

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 16 1977

APPROVED:

Ernest Vespi
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 67 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 2, 1977 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.).

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

RALPH FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—23.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern and Johnson—3.

PRESENTATION OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI and COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL:

An Emergency Ordinance Enabling the City Council of the City of Providence to Increase Real Property Tax Exemptions, to Any Person Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Over, in Accordance with the Provisions of 77H 6078, Substitute "A," Passed at the January Session A.D. 1977 of the General Assembly.

Whereas, In order for the City Assessor to implement the program with value changes from One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of Real Property Tax Exemptions, it is necessary to adopt this Ordinance as an emergency measure, for proof of correct exemption credits, prior to certification on June 15, 1977, as required by Law.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Authority of City Council. The City Council of the City of Providence is hereby authorized to grant a Three Thousand Dollar (\$3,000.00) Real Property Exemption from Taxation to any person Sixty-Five (65) years of age or over, who owns and occupies residential property located in the City of Providence, provided, however, that only one such exemption shall be granted to co-tenants, joint tenants and tenants by the entirety, even though all of said co-tenants, joint tenants or tenants by the entirety are Sixty-Five (65) years of age or over, such exemption shall be granted upon proof of the following:

- (1) Age;
- (2) Ownership of said residential property for a period of three (3) years next prior to the filing of an application for tax exemption;
- (3) Occupancy of same;
- (4) That said taxpayer is legally domiciled in the City of Providence.

Such proof shall conform to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act. Nothing contained herein shall abrogate or affect the authority conferred upon the City Assessor by the provisions of Section 44-3-3, subparagraph 16 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

Sec. 2. Filing of application — Proof of right to Exemption. — No person shall be entitled to any exemption herein authorized in any year without first filing an application with the City Assessor on forms furnished by the Assessor. Each application shall be sworn to by the applicant or applicants under penalty of perjury. Proof of age, ownership, occupancy and legal domicile shall be furnished in the following manner:

(a) **Proof of age:** Age may be proved by furnishing to the City Assessor either a birth certificate, certificate of citizenship, baptismal certificate, affidavit of a third party or by such other means as may be approved by the Assessor.

(b) **Ownership:** Ownership may be established by furnishing the City Assessor with the date of purchase and land record citation of same by the applicant of the residential property involved.

(c) **Occupancy:** Occupancy of the residential property may be proven by incorporating such fact in the sworn application for exemption.

(d) **Legal domicile:** Legal domicile may be established by the production of (1) voter's registration certificate or (2) by the production of a license to operate a motor vehicle, or a registration certificate or by such other means as the Assessor may reasonably require.

(e) **Other forms of proof:** An applicant may provide proof of right of exemption if the above specified methods are not available to him or her by furnishing military records, passports, certificate of citizenship or by such other evidence of proof as may be required by the City Assessor.

An Ordinance Requiring All Newspaper Advertisements of a Congratulatory Nature to Incorporate in Such Advertisements, Notice that the Same Is being Paid for by the Taxpayers of the Said City.

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

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Providence to Levy a Sewer Surcharge Tax on All Municipalities Disposing Waste in the Said City's Sewer System and/or Waterways.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN ADDISON, COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO, COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILMAN COLA, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN GARAN, COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY, COUNCILMAN HENRIES, COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO, COUNCILMAN MEROLA, COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN TOMASSO, COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA and COUNCILMAN XAVIER, for Themselves and COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCILMAN AHERN and COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, In Absentia:

Resolution Expressing Congratulations and Best Wishes for a Successful Professional Career to Councilman Donald E. McKiernan in the Practice of Law, Upon the Occasion of His Having Recently Passed the Rhode Island Bar Examinations.

