

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**

IN JUNE 1975 COUNCIL



APPROVED: *as Amended*
Vincent Vespia
CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

No. 12 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 22, 1975 8:00 P.M. (EDT)

**PRESIDING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ROBERT J. HAXTON**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Ahmagnò, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—26.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
TIMOTHY J. AHERN.

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

COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN leads
the Members of the City Council and the Assem-
blage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of
the United States of America.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, dated May 16, 1975, from Ad-
ministrative Assistant to His Honor the Mayor
Forwarding Copy of Notification of Suspension
to the City Council of Joseph P. Hasset, as Di-
rector of the Department of Recreation, as fol-
lows:

FROM: Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
Executive Chamber
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

RE: Notification of Suspension

May 16, 1975

TO: Joseph P. Hasset
Director of Recreation
56 Lennon Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Pursuant to the authority of Section 4.30 of
the Providence Charter Laws and all other auth-
ority invested in me by law I do hereby notify
you that you are this date forthwith suspended
as Director of Recreation for the City of Provi-
dence.

In compliance with Section 4.30 of said Providence Charter Laws, I inform you that the cause for said suspension is as follows:

1. You lack the qualifications of having four years of college training or its equivalent as required by Chapter 1956 of the Public Laws of the State of Rhode Island, January Session 1947 and Chapter 24 §7.1 added by Ordinance 1947 Chapter 1621 §1 and other valid Ordinances of the City of Providence.

2. Illegal dispersion of City Property and equipment.

3. Failure to keep proper and adequate inventory control records.

4. Working at other gainful employment for compensation during regular business hours when you were required to work for the City of Providence in the performance of your duties as Director of Recreation.

5. Entering into an oral contract obligating the City to an indebtedness in the amount of \$26,000 over and above existing appropriations, in violation of Charter Provisions of the City of Providence relating thereto.

I am at the same time notifying the Council of this suspension and cause herein designated by filing in the Office of the City Clerk a copy of this notification.

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor, City of Providence

COUNCILMAN LYNCH informs the Council that the Clerk is in receipt of a communication from the Administrative Assistant to His Honor the Mayor for the attention of the Honorable City Council and requests the same be read, viz:

May 22, 1975

The Honorable Vincent Vespia
City Clerk
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

We understand that the "Docket for Meeting of the City Council" to be held on May 22, 1975, at 8 p.m., contains a communication from the Mayor notifying the Council of the suspension of Joseph P. Hassett dated May 16, 1975.

Under Charter Section 4.30, the Mayor shall "present written charges against such suspended officer to the Council at or prior to its next regular meeting following such suspension." The Charter further provided that "at said meeting the Council shall fix a time for hearing said charges, which hearing shall be held not less than ten (10) nor more than fifteen (15) days after said meeting of the Council."

Accordingly, please be advised that the Mayor will present said written charges against Joseph P. Hassett to the Council at or prior to its next regular meeting of June 5, 1975. At said regular meeting of June 5, 1975, the Council shall then fix a hearing date, between the dates of June 15 and June 20, 1975.

Sincerely,

RONALD H. GLANTZ
Administrative Assistant

COUNCILMAN LYNCH Moves that with the said Notice of Suspension the City Council meet on Wednesday, May 28, 1975.

This motion being seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, **COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL** and **COUNCILMAN FARGNOLI**, is put to Vote and Passed, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Tomasso and Turchetta—11.

Absent: None.

At this point COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY questions the Chair whether this meeting is a Regular Meeting of the City Council and appeals to the Chair to rule on the question.

The Chair rules that this meeting is a regular Meeting of the City Council.

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY moves to appeal from the Ruling of the Chair.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW and XAVIER, is Put to Vote and Passed to Sustain the Ruling of the Chair, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Tomasso and Turchetta—11.

Absent: None.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH informs the Council that the ~~previous~~ vote of the Council relative to the Proposed Hearing on the Notification of Suspension of Joseph P. Hassett as Director of Department of Recreation, the hour of the day scheduled was not noted.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, AHERN and FARGNOLI, it is Voted to Amend the Motion of that scheduled hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 1975 to meet at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EDT), by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen, Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Tomasso and Turchetta—11.

Absent: None.

MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted to Suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council in Order to Allow the Introduction of the following Matters Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

ELECTIONS

ONE COUNCILMANIC MEMBER TO THE BUREAU OF LICENSES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON calls for nominations for the Election of One Member of the City Council to the Bureau of Licenses as authorized by An Act 75H 6391, entitled AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUREAU OF LICENSES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE; passed by the General Assembly at the January Session, A.D. 1975 and approved by the Governor on the nineteenth day of May, A.D. 1975.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON nominates COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN and this nomination is seconded by COUNCILMEN AHERN, CROWLEY and FARGNOLI.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON calls for counter-nominations and there are none.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN moves the matter of the subject Election be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

This motion is Put to Vote and Not Passed.

COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO objects to Consideration of the Election of One Councilmanic Member to the Bureau of Licenses.

This motion is Not seconded and Council President Haxton permits the City Council to voice its expression and by a Voice Vote it does not favor the objection.

The Council thereupon proceeds to vote on said Nomination by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fargnoli, Flynn, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—14.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Turchetta—11.

Absent: Councilman Tomasso—1.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON thereupon declares COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN

duly elected as Councilmanic Member of the Bureau of Licenses of the City of Providence for so long as he is a member of the City Council.

TWO COUNCILMANIC MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON calls for nominations for the Election of Two Members of the City Council to the Zoning Board of Review as authorized by an Act 75H 6457, entitled AN ACT RELATING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, passed by the General Assembly at the January Session, A.D. 1975 and approved by the Governor on the nineteenth day of May, A.D. 1975.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER nominates COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL and this Nomination is seconded by COUNCILMAN FARGNOLI.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH nominates COUNCILMAN RALPH FARGNOLI and this Nomination is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMEN ADDISON and STRAVATO.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN moves the Matter of the Subject Elections be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW is Put to Vote and Not Passed.

COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO objects to the consideration of the Elections of Two Councilmanic Members to the Zoning Board of Review.

This motion is not seconded and Council President Haxton permits the City Council to Voice its expression and by Voice Vote it does not favor the objection.

The Council thereupon proceeds to vote on said Nominations, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fargnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: None.

Not Voting: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Tomasso—10.

Absent: Councilman Turchetta—1.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON thereupon declares COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN RALPH FARGNOLI duly elected as Councilmanic Members of the Zoning Board of Review for so long as they are members of the City Council.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY CLERK

Communication, dated May 21, 1975, from the City Clerk, Informing the Honorable City Council of the Qualification of Councilman John P. Garan to Sit as a Member of the Bureau of

Licenses, for the Term as Long as he is Chairman of the Committee on Licenses of the City Council, viz:

To the Honorable City Council
City of Providence, Rhode Island

Honorable Members:

Pleased be advised that in accordance with the Provisions of An Act, 75H 6391, entitled, An Act Relating to the Bureau of Licenses of the City of Providence, Passed by the General Assembly at the January Session, A.D. 1975, and approved by the Governor on the Nineteenth day of May, A.D. 1975, Councilman John P. Garan, as Chairman of the Committee on Licenses of the City Council, to whom I have this day, administered the Oath of Office, a copy of which is hereto attached, is qualified to Sit as a Member of the Bureau of Licenses.

Accordingly, I have hand delivered as of this date at approximately 4:30 o'clock P.M. (EDT), a Memorandum to Richard D. Worrell, as Chair-

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man and Secretary of the Bureau of Licenses, on the Subject Matter.

Very sincerely yours,

VINCENT VESPIA
City Clerk of Providence

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

This Motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW and MANSOLILLO is Put to Vote and Not Passed.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves the Communication be Received.

This motion being Seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FARGNOLI is Put to Vote and Passed.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO requests and is granted the Privilege of the Floor and informs the City Council of the following:

COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. STRAVATO D-7:

In accordance with Section of 2.7 Requests of the Council President to Subpoena the Traffic Engineer before the City Council to Answer my Charges of his Involvement in Ward Politics. With a Councilman and Former Councilman Pertaining to the Flow of Traffic on Lowell Avenue.

Louis R. Stravato D-7

Ralph Fagnoli

Robert V. Salvatore

Robert F. Lynch

Francis Crowley

John P. Garan

Timothy Ahern

Harry A. Johnson

Carolyn F. Brassil

Edward W. Xavier

Anthony Merola

The Chair informs Councilman Stravato that he will request the Appearance of the Traffic Engineer before the Next Meeting of the City Council.

This Motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, is Put to Vote and Not Passed by a Division Vote.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN moves the subject matter be Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE (By Request):

the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973.

Resolution Authorizing the Filing by the City of Application for Federal Financial Assistance to the United States Department of Labor, for Funds Under Title III, Section 304 (a) (3) of

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

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL RELATIVE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION OF JOSEPH P. HACKETT ~~HACKETT~~ AS DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON appoints the following Members of the City Council:

COUNCILMAN ROBERT F. LYNCH

COUNCILMAN JOHN P. GARAN

COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS W. PEARLMAN

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted to Suspend Rule 2 of the Rules of the City Council in order to Allow the City Council to meet on a day other than provided in said Rule 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, FLYNN and MEROLA, the City Council adjourns at 10:15 o'clock P.M. (EDT) to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

Vincent Vapio

City Clerk

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