITY COUNCIL

# State of Rhode Island, &c.

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 19

## RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE STATE.

R E S O L V E D,

T H A T a majority of all the members elected to each house of the General Assembly voting therefor, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State be proposed to the qualified electors of the State in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII of the Constitution for their adoption, to be denominated Article of Amendments:

### ARTICLE

"Section 1. The General Assembly may authorize cities and towns to ~~acquire property by eminent domain, or~~ otherwise, for the establishment and construction of off-street parking facilities and to maintain and operate or lease the same. Any such facility may include space for such private, income-producing, non-parking purposes as the city or town may deem necessary to the financing thereof, subject only to such restrictions and limitations, if any, as the General Assembly may impose."

SEC. 2. This amendment shall take in the Constitution of the State the place of Section 1 of Article XXXII of the Articles of Amendment, adopted June 28, 1951, which said section and all other provisions of the Constitution inconsistent herewith are hereby annulled.

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No. ....

**RESOLUTION**

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
STATE.**

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*Presented by*

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# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 122

Approved March 5, 1954

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**Resolved,**

**That** the City Treasurer, acting under the

direction of the Committee on Finance, be and he hereby is authorized and directed to borrow from time to time in such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding One Million, Six Hundred Thousand (\$1,600,000) Dollars in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2683 of the Public Laws, passed by the General Assembly at its January Session, A.D. 1951 and approved March 21, 1951, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Providence to Issue Bonds in the Sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand (\$1,600,000) Dollars for School Purposes", and to issue the City's notes therefor bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three percentum (3%) per annum, signed by him and countersigned by the Mayor and Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and to renew such notes from time to time as the same become due. The money thus obtained shall be exclusively used and expended for the purchase of land for public school purposes and/or the construction, furnishing and equipping of public school buildings in said City.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

MAR 4 - 1954

**READ and PASSED**  
*Thomas J. ...*  
 President  
*Deverett ...*  
 Clerk

**APPROVED**

MAR 5 - 1954

*Walter H. ...*  
 MAYOR

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND  
DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER  
TO BORROW NOT EXCEEDING ONE  
MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND  
(\$1,600,000) DOLLARS FOR  
SCHOOL PURPOSES.

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

*Mr. Waples  
(by request)*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

That the City Treasurer, acting under the

direction of the Committee on Finance, be and he hereby is  
authorized and directed to borrow from time to time in such  
sums as may be necessary, not exceeding One Million, Six  
Hundred Thousand (\$1,600,000) Dollars in accordance with the  
provisions of Chapter 2083 of the Public Laws, passed by the  
General Assembly at its January Session, A.D. 1951 and approved  
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countersigned by the Mayor and Chairman of the Committee on  
Finance, and to receive such notes from time to time as the same  
become due. The money thus obtained shall be exclusively used  
and expended for the purchase of land for public school purposes  
and for the construction, furnishing and equipping of public  
school buildings in said City.

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# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 123

Approved March 5, 1954

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Resolved,

That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized

to execute a contract in behalf of the City of Providence with the City of Warwick modifying a written agreement providing for the sale of water to the City of Warwick executed by the parties as of December 13, 1948, as provided in the accompanying draft of the modification agreement attached hereto.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 4 - 1954

READ and PASSED

*William J. ...*  
President  
*Everett ...*  
Clerk

APPROVED

MAR 5 - 1954

*Walter H. Reynolds*  
MAYOR

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL

authorizing the Mayor to  
execute in behalf of the  
City of Providence a written  
agreement with the City of  
Warwick relative to the sale  
of water.

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL

*Mr. Dupla*  
*(by request)*

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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MODIFICATION AGREEMENT

Agreement made this                      day of                      , A. D. 1954, by and between the City of Warwick, a municipal corporation in the State of Rhode Island, and the City of Providence, another municipal corporation in the State of Rhode Island,

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto did heretofore, as of the 13th day of December, A. D. 1948, enter into a written agreement providing, among other things, for the sale of water to the City of Warwick by the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, by the provisions of Paragraph (2) of said agreement all water sold under and by virtue of the terms of said agreement was to be delivered at or near the former Pettaconsett Pumping Station, and

WHEREAS, the City of Warwick now desires to have water delivered to it at two additional locations and has made a request of the Water Supply Board of the City of Providence for the purpose of accomplishing this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence is desirous of complying with said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings and promises by each of the parties hereto, it is agreed as follows:

I. That Paragraph (2) of that certain agreement executed by and between the City of Warwick and the City of Providence as of December 13, A. D. 1948, hereinbefore referred to, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

The City of Providence agrees that it will deliver all water sold under and by virtue of the terms of this agreement

to the City of Warwick at the following locations:

(a) At or near the former Pettaucensett Pumping Station in the City of Cranston.

(b) At or near Dresden Street and Wheatland Avenue in the City of Cranston, at which location the City of Providence presently maintains a 30" main.

(c) At or near Oaklawn Avenue and Bateman Avenue in the City of Cranston, at which location the City of Providence presently maintains a 12" main.

And the City of Warwick agrees that it will accept at said locations all water sold to it under the terms of this agreement and that at its own expense it will:

(1) Subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as may be adopted from time to time by the Water Supply Board of the City of Providence, maintain and keep in good repair and operating condition all connections presently existing or hereafter made with the Water Supply System of the City of Providence at the locations aforesaid and all meters now owned by the City of Warwick at any of said locations or that may be hereafter installed by the City of Warwick, as hereinafter provided, and located at or near said locations and used for the purpose of determining the quantity of water delivered by the City of Providence and taken by the City of Warwick.

(2) Install meters, in satisfactory housings, at the locations aforesaid where meters are not presently installed, of a type to be approved by the Water Supply Board of the City of Providence and to be located as near as possible to the mains of the City of Providence but not in the highway.

(3) Make 12" connections under gravity head with the mains of the City of Providence at the locations aforesaid where connections have not already been made, said connections

to be first approved by the Chief Engineer of the Water Supply Board of the City of Providence.

And said City of Warwick further agrees that no booster pumps shall be installed by it to increase the flow of water in any of said connections or the pipes or connections leading therefrom.

II. That the provisions of Paragraph (2) of said written agreement of December 13, A. D. 1948, as amended by Paragraph I hereof, are hereby incorporated therein and made a part thereof by reference with the same force and effect as though said agreement was originally so written.

III. All other terms and conditions of said written agreement of December 13, A. D. 1948, shall continue to remain in full force and effect except as herein modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed, the City of Warwick by its Board of Water Commissioners, thereunto duly authorized, and the City of Providence by Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor of said City of Providence, thereunto duly authorized, the day and year first herein written.

Signed in presence of

CITY OF WARWICK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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CITY OF PROVIDENCE

By \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor