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No. 80 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 15, 2001, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

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PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

**Present:** Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglozzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Young—13.

**Absent:** Councilman Allen and Councilwoman Williams—2.

**Also Present:** Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, Barbara A. Poirier, First Deputy City Clerk, Charles R. Mansolillo, City Solicitor, Anna M. Stetson, Assistant Clerk and Ralph Guglielmino, City Sergeant.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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APPROVED:

*Michael R. Clement* CLERK  
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## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by CHARLES R. MANSOLILLO, City Solicitor.

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

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH DeLUCA leads the members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## COMMUNICATIONS

At the request of COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI the following correspondence is entered into the record:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
*Washington*

November 1, 2001

The Honorable Michael R. Clement  
Clerk of the City of Providence  
The City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Clement:

Thank you for submitting a resolution in support of the President regarding the acts of war committed against the United States on September 11. In the face of this evil, our country remains strong and united, a beacon of freedom and opportunity to the rest of the world.

Our government continues to function without interruption. Our intelligence, military, and law enforcement communities are working non-stop to find those responsible for these acts.

We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who help or harbor them.

We must remember that our Arab and Muslim American citizens love our Nation and must be treated with dignity and respect. Americans of every creed, ethnicity, and national origin must unite against our common enemies.

Since these terrible tragedies occurred, our citizens have been generous, kind, resourceful, and brave. The President encourages all Americans to find a way to help. Web sites like LibertyUnites.org, can serve as a resource for those wanting to participate in the relief efforts.

The President deeply appreciates the support and prayers of so many Americans.

Sincerely,

RUBEN BARRALES  
*Deputy Assistant to the President and  
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs*

October, 2001

Thank you for your kind letter concerning the attack on the World Trade Center. I know that all New Yorkers deeply appreciate your thoughts and prayers on behalf of the victims and their families.

In the aftermath of this unimaginable tragedy, New Yorkers and Americans have united as never before. Inspired by countless examples of courage and generosity, we have met the worst of humanity with the best of humanity.

God bless America.

Sincerely,

RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI  
*Mayor*

Severally Received.

## LINE ITEMS VETO BY HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR

Communication dated October 29, 2001, Informing the City Clerk of his line items Veto on the following Ordinances:

Section 7, Section 8 and Section 9 of "An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2000-25, approved August 9, 2000, of the Ordinance of

the City of Providence making an appropriation of four hundred eighty five million, seven hundred seventy two thousand, eight hundred sixty dollars (\$485,772,860) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2002, as amended.

Section 5 and Section 7 of "An Ordinance establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and repealing Ordinance Chapter 2000-26, approved August 9, 2000, as amended".

Section 7 of the Appropriation Ordinance states, "The line item for overtime is to be used for planned public events that occur outside the employees work schedules, public safety, and emergency related purposes. Non-union employees shall not be entitled to overtime." This provision is too restricted in that it unnecessarily ties the hands of the executive when it is confronted with circumstances which in its judgment require the use of overtime to effectively perform services in the public interest. Additionally, non-union employees may not be barred from receiving overtime; state labor laws set forth rules regarding overtime even when an employee is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Consequently, he is constrained to veto Section 7 of the Appropriation Ordinance.

Section 8 of the Appropriation Ordinance states that "The Funding for any position that becomes vacant during the fiscal year for any reason shall only be used to offset "breakage" until such time that breakage is zero (0). The City Council may reapportion this amount by amendment." This provision is unacceptable. The executive must be free to fill funded positions at any time so that necessary city services may be performed effectively. Consequently, he has also vetoed Section 8 of the Appropriation Ordinance.

Section 9 of the Appropriation Ordinance states, in part, that "any salary increase shall take effect on June 30, 2001 . . ." This provision is problematic in that the administration is currently engaged in collective bargaining with the various public employee bargaining units

and, consequently, a provision of this kind at this time would needlessly address a subject which is properly part of the collective bargaining process. The City Council will have an opportunity to ratify collective bargaining agreements upon completion of negotiations. Therefore, he has vetoed Section 9 of the Appropriation Ordinance.

Section 5 of the Compensation Ordinance states that the "Cultural Affairs Coordinator . . . is not entitled to overtime." As previously stated, state labor laws regulate the payment of overtime. Consequently, likewise, he is constrained to veto Section 5 of the Compensation Ordinance.

