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APPROVED:

Vincent Vespia
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 62 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 4, 1973, 8:00 P.M. (EDT)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ROBERT J. HAXTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Goldin, Johnson, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, McKiernan, J. Murphy, W. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, and Xavier—24.

Absent: Councilman Moran—1.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN FRANCIS J. DARIGAN, JR.**

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

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL E. KELLY 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
(As Amended)**

COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves that Journal of Proceedings No. 60 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council, held September 6, 1973 be amended as follows:

“Page 1242 thereof, first column, following line, insert

‘Mrs. Carmine A. Rao of 22 Bowen Street, for a term to expire September, 1975.’”

This motion being seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN** is put to vote and Passed.

The Said Journal of Proceedings is thereupon approved as amended, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

The Journal of Proceedings No. 61 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held September 20, 1973 and Posted September 28, 1973 on that Bulletin Board located on the ground floor of the City Hall, is approved as printed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication transmitting Report on Study of Fire Protection, City of Providence, Rhode Island, May 1973, Prepared by Gage-Babcock Association, Inc., New York.

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

ELECTION

COUNCILMANIC MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON calls for nominations for the election of a Member of the City Council to the Board of Park Commissioners.

COUNCILMAN COLA nominates COUNCILMAN VINCENT J. CIRELLI. This nomination is seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON calls for further nominations and there are none.

There being no further nominations, on mo-

tion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, it is voted that nominations be closed and the Clerk be directed to cast one ballot for COUNCILMAN CIRELLI.

The Clerk casts one ballot for COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON thereupon declares COUNCILMAN VINCENT J. CIRELLI duly elected as Councilmanic Member to the Board of Park Commissioners for the remainder of the term ending on the First Monday in January, 1975.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Section 10 of Chapter 1973-30, Approved June 25, 1973, Entitled:

"An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments".

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

COUNCILMAN XAVIER and COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY (By Request):

An Ordinance Imposing a Penalty, as Provided in Section 1-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Against Any Individual, Company, or Corporation, Willfully Causing the Constructing, Repairing And/Or Installing Without First Obtaining Permission from the Proper Authority of the City of Providence, for the same.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON:

Resolution Noting the Recent Aa Bond Credit Rating by Moody's Investor Service, Inc., New York, for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Whereas, the City of Providence has been given an improved Aa Bond Credit Rating by Moody's Investor Service, Inc., of New York, and

Whereas, this coveted rating may save the City in excess of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars in bond sales, in the amount of Forty-four Million. Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, in its proposed Six-Year Capital Improvement Program, and

Whereas, the decision rendered by the Moody's rating was motivated by the City's well-planned debt structure and anticipated trend of future financing under a well-designed capital improvement program; favorable factors which include the City's sound operating record, over an extended period of time; precedent

financial management and realistic budgetary practices demonstrated by an awareness of the City's fiscal capabilities,

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in recognition of this most favorable Aa Bond Credit Rating, this City Council is not unmindful of the budgetary vigilance practiced by His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and of the sound, fiscal management and expertise rendered by Director of Finance, Vincent T. Izzo, who, during their respective tenures of office, have received many accolades for their management in leading the City of Providence to this most creditable financial status.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN CIRELLI, COLA, and DARIGAN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN ADDISON, COUNCILMAN JOHN-

SON, COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY, COUNCILMAN PAYNE, and COUNCILMAN XAVIER:

Resolution expressing Best Wishes to Councilman and Mrs. Michael E. Kelly, upon the Birth of their Third Son, Brendan Patrick Kelly.

Whereas, charming and devoted Catherine Beatrice Kelly has presented her personable and equally devoted husband, the distinguished Councilman Michael E. Kelly, with a healthy nine pound baby boy, whom they have, in the best traditions of their respective ethnic and cultural background, named, "Brendon Patrick", and

Whereas, baby Brendon, the third son in this current generation's Kelly dynasty, joins his two brothers and three sisters, in bringing additional happiness to the Michael and Catherine's household,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in the spirit of this milestone in the lives of our colleague, his wife, and their family, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., the Members of the City Council, the City officials, associates, and friends of the proud mother and father, collectively express their most sincere best wishes in the growth of this fine young family, and offer their prayers for their continued good health and well-being in their future, and further, that many future opportunities may be granted to Councilman Michael's colleagues to vote upon Resolutions germane to this subject.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN JOHNSON, J. MURPHY, PAYNE, and XAVIER**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCILMAN BROWN, COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, COUNCILMAN DeVITO, COUNCILMAN

JOHNSON, COUNCILMAN LORENZO COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN, and COUNCILMAN PAYNE (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to Undertake a Study and to Conduct a Public Hearing of the Report on Study of Fire Protection, City of Providence, Rhode Island, May, 1973, Prepared by Gage-Babcock & Associates, Inc., New York, submitted to the City Council by His Honor the Mayor.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROTEMPORE BEATTINI:

Resolution requesting that Admiral Street from Charles Street to Douglas Avenue, and Charles Street from its intersection with Admiral Street to Branch Avenue be resurfaced.

Resolved, that the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Admiral Street, from Charles Street to Douglas Avenue; and Charles Street, from its intersection with Admiral Street to Branch Avenue, to be resurfaced.

COUNCILMAN AHERN and COUNCILMAN CROWLEY (By Request):

Resolution Requesting that Orms Street, from Douglas Avenue to Valley Street, be Resurfaced.

Resolved, that the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Orms Street, from Douglas Avenue to Valley Street, to be resurfaced.

Resolution Requesting the Installation of More Modern Street Lights Along Orms Street.

Resolved, that the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to cause more modern street lighting facilities to be installed along Orms Street.

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW and COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Installation of Traffic Control Signs Along that Portion of University Avenue, Between Cole Avenue and Slater Avenue.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking Eight O'Clock A.M. to Ten O'Clock ~~P.M.~~^{A.M.}" along that portion of University Avenue, between Cole Avenue and Slater Avenue, in accordance with accompanying petition.

COUNCILMAN CROWLEY and COUNCILMAN AHERN:

Resolution Requesting that River Avenue, From Chalkstone Avenue to Valley Street, be Repaved.

Resolved, that the Director of Public Works is requested to cause River Avenue, from Chalkstone Avenue to Valley Street, to be repaired.

Resolution Requesting that the Potholes on Jewett Street, from Orms Street to its Termination, be Repaired.

Resolved, that the Director of Public Works is requested to cause potholes on Jewett Street, from Orms Street to its termination, to be repaired.

COUNCILMAN FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN LYNCH (By Request):

Resolution Requesting Vehicular Traffic Signal Light at the Intersection of Gentian Avenue and Smith Street.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a vehicular traffic signal light at the intersection of Gentian Avenue with Smith Street.

Resolution Requesting Speed Limit Signs along Gentian Avenue, from Admiral Street to Smith Street.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of Speed Limit signs along Gentian Avenue, from Admiral Street to Smith Street.

COUNCILMAN GOLDIN and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Installation of a Pedestrian Controlled Traffic Signal Light Over Reservoir Avenue, in the Vicinity of Calart Flower Company.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a pedestrian controlled traffic signal light over Reservoir

Avenue, in the immediate vicinity of the Calart Flower Company, to include adequate lighting, beamed under said light, that a Traffic Officer, who may be detailed at that location, will be conspicuous.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause a Survey to be Undertaken Along Tennessee Avenue and Intersecting Street.

COUNCILMAN KELLY and COUNCILMAN ADDISON:

Resolution Establishing Wilkie Street, from Grand View Street to Knowles Street, as a One-Way Street.

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

Resolution Requesting a Crossing Guard Post be Established at North Main Street and Third Street.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

COUNCILMAN KELLY and COUNCILMAN ADDISON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting Street Lights Along that Alley, Between Evergreen Street and Forest Street.

Resolved, that the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to cause street lights to be installed along that alley located between Evergreen Street and Forest Street.

Resolution Requesting Pedestrian Controlled Traffic Signal Light at Intersection of Hope Street with Tenth Street.

Resolved, that the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a pedestrian controlled traffic signal light at the intersection of Hope Street with Tenth Street.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON, DARIGAN and KELLY**.

COUNCILMAN LORENZO and COUNCILMAN DeVITO:

Resolution Requesting the Housing Authority of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, to Rescind its Present Policy of Causing its Tenants to Either Mail or Pay, in Person, Rentals at the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

Resolution Requesting Survey be Undertaken Concerning All Streets within the 13th Ward Which Are in Need of Resurfacing.

Resolved, that the Director of Public Works is requested to cause a survey to be undertaken concerning all streets within the Thirteenth Ward which are in need of resurfacing, and

Be It Further Resolved, that upon the completion of such survey, the said Director report the results of such survey to Councilman Jerry Lorenzo and Councilman Rudolph DeVito.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN DARIGAN, DeVITO, and LORENZO.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Treasurer and the City Controller to Transfer the Sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) from the "Trust and Special" account entitled, "Emergency Public Improvement Fund 5-580", to an account in the Capital Fund known as "Highway Special 1973-1974, 3-14-00".

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

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Lease Additional Space for the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program at 1491 Broad Street, Providence.

Referred to Committee on City Property, on

motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Sums of Money Representing Overpayment of Taxes for the Years 1969, 1972, and 1973 to the City Collector.

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

COUNCILMAN PISATURO:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare of the City Council to Conduct a Public Hearing with Regard to Any Proposed Cuts, Diminution, or Modifications of the Providence Fire Department.

Resolution Requesting His Honor the Mayor to take No Action with Regard to Any Cuts, Diminution, or Modification of the Providence Fire Department Until the Completion of a Public Hearing and the Submission of a Report by the Committee on Public Welfare.

Severally Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN LORENZO at this point requests permission of the Chair that the City

Council refer back to that Resolution being Item "11" on the Docket relative to the request that the Committee on Public Welfare conduct a Public Hearing on the "Gage-Babcock Report", and that the Clerk read the subject Resolution so that its provisions, with particular reference to "retain in service the Atwells Avenue Fire Station", be made known to those of his constituents present in the Chamber of the City Council. Accordingly the Clerk reads the Resolution.

Resolution Requesting the New England Telephone to Exempt Senior Citizens of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, as Subscribers of Residential Telephone Service, from the Recent Rate Increase Approved by the Public Utilities Commissioner.

Resolved, that the New England Telephone is requested to exempt from the recent rate increase, approved by the Public Utilities Commissioner, all Senior Citizens of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, who are subscribers of residential telephone service.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER and COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY:

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR., Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE

Transmits the Following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety, and Such Other Law Enforcement Officials, as May be Necessary, to Cause the Removal of Pornographic Material from Vendors Within the City of Providence.

Resolved, that the Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby requested to cause law enforcement officials, as may be necessary, to cause the removal of pornographic material from vendors within the City of Providence.

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety to Undertake and Implement a Study on Crime Prevention.

Whereas, Providence is considered one of the finest Cities in the United States of its size and the program of its excellent police and fire departments in the fields of crime control and fire prevention is outstanding; and

Whereas, Providence has a history of leadership in these areas including the receipt of several National Awards and Commendations for fire prevention work; and

Whereas, the problem of increasing lawlessness especially among juveniles and the category of sex crimes is a nationwide problem, which is also affecting our community; and

Whereas, prevention and instruction in prevention has been formulated and emphasized for many years in fire control work; and

Whereas, until recently police work has been concentrated on enforcement; and

Whereas, the City of Providence spends millions of dollars to support education, and the area of crime among our youth has become so substantial that, were it possible to emphasize respect for authority and the virtues of honesty, courtesy, patience and consideration of others as part of school curriculum, just as the teaching of fire prevention and health education has been very salutary, so might knowledge by the public of crime control, and it is desirable police personnel be more in touch with the public;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Commissioner of Public Safety communicate with the school authorities to prepare a program

whereby selected members of their department speak before assemblies of clubs, organized groups, and schools in the area so that the public have the opportunity to learn crime prevention and methods for reducing crime.

Resolution Receiving Accompanying Communication from Elinor Vicario, of Providence, and Related Report of the Commissioner of Public Safety, Relative to the Abatement of a Noise Problem at the F.O.P. Club located along Sheridan Street.

Resolved, that the accompanying communication from Elinor Vicario, of 19 Sheridan Street, Providence, dated April 30, 1973, and the accompanying report of the Commissioner of Public Safety, dated August 2, 1973, be received. (For subject reports see file of City Council.)

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS L. PAYNE, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:**

Resolution Establishing Jastram Street, in a Southerly Direction, from Eaton Street to Smith Street, as a One-Way Street.

Resolved, that Jastram Street, in a Southerly Direction from Eaton Street to Smith Street, be established as a one-way street.

Referred Back to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

FROM CITY SERGEANT:

Communication informing the City Council of the Appointments of Raymond Dettore of Providence as First Deputy City Sergeant and Giacomo Martone of Providence as Second Deputy City Sergeant.

Received.

FROM CITY CLERK:

Report of all monies received and transmitted to the City Collector for the fiscal year quarter from April 1, 1973 to and including June 30, 1973.

Received.

FROM CITY CONTROLLER:

Monthly Statement of Capital, General and School Funds for the Twelve Months ended June 30, 1973.

Received.

FROM CITY ASSESSOR:

Certificates (17-J, 21-J, 22-J, 25-J, 26-J, 27-J, 28-J, 29-J and 35-J) Recommending the Same be Cancelled Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7, of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended.

Severally Referred to Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Greater Providence Y.M.C.A. to Abandon as a Public Highway that Portion of Conduit Street, from Stewart Street, Easterly, for a Distance of Two Hundred Feet (200') ±, More or Less.

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

Petition of Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., 76 Dorance Street, Providence, to Clean by Sandblast Process Elevations of Building Located at 121 Washington Street, Being Also 95 Mathewson Street.

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

Petition of Ernest E. Young to Abandon as a Public Highway that Portion of East George Street, from the Westerly Line of Butler Avenue to the Easterly Line of Lot 415 on City Assessor's Plat 15.

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

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages:

Aetna Life & Casualty Co. as Subrogee of Costanza DePalma

Aetna Life & Casualty Co. as Subrogee of Carl Flood

Stephen T. Blessing

Louis A. DeNicola

Dutchland Farm, Inc.

Martha Forrest

Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Co. as Subrogee of Ernest Grasso

Aurelio Lombardi.

Caroline L. Newell

Antonio J. Regine

Edward Roderiques

Severally Referred to Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, the City Council adjourns at 9:10 o'clock P.M. (EDT) to meet again on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1973, at 8:00 P.M. (EDT).

Vincent Vecchia

City Clerk

