



Executive Chamber, City of Providence, Rhode Island

JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
MAYOR

March 9, 1990

The Honorable Nicholas W. Easton  
and the Members of the Providence City Council

Dear Council President Easton:

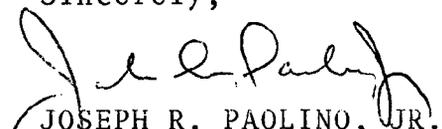
I am vetoing a resolution passed by the City Council at its March 1st meeting. My understanding of the resolution was to compel the Providence Municipal Public Building Authority to acquire by means of eminent domain land currently owned by Miriam Hospital for use as a neighborhood park. While I wholeheartedly support the creation of a park in the Summit Avenue neighborhood, I feel that it is premature to compel the PBA to use its eminent domain powers.

Negotiations are currently underway that would allow Miriam to voluntarily offer land to the city for a neighborhood park. This Resolution could jeopardize those negotiations and a lengthy court battle over eminent domain will only delay the construction of a park in that area.

It is my understanding that the Resolution in its present form fails to comply with RIGL section 45-50-10 which states that any act by the Public Building Authority must originate with the chief executive officer. I am, therefore, returning the Resolution to the City Council with my veto inasmuch as it was not introduced at my request.

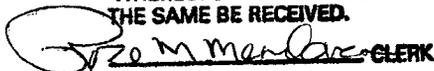
As I have stated in the past, I am very much committed to a park in the Summit Avenue area, however, the use of eminent domain at this juncture is premature and not in compliance with Rhode Island General Law.

Sincerely,

  
JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 15 1990

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

  
CLERK

2/2/90

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

*Approved*

RESOLVED, That the Providence Public Building Authority is hereby requested to exercise its rights of eminent domain to acquire the following parcels of land for a public park:

Lots 14, 280, 282, 65, 89 and 304, on City Assessor's Plat 73,

Lots 222, 223, 227 and 228, on City Assessor's Plat 91, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 120, approved March 4, 1988 is hereby rescinded.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 1 1990  
READ AND PASSED

*Richard W. Eaton*  
PRES.

*Robert Mendonca*  
CLERK

**I hereby disapprove and veto  
this Resolution of the City  
Council of Providence**

*[Signature]*  
MAYOR  
March 9, 1990

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 1 1990

FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

CITY PROPERTY

P. M. ... CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON  
CITY PROPERTY

Recommends

*See Continued*

P. M. ...  
Clerk

February 7, 1990

*Councilman Lopez (By Request)*