Section 7 of the Compensation Ordinance is identical to the language of Section 9 of the Appropriation Ordinance. For the reason he has proffered for his veto of Section 9 of the Appropriation Ordinance, he has likewise vetoed Section 7 of the Compensation Ordinance.

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matter.

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA** moves to Override the Mayor's Veto, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG**, and is put to vote by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Clarkin, DeLuca, Jackson and Councilwoman Young—6.

**Nays:** Councilman Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozzi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan and Romano—7.

Absent: Councilman Allen and Councilwoman Williams—2.

The motion to Override fails.

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## APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated November 7, 2001, Informing the City Clerk of his appointment of Lyman J. Williams as a Member of the Providence Review Commission, for a term to expire in June, 2003. (Mr. Williams will replace Mr. Sidney Green who has resigned.)

Received.

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Communication dated November 7, 2001, Informing the City Clerk of his appointment of Councilman Joseph DeLuca and Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo to the Commission on Rodent, Trash and Litter.

Received.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):

An Ordinance in accordance with Chapter 21, Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled: "Capital Equipment Budget," as amended.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "no parking on sidewalk" signs along 40 and 49 Bradford Street.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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Resolution Requesting to cancel or abate, in whole, the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 36, Lot 125 (79 Chapin Avenue), in accordance with Rhode Island General Law Section 44-7-23, in the amount of four hundred thirty two dollars and sixty nine cents (\$432.69), plus any taxes accrued, including 2001 taxes for Community Gardens.

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Resolution Requesting to cancel or abate, in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 36, Lot 294 (124 Sycamore Street), in accordance with Rhode Island General Law Section 44-7-23, in the amount of four hundred fifty six dollars and fifty four cents (\$456.54), plus any taxes accrued, including 2001 taxes for Community Gardens.

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting on pole no. 53 located on Superior Street and pole no. 1 located on Ware Court, to 27,500 lumen.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting on pole no. 53 located on Superior Street and pole no. 1 located on Ware Court, to 27,500 lumen.

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### **COUNCILMAN DeLUCA:**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to review the non-profit status of all hospitals and schools in the City of Providence.

*Resolved*, That the Tax Assessor is requested to review the non-profit status of all hospitals and schools in the City of Providence.

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.**

**Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**Resolution Requesting the City Council to authorize the City Tax Collector and the Providence Water Supply Board to transfer tax liabilities, fees, fines and liens that are owed to the City of Providence to the owners personal home, property or business.**

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**Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor to assign an attorney, public or private, to the Tax Assessor for case law research and preparation of legal briefs.**

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO (By Request):**

**Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Natalie A. Petrucci, Administrative Coordinator, on her retirement from the City of Providence after forty four (44) years of dedicated service in the Department of Inspection and Standards.**

*Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend their Sincere Congratulations to Natalie A. Petrucci, Administrative Coordinator, on her retirement from the City of Providence after forty four (44) years of dedicated service in the Department of Inspection and Standards.*

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**COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):**

**Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Fillmore Street between Douglas Avenue and Admiral Street on Friday, November 9, 2001, between the hours of 11:30 o'clock a.m. to 2:30 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Grand Opening of the Times<sup>2</sup> School.**

*Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Fillmore Street between Douglas Avenue and Admiral Street on Friday, November 9, 2001, between the hours of 11:30 o'clock a.m. to 2:30 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Grand Opening of the Times<sup>2</sup> School.*

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**COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the removal of the two tree stumps located at 285 and 366 Sharon Street.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the removal of the two tree stumps located at 285 and 366 Sharon Street.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the trimming of that tree located at 60 Zella Street.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the trimming of that tree located at 60 Zella Street.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

### COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Adopted:

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved October 23, 1986, and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" for the

acquisition of Lots 84 and 18 on Plat 66, 74-76 Robin Street and 157-159 Allston Street, respectively.



An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved October 23, 1986, and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project" for the acquisition of Lot 508 on Plat 49, 98-100 Hamilton Street.

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

Collectively Passed the First Time, on motion of **COUNCILMAN DeLUCA**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN JACKSON**, by the following Roll Call Vote:

**Ayes:** Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Young—13.

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Councilman Allen and Councilwoman Williams—2.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

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**Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a memorial plaque honoring Dr. Joseph Jay Fishbein on the southeast corner at the intersection of Rochambeau Avenue and Hope Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a memorial plaque honoring Dr. Joseph Jay

Fishbein on the southeast corner at the intersection of Rochambeau Avenue and Hope Street.

**Read and Passed**, on motion of **COUNCILMAN DeLUCA**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN JACKSON**.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

## REPORT

Annual Report from the Department of Planning and Development for the Providence Historic District Commission for the period of October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001.

Received.

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## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from John F. Palmieri, Director, Department of Planning and Development requesting the abandonment of Bowditch Place.

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Petition of Samuel J. Shamoon, Secretary, Providence Redevelopment Agency, requesting the abandonment of a portion of Alvin Street between Downing Street and Reservoir Avenue.

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI** Severally Refers the Petitions to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Joyce C. Morton

Cesar Rodriguez (Edward F. St. Onge, Esquire)

Leonard Washington (Charles J. Vucci, Esquire)

Progressive a/s/o Ethelyn Tingley

Eric Hendershott

Hom Minn (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Denise Rollman p.p.a. Skila Rollman (Robert J. Calvino, Esquire)

Commerce Insurance a/s/o Phillip P. Curry

Reynaldo Batista

Marcellus Sharpe

Rand-Whitney Southeast Container LLC

Mentor, Inc. (Mitchell S. Riffkin, Esquire)

Nationwide Insurance a/s/o JoAnn Ricci

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"Last night while I was at a meeting on Congress Avenue with many of the residents in that area and the hierarchy of the Police Department, we were discussing drug trafficking, vandalism and intimidation of the residents, a young man who lived one block away from Congress Avenue and who owned a business on Elmwood Avenue, was shot and killed. This is the second shooting. A few weeks ago we had another shooting on Warrington Street, and as we all know, Providence outdid Boston last year in the number of murders, and I think that if things don't slow down maybe we will even surpass our record last year. Frank Mercado was a wonderful young man. His wife is expecting a baby. He comes from a wonderful family and he was well loved in our community. I heard tonight before I came down to city council that they had arrested his murderers. So I am thankful that this is not going to be, again, one of those unsolved murders of which we have so many on the south side. I commend the Police Department for the work that they are doing in our neighborhoods, but something

is out of control. Something very serious is out of control, when I have to beg them to bring out the "jump out boys" . . . I am sorry, the "response team" . . . into my neighborhood in order to take care of some of the drug issues that I have. Warrington Street, which is probably one of my most stable blocks with all single family homeownership. An African/American community, all of a sudden we have drug dealing close to Elmwood Avenue. It has never happened before in the past, and not only that, but it is open and bold. I don't know what the answer is, I really don't. I just know a lot of folks miss the community police, I am holding out hope that the fact that they have all been trained in community policing protocol will start to settle in soon, but unfortunately, I am told that one of the problems is that there are too few police officers and that they are so busy running around from call to call that they don't have time to address some of these issues in the neighborhood. I would just like to remind the council that two years ago we put in the budget, thanks to the finance committee, 30 more positions in the Police Department. That school has just started now. After we put in for the 30 police officers, they ran a school for five people, one of whom was not even from

Providence, but was for another police department. Had they hired the 30 then, by this time we would be up to probably 90 more police officers because I am sure the council would have been happy to pass the dollars needed to hire more police in the police department. I think it is time that we have a sit down meeting . . . I have had this week three meetings with the Chief of Police concerning issues in my neighborhood, and frankly I am not getting the answers, nor am I getting the support that I need in my neighborhood, and I am sure that many of you are feeling the same thing. While I support the new chief, and I know that a lot of the stuff he has is baggage from before, something needs to be done. Something seriously needs to be done. Thank you very much".

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI**  
relinquishes the Chair.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-  
TEMPORE YOUNG** in the Chair.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI**  
returns to the Chair.