Whereas, Councilman Donald E. McKiernan, a most respected colleague, has recently successfully passed the Rhode Island Bar Examinations,

permitting him to accept the oath as a practicing Attorney within our State, and

Whereas, Councilman McKiernan who has, during his young life, achieved many intellectual plateaus, such as that of an educator and successive elections to the Office of City Councilman from the Tenth Ward of the City of Providence, and

Whereas, Cognizant of his abilities and integrity, his colleagues in the City Council have recently elected him as City Treasurer of the City of Providence, an Office to which he will subsequently be qualified to hold upon the future election and qualification of his successor in the City Council,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That in expressing its congratulations and sincere best wishes to Councilman Donald E. McKiernan for a long and successful professional career in the practice of Law, his Council colleagues are not unmindful of the fact that his absence will create a void in the Council deliberations and that as the City Treasurer and as an Attorney at Law, they will gain the added assurance that his counsel as such, will be of significant value to the City Council when his advice will be sought, and

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Providence School Committee is requested to refrain from permitting use of the Joseph V. Conley Memorial Stadium by any musical band unit after dusk.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause Speed Limit Signs to be Erected along Sharon Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause speed limit signs to be erected along Sharon Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause Cross Walks to be Painted on Jastram Street and on Smith Street, at the Respective Intersections.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause cross walks to be painted on Jastram Street and on Smith Street at the respective intersections.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI and COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL:

Resolution Expressing Congratulations to President Jimmy Carter Upon the Occasion of His Recent Signing of the Public Works Bill, So-Called, which will Provide Gainful Employment for a Great Number of American Citizens.

Whereas, The President of the United States of America has recently affixed his signature to a Public Works Bill, so-called, which provides

gainful employment for a great number of American Citizens,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, That the sincere congratulations of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island are hereby expressed to President Jimmy Carter for his compassion and understanding of the economic needs of his fellow citizens.

COUNCILMAN ADDISON:

Resolution Congratulating B. Albert Ford, Recently Elected to the Third Highest Rank in the Northern Jurisdiction of United Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites of Free Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation.

Whereas, B. Albert Ford was recently elected to the Third Highest Level in the Northern Jurisdiction of United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites of Free Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, and

Whereas, The affable and well-respected "Al" Ford, a Thirty-Three Degree Mason, enjoys additional posts of authority in that Organization, such as Minister of State; Deputy of the Orient of Consistory No. 12 of Mount Sinai, Valley of Providence, Rhode Island and Sovereign Grand Inspector General, and

Whereas, As a civic and political leader in our Community, he has devoted much of his productive life in the interest of those who sought his assistance,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, does hereby congratulate B. Albert Ford, recently elected to the Third Highest Rank in the Northern Jurisdiction of United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites of Free Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation.

to be transmitted to our distinguished "Mother of the Year," Mrs. Harriet Perry, so that she may display the same to her nine children, fifteen grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN GARAN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI:

Resolution Requesting the Mayor to Terminate the Leasing Agreement between the City of Providence and Criss Cadillac Company for the Official Limousine.

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

COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO desires to be Recorded as Voting "No."

COUNCILMAN GARAN:

Resolution Authorizing the Bureau of Licenses to Pay Court Costs Involved in the Bureau's Appeal of the Decision of the State Liquor Control Administrator, Regarding the Case of Rose Colanduono, d/b/a Bradley's Cafe, 571 Admiral Street, Providence, in the Event the Law Department Does Not Take the Aforesaid Appeal as Requested by the Bureau.

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

Resolution Requesting Certain Procedures Providing for Tax Abatements for Abandoned Real Property.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of **COUNCILMAN GARAN**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON** and **TOMASSO**.

Resolution Requesting that Back Taxes for Specified Real Properties be Abated Due to Over Assessment, Pending Compliance with Certain Procedures.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of **COUNCILMAN GARAN**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON** and **TOMASSO**.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN (By Request):

Resolution Establishing Duke Street, from Smith Street to Orms Street, as a One-Way Street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of **COUNCILMAN GARAN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to Order the Installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 2, Located along Bergen Street.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of a street light on Pole No. 2, located along Bergen Street.

The Resolution is thereupon Referred to the Committee on Public Welfare.

COUNCILMAN HENRIES desires to be Recorded as Voting "No" on the Passage of the Motion to Refer to the Committee on Public Welfare.

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the said numerals to be consecutive from Number 1 to 26, on each individual set of plates, to identify Council Members by their assigned seats in the Council Chamber.

COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO and COUNCILMAN HENRIES (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Execute a One Year Lease for One Dollar (\$1.00) Per Year with the Providence Inner City Arts Association for the Use of City Owned Property at Plat 23, Lot 161, as an Outdoor Children's Theatre and Tot Lot.

Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of **COUNCILMAN GARAN**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON, HENRIES and MANSOLILLO**.

Resolution Congratulating the Federal Hill Little League and "Ed" Zanfagna, Its President, Upon the Celebration of Its 25th Anniversary.

Whereas, The Federal Hill Little League is celebrating its Silver Anniversary of One Quarter of a Century of dedicated sports programming for its youthful participants, and

Whereas, Guided and encouraged by "Ed" Zanfagna, its President, he has been a stalwart in leadership,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the congratulations of the City Council of the City of Providence are hereby tended to the Federal Hill Little League and to "Ed" Zanfagna, its President, upon the occasion of the celebration of its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

COUNCILMAN MEROLA:

Resolution Requesting His Excellency the Governor to Call Upon the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to Issue Special Registration Plates for Members of the City Council of the City of Providence.

Resolved, That His Excellency J. Joseph Garrahy, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, is respectfully requested to call upon the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue Special Registration Plates for each Member of the City Council of the City of Providence, as follows:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause All Highways within the Thirteenth Ward, to be Cleaned.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause all highways within the Thirteenth Ward to be Cleaned.

ner" Signs along Peter Street, at Its Intersection with Ledge Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Order the Installation of "Stop" Signs along Grafton Street, at Its Intersection with Flora Street.

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

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

Resolution Recommending that the Proposed Budget of the Mayor be Decreased by Five Percent (5%) in Order to Eliminate the Possibility of a Tax Increase and the Lay-Off of Certain City Employees.

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting Abatement of Real Property Taxes Assessed Against Antonio Medeiros and wife Maria G., 87 Althea Street, Providence, of Lot 610 on City Assessor's Plat 48, in the Amount of Four Hundred, Eighty-One Dollars, Six Cents (\$481.06).

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

COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA:

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Property to Cause All Tot Lots and Recreation Areas and the Little League Baseball Diamonds on Dexter Training Ground, to be Groomed.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Public Property is requested to cause all Tot Lots and Recreation Areas and the Little League Baseball Diamonds on Dexter Training Ground, to be Groomed.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON, MEROLA and TURCHETTA**.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause Those Vacant Lots Located at Ring and Knight Streets; Tell and Knight Streets; and Penn, Courtland and Tell Streets, to be Cleaned.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause those vacant lots located at Ring and Knight Streets; Tell and Knight Streets and Penn, Courtland and Tell Streets to be Cleaned.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON, MEROLA and TURCHETTA**.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER:

Resolution Recommending that All Institutions Which are Exempt from the Payment of Taxes

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Sec. 4-37.1 is hereby added to the Ordinances of the City of Providence establishing the amount of dogs to be kept by the owner or occupant of a dwelling house, and reads as follows:

"Sec. 4-37.1. That no owner or occupant of any dwelling house shall keep or permit to be kept more than three (3) dogs in any part of any dwelling house except if said owner or occupant complies with Sec. 4-13-10 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended."

Sec. 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

An Ordinance for the Establishment of the Authorziation of the Dog Officer and His Agents to Serve Summonses and/or Citations.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Sec. 4-49.1 is hereby added to the Ordinances of the City of Providence and reads as follows:

"Sec. 4-49.1. The Dog Officer and his duly qualified agents shall hereby have the authority to serve summonses and/or citations for

appearance before the Municipal Court of Providence for violation of those sections of the Providence Code of Ordinances pertaining to dogs; to wit: Section 4 entitled "Animals and Dogs."

Sec. 2. The above authority shall extend to any police officer of said City.

Sec. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

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

The following is Returned with Recommendation the Same be Adopted as Amended:

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, Approved October 21, 1968, as Amended, Dogs and Other Animals as Amended by Chapter 1972-65, Approved December 28, 1972, as Amended.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

ner of Jillson Street and O'Connor Street (formerly Rugby Street), in the City and County of Providence and State of Rhode Island, laid out and delineated as Lots Nos. 56 (fifty-six) and 57 (fifty-seven) on that plat entitled, "NO. 2 THE PROSPECT PLOT OF SUBURBAN VILLA LOTS SURVEYED AND PLATTED MARCH 20th 1857 BY N. B. SCHUBARTH," which plat is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in said City of Providence in Plat Book No. 1 at page 46 and in Plat Book 9 at page 24 and (copy) on Plat Card 251.

The said land and buildings are to be accepted from Samuel Weinberg et ux, for use as a proposed site for a community development facility. Said acceptance of property will be purchased with funds from the Mayor's Office of Community Development in the amount of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$9,750).

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor with the Recommendation of the Committee on City Property, to Accept from William E. Burgess, et ux, Those Certain Lots of Land and Buildings Situated at the Northeasterly Corner of O'Connor Street and Broom Street, as Set Out and Delineated as Lots Nos. 49 and 52, on Plat Entitled, "NO. 2 THE PROSPECT PLOT OF SUBURBAN VILLA LOTS SURVEYED & PLATTED MARCH 20th, 1857 BY N. B. SCHUBARTH."

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor is authorized, with the recommendation of the Committee on City Property of the City Council, to accept from William E. Burgess, et ux, those certain lots of land, with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated at the northeasterly corner of O'Connor Street and Broom Street, in the City and County of Providence and State of Rhode Island, laid out and delineated as Lots Nos. 49 (forty-nine) and 52 (fifty-two) to 55 (fifty-five) inclusive on that plat entitled, "NO. 2 THE PROSPECT PLOT OF SUBURBAN VILLA LOTS SURVEYED & PLATTED MARCH

20th, 1857 BY N. B. SCHUBARTH," which plat is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in said City of Providence in Plat Book 1 at page 46 and in Plat Book 9 at page 24 and (copy) on Plat Card 251.

The said land and buildings are to be accepted from William E. Burgess, et ux, for use as a proposed site for a community development facility. Said acceptance of property will be purchased with funds from the Mayor's Office of Community Development in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$25,400.00).

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Providence and the Northeast Incinerator Corporation a Rhode Island Corporation, of that Certain Parcel of Land Situated in the Fields Point Section of the Said City, Comprising of 310,056 Square Feet of Land, and Further Identified as Lot 258, as Set Out and Delineated on City Assessor's Plat 56.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is authorized to execute a lease to Northeast Incinerator Corporation, a Rhode Island Corporation, of 1 Fields Point Drive, Providence, Rhode Island for Lot 258 on Assessor's Plat 56, situated in the Fields Point section of Providence, Rhode Island; as further identified on Accompanying Plan entitled, "Providence, R.I., P.W. Dept. Engineering Office, City Property Section, Plan No. 063294 Dated July 24, 1969," said lease to be for a term of twenty (20) years at the following rental; One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the first five (5) year period; for the second five (5) year period One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month; for the remainder of the ten (10) year term at a rental to be negotiated; said negotiation rental to be not less than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month; said parcel contains 310,056 square feet or 7.117 acres, and being subject to easement for sewer, water and railroad lines, as shown by shaded

7-S, 1 to 6;

8-S, 1 to 5;

9-S, 1 to 5;

10-S, 1 to 28; and

13-S, 1 to 7,

the Several Numbers, as Above Noted, Represent Pages and Are Collectively Inclusive.

Severally Approved for Cancellation, Correction, Rebate and/or Refund, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fagnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Turchetta and Xavier—22.

Not Voting: Councilman Tomasso—1.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern and Johnson—3.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

FROM CITY CLERK

Report of All Monies Received in the Department of City Clerk Transmitted to and Credited by the City Controller for the Fiscal Year Quarter January 1, 1977 to and Including March 31, 1977.

Received.

\$830.00 to Clarence L. and Essie J. Russ of 171 Congress Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, said parcel will be developed with residential construction.

Parcel 7 within the Comstock Project, consisting of 7,652.9 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the attached map for the disposition price of \$765.00 to Earl T. and Linda Washington of 184 Whitmarsh Street, Providence, Rhode Island, said parcel will be developed with residential construction.

FROM PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Report Upon Its Proposed Sale of Real Property within the Comstock Redevelopment Project, viz:

Parcel 6 within the Comstock Project, consisting of 8,315.7 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the attached map for the disposition price of

Parcel 10 within the Comstock Project, consisting of 7,612.9 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the attached map for the disposition price of \$1,523.00 to Clarence E. and Elizabeth A. Nealy of 15 Harvard Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, said parcel will be developed with residential construction.

Parcel 15 within the Comstock Project, consisting of 6,727.5 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the

PETITIONS

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):

Petition of The Outlet Company to Abandon that Portion of Eddy Street, from Weybosset Street to Pine Street.

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

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE (By Request):

Petition of Owners and/or Residents in the Immediate Vicinity of Veazie Street School Playground Addressing Itself to the Non-Maintenance of the Said Playground.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

(In Memoriam)

COUNCILMAN FLYNN for Himself and COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON In Absentia:

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Death of George Washington, Prominent Citizen of our Community.

Resolved, That in the passing of George Washington of Grand Street, beloved husband of the Late Anna (Simpson) Washington, the Community is saddened by the passing of he who contributed much to the religious and business life of our Community.

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FLYNN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI:

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Recent Untimely Death of Brian M. Duggan, Beloved Son of Edward L. and Karen E. Duggan.

Resolved, That the recent untimely death of young Brian M. Duggan, beloved son of Edward L. and Karen E. Duggan, has saddened our Community, and

Whereas, Youthful Brian's young life was one of fulfillment at an early age, whether as a student at Saint Augustine's School; an Altar Boy at Saint Augustine's Church, or as a Member of the Boy Scout Troop of that Church, his pattern of behavior reflected his zeal in doing all things well,

on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, MEROLA and STRAVATO.

Resolved, That in noting the recent passing of Lorenzo Croce from this life at the remarkable age of One Hundred and One Years, the City Council pauses in respect to his memory and offers its prayers for his eternal repose.

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE:

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, PETROSINELLI and SALVATORE.

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Recent Passing of Lorenzo Croce Who Passed from this Life at the Age of One Hundred and One Years.

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.

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COUNCILMAN GARAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the City Council to Undertake an Investigation Concerning the Al-

leged Unsanitary Conditions in the Kenyon Street Elementary School and the Pleasant View School.

time Payments to John Colafrancesco and Vincent A. Rossi, City Employees.

Resolved, That the Finance Director; the City Controller; the City Treasurer; and the Personnel Director, are hereby ordered to cease and desist forthwith, from the irregular practice of overtime payments to John Colafrancesco and to

Vincent A. Rossi, and any and all employees of the City of Providence, who are the recipients of overtime City pay.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FLYNN.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
FARGNOLI Directs the Clerk to Read the following Communication.**

May 31, 1977

To: Members of the City Council

I would like to take the opportunity to address the Members of the City Council on a matter of personal privilege. I have become very upset at some of the inaccurate remarks made by Mr. Charles Mansolillo. He has attempted to place the responsibility for the City's deficit on the Board of Tax Assessment and Review. This is ridiculous. He has accused Members of the Board of granting tax rebates for political gain. This also is ridiculous. Only Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00), in rebates were granted by the Board of Tax Assessment and Review to taxpayers who appealed the assessments of their property. The Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) amounts to only nine-tenths (9/10) of one (1) percent of the total money rebated to taxpayers. The remainder was requested by our Mayor Cianci.

Mr. Mansolillo, in accusing Members of the Board of granting rebates for personal political gain, he distorted the facts beyond belief. If anyone has attempted to use his seat on the City Council for personal gain, surely it must be

Councilman Mansolillo. Since Vincent Cianci has been Mayor, Mr. Mansolillo's father has secured a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000.00) a year job with the City. Since Vincent Cianci has been Mayor, Mr. Mansolillo's brother has secured a City job. The Councilman should keep these facts in mind when criticizing others.

If Councilman Mansolillo was concerned with the interests of the people of his Ward, he would realize that the abatements given to some residents of his area were because of unfair over-assessments of property. The job of the Board of Tax Assessment and Review is to see that each and every resident of Providence has his property assessed fairly. We have attempted to do this.

The real reasons for the financial plight of the City of Providence are the wild spending and fiscal-mismanagement of Mayor Cianci. He has hired many new City Workers and granted substantial raises to all City Employees. He has awarded City Contracts without public bidding. He has wasted City Money on frivolous projects such as the construction of his mysterious helicopter pad. Our Mayor's fiscal policies have endangered the City's credit rating and have caused

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