

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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CITY COUNCIL
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 92 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 7, 1998, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 18 1998

APPROVED:

Michael R. Clement CLERK

Present: Council President Fargnoli,
Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Coun-
cilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Ig-
liozi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Coun-
cilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and
Young—14.

Absent: Councilman Rollins—1.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-
WOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILWOMAN CAROL A. ROMANO
leads the members of the City Council and
the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance
to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 86 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held
March 5, 1998, No. 87 of the Special Meeting
of the City Council held March 11, 1998, No.
88 of the Regular Meeting of the City
Council held Thursday, March 19, 1998 and
No. 89 of the Regular Meeting of the City
Council held April 2, 1998 are severally
Approved as Printed, on motion of COUN-
CILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUN-
CILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

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APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated April 17, 1998, appointing Maimie Oates Oliver, Ph.D., 51 Mount Hope Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Center for Counseling & Psychiatric Services Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 1, 2001.

April 17, 1998

Maimie Oates Oliver, Ph.D.
51 Mount Hope Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island 02906

Dear Dr. Oliver:

I welcome the opportunity to appoint you as a member of The Providence Center for Counseling & Psychiatric Services Board of Trustees. Your term of service will expire on December 1, 2001.

This Board is directly involved in the development of programs to assist the citizens of Providence in developing and maintaining good mental health. I am confident that because of your professional background and sense of community involvement, that you will approach this challenging responsibility with dedication and pride.

I extend to you my best wishes upon your appointment.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

Received.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated April 22, 1998, Informing the City Clerk that she has this day appointed a Council Member to the City Council's Commission on Gaming.

April 22, 1998

Mr. Michael R. Clement
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Clement:

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In accordance with the authority granted me under the provisions of City Council Resolution No. 220, effective March 30, 1998, I hereby make the following appointment to the City Council's Commission on Gaming.

Very truly yours,

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI
Council President

Councilman Ronald W. Allen
328 Bucklin Street
Providence, RI 02907

Received.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The following Ordinance was in City Council April 2, 1998, Read and Passed the First Time, and is returned for Passage the Second Time, as amended:

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 1996-27 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence making an appropriation of three hundred forty-nine million, two hundred thirty-eight thousand, seven hundred twelve dollars (\$349,238,712) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, relative to Public Works, as amended.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Transfer from Snow Removal \$38,900.00
(101-5-00510-1620)

Transfer to:

Department of Public Works \$10,360
(101-5-00506-0020)

Law Department \$18,180
(101-5-00105-0020)

Municipal Court \$10,360
(101-5-00106-0020)

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

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Noes: None.

The motion for Passage, the Second
Time is Sustained.

Absent: Councilman Rollins—1.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI:

An Ordinance relating to the tax stabilization
for the DOWNCITY Cinema.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI
Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on
Finance.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously
Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS and COUNCIL-
MAN ALLEN (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of and in
addition to Chapter 1977-15 of the Ordinance
of the City of Providence approved April 28,
1977, entitled "An Ordinance approving and
adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for
Federal Hill East" for the acquisition of
property".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI
Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on
Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and
Planning.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously
Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to study the volume and speed of traffic on Academy, Mount Pleasant and River Avenues, to develop traffic calming techniques to slow the speed at which vehicles travel and install traffic calming devices by November, 1998.

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

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Hawthorne Street between Bucklin Street and Elmwood Avenue on Saturday, May 9, 1998 from 10:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:00 o'clock P.M. for CHISPA's First Community Health Fair, "Hacia una Comunidad Salidable".

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Hawthorne Street between Bucklin Street and Elmwood Avenue on Saturday, May 9, 1998 from 10:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:00 o'clock P.M. for CHISPA's First Community Health Fair, "Hacia una Comunidad Salidable".