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

"I am going to echo many of the comments that my colleague made earlier. My condolences to the family of this young man that was killed last night. Talk about being unacceptable. To me, crime is on the rise in the city. Today, in

today's paper, 82 Florence Street there was a big drug bust yesterday. As a result of one of three meetings this past month with the ward that I represent being as wide spread as it is, I had three neighborhood meetings, one in Silver Lake, standing room only, one at D'Abate School, standing room only, and one at Asa Messer School, which you were at Council President. As a result of all of these meetings, the complaints ring very clearly to me . . . I can hear you people. Drugs are on the rise again the City of Providence. They are rampant. They are being sold at the corners. It happened at the corner of my street, Roosevelt and Bancroft Streets during the day, during the night, and yet we can't catch them. We have people who don't want to come out of their houses because they want the drugs out of their neighborhood. 82 Florence Street, and I am grateful that I said that in the paper, repeating my statement " . . . grateful for the drug bust, thank you very much PPD . . ." It has been a long time in coming. This isn't the first incident. It has been there for a long, long time, and it is right outside, across the street from an elementary school filled with children from our neighborhood, filled with teachers who don't live in the neighborhood, but care very much about what goes on in the neighborhood. They are watching our children during the day and they are watching this activity ongoing day in and day out outside of the school. This shouldn't be happening and it is unacceptable . . . it should be unacceptable . . . not only to the parents, but to all of us, and I know that it is, but what are we doing? What can we do to make the neighborhoods better? And to repeat what my colleague said, we are all aware of it, we need more police on the streets. We need more police "presence" on the streets because without police "presence" people know that nobody is watching . . . or feel that no one is watching . . . when, indeed, we are all watching,

but we don't have the power and authority to help ourselves. We need the police that we appropriated the funds for on the streets. We can't keep waiting, it is two years now, and yet from what the acting chief said the other night, we are not going to see the presence of those police until July. I can't believe this. We really need to do something about it. We have to help the people. We have to help ourselves, and we must insist . . . frankly, I like community police . . . I miss the community police presence. The people miss the community police presence. They can't identify with anyone anymore in the neighborhood. We really have to rethink that. We all agreed, let's forget the community police, let's try this program where all the police are going to be trained with community policing. Well, you know what? I don't think it is working. I know it isn't working because I like seeing the people in the uniform. because to me, when you see that, if there is some crime that is going to occur, you are going to think twice before you commit the crime if you see the police. I could go on and on and on. Do you want to talk about it? We can talk about it, but I don't want to belabor the point. I think we all agree we need more cops on the street. I thank you very much. I thank the police that were involved in this drug bust at 82 Florence Street where they had guns, cocaine, marijuana, and dishing it out all day long while kids are walking up and down the street. Come on people. We have to do something about this. So we have to take the initiative, my colleagues, and we have to meet with the police chief again. We have to do it as a whole body because they have to get this message. I think they are looking for help too. We have to resolve the problem. I rise because I want to call attention to this because it has to be constant and it isn't constant. The police presence is not constant because we don't have enough cops to be constant and we have to follow a contract where

people work four or five days and then they have four or five days off, and then they are out sick, or injured. We just never have enough cops on the street as a result of it. We really need to sit down, get our act together and get the job done".

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

"I, too, have to concur with my colleagues about the "neighborhood policing" it is called. They removed community policing and I guess this February or March we agreed to be part of that experiment with the chief when he asked us for patience in allowing this neighborhood policing experiment to take place. I submit to you today, on November 15, 2001, that experiment has failed. It has failed, and it is now our responsibility as the legislative body of this city to tell the chief and anybody else, here is our plan. If you don't know now that that neighborhood policing has failed, I don't know what else to tell you. Community policing is the way to go. They were all supposed to be community policing trained. Change the word, but make them get out of those cars and get on the streets like they are supposed to be. In my neighborhood it has failed. A few weeks ago we had a meeting with the Mayor, the Blue Ribbon Commission about some of the proposals that we wanted to do in order to make this a safer place and be able to give some oversight over our police department. The Mayor talked all about this new federal money coming into the state across the country because of the terrorist attack. I said to the Mayor, we have "domestic terrorists" right now. Where is the money to stop these

"domestic terrorist"? You know who I call a "domestic terrorist"? A drug dealer on my street corner. Somebody who is selling drugs. Somebody who has a gun in their hand. Somebody who is keeping the people in my neighborhood afraid to come out of their front doors, or let their children play on the sidewalks. That is terrorism. All of a sudden we have this global picture of this terrorist attack. We have had terrorism for many years in my Providence neighborhood, far too many years, and it has to be stopped. We don't look at that as terrorism. If you are going to bring money to this city, it needs to be for quality of life issues. Speeding cars, loud noises, double parking. These are the things that allow people to sell drugs in your neighborhood. I read in the paper about Councilwoman DiRuzzo's dilemma about the drugs over there. I understand and I share your pity . . . the police say we have to go to this neighborhood, we can't stay here too long, we have to keep moving. It is not about more police . . . we are missing the point. More policing is not the answer. What you need is a plan. You need a plan of attack. You have to decide how you want to go about getting rid of them. Right now I believe our federal government has a plan for eradicating terrorism. We need a plan. This city has no plan. They run here, they run there. They do this, they do that. It is all temporary and it is all a band aid approach because drugs give you so much money. You have to look at it as economics. The money that the drugs bring into our community is mind boggling. It is very easy for people to "allow" . . . and I am using that word "allow" . . . drugs to happen in our neighborhoods and in certain neighborhoods. Drugs right now in my neighborhood are the worst it has ever been. Two months ago one of my constituents heard gunfire. She went to her front door, looked out the window. The next thing she saw somebody was trying to break

in her door. Gunshots were at the front of her house. Some drug deal had gone bad and he was shooting up the street and my poor constituent was right in the middle of it. This man was fleeing for his life and was trying to break down her door, and she was on the other side trying to keep him out of her house. That is when we get a police response. It shouldn't happen like that. Now she is moving out of my neighborhood. I don't blame her. But where is she going to go. She is moving because she is so upset. There were signs that this was going to happen a long time ago. Now the police are there and it is much better, but you go three streets over and all hell is breaking loose. You come down Prairie Avenue at 1:00 o'clock in the morning, there are two or three police cars sitting in the Prairie Diner. A block away from there, drug dealings going on like you would not believe, morning, noon and night. They know where all the places are because we know that. You have a milkman that comes to the neighborhood that says that he can tell you where all the drug spots are. You have people doing construction work that say I can tell you not only the drug spots, I can tell you the drug dealers, their cars. That is how these people are so nervy about it. They are not afraid. Nothing scares these people. So we allowed community policing to go. We said we wanted it, we needed it and it worked. It is up to us, collectively, to get it back. Every neighborhood meeting that I go to they ask for community policing. Quite frankly, the Police Department some people don't like it. It means a dirty word for them. You have neighborhood meetings with the chief, I thought I was doing it all. I have had the same neighborhood meetings. But nothing has changed. It is getting worst and worst. A lot of it is drugs, but the violence and the guns and the other criminal activity, prostitution, you name it. So we, again, are in a crisis. I said this about a year or so ago. I hate repeating myself,

but we have not found a plan. That is what we need. We don't need . . . it would be great to have more police, but we are not going to get them until July. Are we going to live like this until July? I don't think so. So what we need to do is convene a meeting, get community police back. Dust off their uniforms, get them out of moth balls and put them back on the streets because that is the way it has to be. We need a plan and we need community policing back again, and it is up to us to get them back. We can complain all we want to but until we get a plan of action and we say here is how it is going to be, it is going to continue to be the way it is right now, and like I said, we are living in "domestic terrorism" right now. I know we are in my community. The terrorist attacks were on September 11 . . . they have been ongoing for many years in my neighborhood and continue to this very day. Thank you".

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

"Mr. President, I want to at least congratulate Steve Gasbarro and his unit on a job well done that they have been doing. The unit seems to be overworked, underpaid, and not enough staff and they are out there . . . every other day I read in the paper they tried to do another bust. I know that there was one at Burger King that they were watching and they got a guy he had an illegal residency birth certificates, etc., and they watch drug dealing, and they tracked down one person . . . Councilwoman DiRuzzo's issue the other day which was just amazing. It just shows that those guys are working hard and I have to commend them. But I do have

to echo some of the sentiments of my other colleagues here when they talked about getting rid of the community police. I am not necessarily sold on the community police whether they work or not. For me, I just want police to police. That is the first thing. The second thing is when it was presented to me, my impression was that we would have a higher number of police officers on at each shift. The problem is that we have the same number of police officers, but instead of saying, for the sake of discussion, 15 are patrol and 10 are community police, they are just now 25 are patrol. My hope was that we were going to have 25 patrol and another five or six to help with the additional work load. That is not what happened. So basically, yes, each post is covered, but the same number of officers are in the street, you just have a different title, and that is not what I signed on for. I do know that as a council we all worked together and worked on spearheading the increase in the Providence Police Department . . . has taken some time . . . I know that we all saw it a couple of years ago that we needed additional police to increase the number of our compliment there because we all know that we need another 20 or 30 out there on top of what we have. I am hoping that that school is run smoothly, correctly and we get those officers on the street. I want to say that right now I don't see the kind of level protection that we all should have. I have talked to my guys in patrol, they are working double shifts, they are being held over. It is the same story when the firemen came and said we are exhausted because we don't have enough guys to cover our shifts so we are being held over and held over. My concern is now we are having officers being held over because of the lack of man and woman power and these guys are getting tired. I see them on a Sunday morning, they are wiped out. I am hoping that with the new police academy that that is going to help

out, but that is only going to increase the . . . by 10 because there are roughly about 20 police officers that are going to retire from now until then, so we are going to do another school. I am just going to start perking everybody's ears up now because really, we are going to have to

start thinking about doing another school next year so that we can get a full 30 . . . like we all tried to do a year and a half ago. I am hoping that it gets better. My community is hoping that it gets better. At this point and time I think we have a long way to go. With that, thank you".

## PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

### "In Congratulations"

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI 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:

Lynn Singleton, President, Providence Performing Arts Center, in recognition of winning an Emmy for Best Art Direction for a variety or music program "Peter Pan".

Mary Dias, in recognition of the celebration of her 90th Birthday, born on November 21, 1911.

Philip A. "Sharky" Almagno and Lucy Almagno, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 24, 2001.

Domenic B. and Ann Marie Cavalloro, in recognition of the celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Michael and Suzanne Butler, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, Nicholas Jack Butler, born on November 5, 2001, born at 8:17 o'clock P.M., weighing 7 lbs.

Lawrence Covington, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the men and women of the Armed Services of the United States of America.

Daniel J. Evangelista, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the men and women of the Armed Services of the United States of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Vittorio Giglio, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on October 27, 1951.

Jerome Morgan, Coach, in recognition of his many years of dedicated teaching services to the young men and women of the Providence School Department.



James Adams, Coach, in recognition of his many years of dedicated teaching services to the young men and women of the Providence School Department.

Melvin Clanton, Coach, in recognition of his many years of dedicated teaching services to the young men and women of the Providence School Department.

Patrick Griffin, Owner of Patrick's Pub, in recognition of the celebration of the Grand Opening of Maisie's Room.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, seconded by COUNCILMAN JACKSON.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

*"In Memorium"*

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI 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:

Antonetta "Etta" Spremulli

Armando J. "A.J." Crenca

Michael A. Lanni

James B. Burns

Loretta P. Lambrese

John Martin "Baker" Andre

Joanna Grabiec

Rose Cirelli

Albert J. Gambardella

James R. "Papa Jim" Bracey

Carmella Andreozzi

Helen Carosi-Cipriano

Assunta "Sue" Bellini

Ann Marie Massarone

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, 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 RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Urging the Commission on Reapportionment and the General Assembly to adopt redistricting plans that ensure fair and equitable representation of every racial, ethnic and economic background.

*Whereas*, The City of Providence is the capital city of the State of Rhode Island; and

*Whereas*, The City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island are partners in many major issues facing the city and the state (i.e. education); and

*Whereas*, The City is the economic engine for the state, with the city's economy generating more than 600 million dollars per year in tax revenue; and

*Whereas*, The City of Providence with a population of 173,618 is double the size of the next largest city (85,080) in the state; and

*Whereas*, The City of Providence, as New England's second largest city, has experienced the second fastest growth (8%) as a city in New England; and

*Whereas*, This growth is double that of any other city in the State of Rhode Island; and

*Whereas*, A city with this much growth and a population this large faces unique urban issues; and

*Whereas*, The City of Providence is rich in diversity and home to vast numbers of individuals from many racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds; and

*Whereas*, The state legislature should reflect the broad spectrum of these diverse constituencies.

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, The Mayor of the City of Providence and the City Council do hereby urge the Commission on Reapportionment and the General Assembly to adopt redistricting plans that ensures fair and

equitable representation of every racial, ethnic and economic background.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, seconded by COUNCILMAN JACKSON.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, it is voted to adjourn at 8:45 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2001 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk