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

Last month I was called by a resident living on Arnold Street. They wanted to know who was fixing up a long neglected house on that street. At the time of the call, I did not know who was doing the repair work, but I went over to find out. When I got to the Arnold Street

address, I saw a large group of people, around thirty in all, working both inside and outside of the building. I identified myself to those who were there and they explained that this was Brown University's "Christmas in April" team. That this was a way that they could use their talents to give a better home to a person in need. I stayed at the site for a short time and I have to tell you I have never seen people work so hard or steadily on any other project. The people that

were involved in this project deserve a lot of praise, because not only did they help fix up a house, they helped to improve a whole neighborhood. This giving up of their free time has helped a low-income senior citizen to live his last few years in dignity. I would like to publicly thank them. They are: J.R. Baron, Andrew Barsoian, Beth Bowen, James Coen, Manny DaRosa, Cherrie DeAngelis, Charles (Bill) Greer, Rebecca Kanost, John Colarusso, Robert LaVigne, Kyle Lister, Coleen Lithgoe, Michael Lizotte, Paula R. Penelton, Louis Piacitelli, Richard Reed, Dorothy F. Renaghan, Mary Slavas, Joao Santos, John Santos, Christine Smith, Ron Southiere, Paul Tancrell, Mett Truppi, Pat Vetere, David Woodward and Chuck Muscatelli.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

I would like to echo the sentiment comments of Councilman Clarkin with regard to the Christmas in April program. I never had the occasion to really look into who these people are, but now you mention they are from Brown University. I want to applaud their efforts on behalf of the general public. Not too often we have a lot of our constituents that really have nowhere to turn. They are not eligible to receive funds from any social service agency. They have a house that needs fixing and there is nowhere for them to turn for help. As a matter of fact I am thinking of contacting these people myself because they look to me and if I can't find an agency, or can't help them out with

repairing their houses, having their houses painted, or work being done inside, then I think this is a wonderful place to turn. I don't know what the criteria is for them to help, but I think what they are doing should be applauded by all of us, and we should thank them for what they are doing for the people in the City of Providence.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

This was the second time that Christmas in April has come into my neighborhood. They are a group of not only Brown University, but Fleet Bank and many, many business in the City of Providence who have formed this coalition to help indigent and needy people and it is absolutely wonderful. Last year they came in and completely painted the Elmwood Community Center and this year I have a gentlemen who has been severely injured in an accident. His house has been in Housing Court, it is a blight on the street. One of his neighbors applied, there is an actual application process they actually vote on the projects they are going to do. They came in with a team and filled four giant dumpsters. Just cleaned his house out, painted the exterior, did all kinds of work on the inside, and when I went by the guy was in tears. He was so overwhelmed because he was unable to do these things himself. I think it is a wonderful agency and I really think they should be given credit for the work that they do.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along various streets from 5:00 o'clock P.M. to 1:00 o'clock A.M. for Waterfire.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along various streets from 5:00 o'clock P.M. to 1:00 o'clock A.M. for Waterfire

Sunday, May 24, 1998

Saturday, June 13, 1998

Saturday, June 20, 1998

Sunday, June 27, 1998

Saturday, July 11, 1998

Saturday, July 25, 1998

Saturday, August 8, 1998

Saturday, August 22, 1998

Saturday, September 5, 1998

Saturday, September 19, 1998

Saturday, October 3, 1998

Saturday, October 17, 1998

Saturday, October 31, 1998

College Street between Memorial Boulevard and South Main Street.

Steeple Street between Canal Street and North Main Street.

Custom House Street between Weybosset Street and Memorial Boulevard.

Canal Street between Steeple Street and Washington Street.

And also on Friday, June 5, 1998 from 7:00 o'clock P.M. to 1:00 o'clock A.M.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along George Street between Magee and Brown Streets on Saturday, April 18, 1998 from 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 6:00 o'clock P.M., for a concert to be held on the Main Green to accommodate the Brown University's Annual Spring Weekend.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along George Street between Magee and Brown Streets on Saturday, April 18, 1998 from 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 6:00 o'clock P.M., for a concert to be held on the Main Green to accommodate the Brown University's Annual Spring Weekend.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to post "No Parking on Either Side" signs on Charlesfield Street, between Hope Street and Brook Street beginning at 11:00 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, May 14, 1998, and that motor

vehicle traffic be prohibited and "Do Not Enter" signs be posted, from 12:00 o'clock Noon to 1:00 o'clock P.M. on Friday, May 15, 1998 to accommodate the Department of Police and Security Services at Brown University's Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to post "No Parking on Either Side" signs on Charlesfield Street, between Hope Street and Brook Street beginning at 11:00 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, May 14, 1998, and that motor vehicle traffic be prohibited and "Do Not Enter" signs be posted, from 12:00 o'clock Noon to 1:00 o'clock P.M. on Friday, May 15, 1998 to accommodate the Department of Police and Security Services at Brown University's Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the lumens to be increased on pole number 16 to 27,500 and to cause the installation of a new street light on pole number 15 on West Park Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the lumens to be increased on pole number 16 to 27,500 and to cause the installation of a new street light on pole number 15 on West Park Street.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the lumens to be increased to 27,500 along Victor Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the lumens to be increased to 27,500 along Victor Street.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the street lighting on Lawrence, Ralph, Viola, Deborah, Barrows, Bend, Dorchester and Rye Streets.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the street lighting on Lawrence, Ralph, Viola, Deborah, Barrows, Bend, Dorchester and Rye Streets.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing Resolutions.

This motion is seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG**.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a four way "Stop" sign at the intersection of Daniel Avenue, Ethan Street and Drochester Street.

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

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Cypress Street from Knowles Street to Camp Street on Sunday, May 17, 1998 from 11:30 o'clock A.M. to 7:30 o'clock P.M. to accommodate Family Day at Billy Taylor Park.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Cypress Street from Knowles Street to Camp Street on Sunday, May 17, 1998 from 11:30 o'clock A.M. to 7:30 o'clock P.M. to accommodate Family Day at Billy Taylor Park.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN:

Resolution amending Resolution Number 150, effective March 2, 1998, by adding a Member of the Police and Fire Departments to study the Retirement Ordinance.

Resolved, That Resolution Number 150, effective March 2, 1998, is amended by adding a Member of the Police and Fire Departments to study the Retirement Ordinance.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Meeting Street between Thayer Street to Brook Street on Tuesday, May 5, 1998 from 11:30 o'clock A.M. to 8:30 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Meeting Street between Thayer Street to Brook Street on Tuesday, May 5, 1998 from 11:30 o'clock A.M. to 8:30 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Thayer Street between Bowen Street and Angell Street from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. on Saturday, June 20, 1998 to accommodate the Thayer Street Art Festival.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Thayer Street between Bowen Street and Angell

Street from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. on Saturday, June 20, 1998 to accommodate the Thayer Street Art Festival.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Slater Avenue from Lloyd Avenue to University Avenue on Sunday, May 17, 1998 from 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the School One Festival.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Slater Avenue from Lloyd Avenue to University Avenue on Sunday, May 17, 1998 from 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the School One Festival.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending their sincere wishes from the Members of the City Council to Theartis Carpenter for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extending their sincere Best Wishes to Theartis Carpenter for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

This motion is seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG**.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the New Elementary School being built in South Providence be named the B. Jae Clanton Elementary School.

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

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN ALLEN and COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN:

Resolution Extending the sincere Best Wishes from the Members of the City Council to Vanessa E. Crum for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby Extending their sincere Best Wishes to Vanessa E. Crum for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

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

Resolution authorizing the City of Providence, Rhode Island to file an Annual Program Description and Budget under the Housing and Community Development Act.

Whereas, The City of Providence is interested in the continuation of the Community Development Block Grant, the HOME Investment Partnership and the Emergency Shelter Grant and HOPWA programs in its neighborhoods, and

Whereas, These programs provide funding to important programs in the areas of housing, public facilities expansion, rehabilitation, human services, services to the homeless and economic development and

Whereas, The City of Providence, Rhode Island is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds in

the 24th Program Year beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999 under Section 106(a) and (h) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1984 in the amount of \$7,322,000 and will also receive Emergency Shelter Grant funds in the amount of \$293,000, and will also receive HOME Investment Partnership Program funds in the amount of \$1,947,000 and HOPWA funds in the amount of \$404,000,

Whereas, The Annual Program and Budget shall be filed with the New England Region Office of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as soon as possible,

Now therefore, The City Council of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, hereby authorizes the City of Providence through its official representative, the Mayor to file such

Annual Program and Budget with the New England Region Office of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of obtaining Community Development Block Grant entitlement, Emergency Shelter Grant and HOME Investment Partnership funds.

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

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Clarkin, Jackson and Rollins—3.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JOHN J. LOMBARDI, Chairman COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved for Cancellation:

Certificates from the City Assessor (9B, 10B, 14H and 15H) 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 the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

Approved for Cancellation, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Councilwoman

DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—13.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Clarkin and Rollins—2.

The motion to Approve for Cancellation is Unanimously Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES**

**Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be Severally Adopted:**

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1994, and amended May 26, 1995, by amending Providence Zoning District Map Number 68 of the Official Zoning Map by changing Zoning District Designation of Lots 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 740, 749 and 750 from R-3 to C-2.

Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—13.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Clarkin and Rolins—2.

The motion for Passage, the First Time is Unanimously Sustained.

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence

entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1994, as amended, by amending Providence Zoning District Maps Number 107 and 108 of the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning District Designation of certain lots from R-2, Two Family District and R-3, Three Family District to C-1, Limited Commercial District.

Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—13.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Clarkin and Rolins—2.

The motion for Passage, the First Time is Unanimously Sustained.

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 1987-10 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as approved May 11, 1987, as amended in Chapter 1988-45, November 23,

1988, entitled, "An Ordinance creating and establishing an Economic Development Zone within the City of Providence" pursuant to 3-7-16.4 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi,

Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—13.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Clarkin and Rollins—2.

The motion for Passage, the First Time is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATION

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Severally Approved:

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7190) relating to cities and towns — franchises, in substantially the form attached.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7190) relating to cities and towns — franchises, in substantially the form attached.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill (98-S 2138) relating to the gasoline tax, in substantially the form attached.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill (98-S 2138) relating to the gasoline tax, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7787) relating to the Rhode Island Urban Education Act of 1998, in substantially the form attached.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7787) relating to the Rhode Island Urban Education Act of 1998, in substantially the form attached.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing Resolutions.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from City Solicitor Charles R. Mansolillo transmitting the report of the Fairfax Group, Ltd., re: Investigation of certain matters related to the Retirement Board of the Employees Retirement System.

April 28, 1998

The Honorable
The City Council of the City of Providence
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed for your pursual is a copy of the Fairfax Group investigation related to the Retirement Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. MANSOLILLO
City Solicitor

Received.

Annual Report from Raymond L. Brown,
Director of Department of Recreation for 1997.

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Received.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL C. GOWER

Communication from Russell C. Gower,
informing the City Clerk of his resignation from
the Port Commission as a member, effective
January 1, 1998.

April 14, 1998

Jean M. Angelone, Deputy City Clerk
City of Providence
Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Angelone:

As of 1/1/98 please accept my resignation as
a Port Commission Member.

I enjoyed being a member in the past and
thank you.

Received.

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 16B
and 17B) recommending the same be severally
canceled 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 FARGNOLI
Refers the Certificates to the Committee
on Claims and Pending Suits.**

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously
Sustained.**

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Lisa M. Gonzalez, 7 Huber Avenue,
Providence, Rhode Island and Leonardo and
Jennie A. Francescone, 16 Fruit Hill Avenue,
Providence, Rhode Island, requesting permis-
sion for a zoning change from R-2 Residential

Zone to C-4 Commercial Zone, for the property
located at 7 Huber Avenue, Providence, Rhode
Island, and at 16 Fruit Hill Avenue, Providence,
Rhode Island.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Ordinances.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Petition of Dean Walter A. Crocker, of the University of Rhode Island, CCE, 80 Washington Street, Providence, Rhode Island, request-

ing permission to install bicycle racks on the sidewalk along Westminster Street east of Union Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Petition to the Committee on City Property.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

This council has received another Ordinance to establish another Tax Stabilization Plan in the City of Providence. This council's history has been one of looking at the problems with Tax Stabilizations and trying due diligence in terms of correcting the problems that should be addressed before a Tax Stabilization has been passed. But one of the things that this council, nor anyone else in the administration to date has done, is begin to put some checks and balance into what happens once these Tax Stabilization programs are granted. We pass these stabilization programs and the idea is that there is supposed to be a goal of 10 percent minority participation with the construction dollars. There is supposed to be a 10 percent

participation with the women businesses with the construction dollars. There is supposed to be a 10 percent minority staff hiring process and a 10 percent female hiring process. The question I have is how do we know that in fact these people that are receiving these rather hefty tax treatment are indeed doing what they say they are designed to do. I don't know of anybody in the City of Providence that is doing it. I don't know that there's any reports being generated by these individuals who are receiving these stabilization programs, so I am going to ask that some of my colleagues who have interest in this, help me for the next council meeting to prepare some kind of resolution that will address this problem, to meet with the appropriate city officials so that as can put these tax stabilization with an eye toward improving neighborhoods, improving job opportunities, improving economic develop-

ment for the people who are supposed to be receiving these benefits, that the benefits inure to those people and not just the businessmen who seem to be getting these stabilizations.

Thank you Madam President and members of the Council.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Warwick Poultry Co., Inc. requesting permission for the abandonment of Okie Street beginning at Lots 274 and 363 on Plat 67 and terminating at the dead-end portion of Okie Street.

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

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Narragansett Electric (Lisa Day)

Narragansett Electric (Lisa Day)

Marie Rondina

Christine L. Adams (Thomas W. Pearlman, Esq.)

Horace Mann Insurance Co. a/s/o Macgregor Knisley

Byron Sical

Lillian Mourachian

Salvatore Galea (for Vincent & Rosa Galea)

Van & Marcia Vassell

Kathleen Parker (James M. Donelan, Esq.)

Jacqueline Lenahan

Shirley Crudop p.p.a. Aries Crudop (Mark B. Morse, Esq.)

Anastasia Williams (David Cicilline, Esq.)

Great American Insurance Co. a/s/o John Hope Settlement

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

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

"In Congratulations"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI 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:

Robert L. Ricci, in recognition of the celebration of his passing the Rhode Island Bar.

Margarita Duran, in recognition of accomplishments and experiences by joining the Mount Pleasant High School Academy of Travel and Tourism.

Mr. and Mrs. Guido Iadevaia, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 22, 1998.

Mr. and Mrs. Yacovone, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Nicole and Keith Graham, in recognition of the celebration of their marriage on May 2, 1998.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Gruber, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, born on January 22, 1998.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baker, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, born on January 24, 1998.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincente Rojas, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, born on January 24, 1998.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Richardson, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, born on January 20, 1998.

Carol Zangari, in recognition of being the recipient of the Sociology Honoree Award from the Rhode Island College Alumni Association.

Monica Fernandez, in recognition of the celebration of her 75th birthday on May 4, 1998.

Casmira Brito, in recognition of the celebration of her 79th birthday on May 2, 1998.

MaryKay Wise Schnare, in recognition of the celebration of being the recipient of the Milken Award.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,
on motion of COUNCILWOMAN Di-
RUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN
WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for Passage is Unanimously
Sustained.**

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

“In Memorium”

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI 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:

John T. Cordeiro

Maria Grazia Tudino

Susan Carl Donnelly

Raymond J. Berarducci, Sr.

Erick A. Johnson

Helen G. Slidkevich

Marie S. Calore

Frank DeMaria

Frederick S. Scungio, Sr.

William Silva

Marcellino “Marshall” Lombardo

Anna Judge

Vincent V. Coppa

Nicholas A. Della Grotta

Mary E. Hartman

Ruth Fonseca

Anthony A. Loffredo

Mary Theresa Cerilli

Francis A. Cascione

Angelina Tancredi

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

**The motion for Passage is Unanimously
Sustained.**

MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILWOMAN Di-
RUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN
WILLIAMS, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16
of the Rules of the City Council in order to
allow the introduction of the following
matter not appearing on the Printed Docket.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO (By Re-
quest):

An Ordinance establishing a tax stabilization
plan for AAA Southern New England.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI
Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on
Finance.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously
Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

The Providence Journal article in Wednes-
day's paper reads that Casino Override
Deadline Expires. I know pretty much whatever
there is to know about the Casino, but I don't
know about any casino override. It's a very
misleading headline. It sends a wrong message.

It certainly is not a factual message. The
subcaption on the top says ... "the City
Council makes no attempt to coneract the
Mayor's Veto of a casino referendum ques-
tion ..." Does anybody here know about a
referendum question that the Mayor vetoed.
The Journal seems to think so. If you read the
article a little further, it does quite clearly
explain that it simply is a resolution in support
and that there is no question on the ballot. If

you read the article you will just be confused by the headline. In general the reason I am speaking on this is I have a problem with various forms of the media who interpret the news, invent the news, stretch the news just to make it look good. Just report the — facts. That's how I feel about it. I see it on the news every night. They have to make every little thing look like a spectacle that way everybody watches or reads . . . if it's there, it's there. If

it isn't don't make it up, don't stretch it, just report the facts. That is what the job is about. That's what my beef is. I would like to continue to get softer. There are several of resolutions in this docket. Many of which are endorses various bills, several resolutions of congratulations and extending speedy recovery, and so forth, all in that same spirit and good will of the council. I just want to warn the Mayor if he vetos any of these were are going to override them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:35 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1998 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk