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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 4 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 4, 1999, 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, De-  
Luca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen  
Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Councilwomen  
Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—13.

**Absent:** Councilmen Allen and Mancini—  
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IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 3 0 1999

APPROVED:

*Richard A. Clement*  
CLERK

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Dr. Robert E. Farrow, Pastor, Holy Cross Church of God and Christ.

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

COUNCILMAN ROBERT M. CLARKIN 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 RECORDS

The Journal of Proceedings No. 1 of the Organizational Meeting of the City Council held January 4, 1999, and Journal of Proceedings No. 2 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 7, 1999 and Posted January 29, 1999, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall, are approved as printed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, seconded by COUNCILMAN DeLUCA.

## APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated January 7, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Lisa Watt Ardente of 660 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode

Island, as a Member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire on September 1, 2001.

Received.

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## APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication from Council President John J. Lombardi, dated January 28, 1999, appointing the following members to the Special Committee on State Legislation: Councilman Ronald W. Allen, Councilman Kevin Jackson,

Councilwoman Balbina A. Young, Councilman Joseph DeLuca and Councilman Luis A. Aponte.

Received.

## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"Dear Councilman John Lombardi:

On January 29, 1999, you communicated to me your denial of my request to have the council office staff process and mail 1,800 letters. This bulk mail request was to inform my constituents of an appeal of an adult entertainment license for the Cadillac Lounge, which plans to

open an adult entertainment establishment at 345 Charles Street. Your letter stated that you would determine which council requests for bulk mail receive approval on a "case by case basis." You also said that my request was "discretionary" and that I would need a "legal and prudent justification . . ." It is unfair to me, that you are denying me the opportunity to carry out my duties as a councilwoman. In your rhetoric you speak of inclusion and working together. However, your decision to deny me access to the office staff is an action of exclusion. One must wonder whether capricious decisions like this, along with recent rule changes that strengthen the committees you control and weaken the council as a whole, are healthy for the City of Providence. I am dismayed to see that during the first month of your leadership, the council has been set back to the dark days of bossism. Was my letter denied because I am not one of your teammates? Without a clear written policy which sets for the criteria for a bulk mail, which defines your meaning of a "legal and prudent justification" other members of this council could also be treated unfairly, as I have been by your discretionary approach. Therefore, I am requesting you provide the Council with a written policy regarding bulk mail and use of office staff, which the whole Council can review and approve. Finally, rest assured, your unfair decision will not stop my attempt to inform my constituents, or to fight this adult entertainment license. Sincerely, Carol A. Romano, Councilwoman Ward 4. Thank you."

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

"I was made aware of this denial earlier this week and I was really surprised. Now that I am reading the letter that you sent Councilwoman Romano, for the life of me, I don't know why it was sent. I have been a council member for 16 years. I have just entered my 17th year, and in all of the time that I have served on this council, I have never had to ask permission to send out a mailing from the council office to inform my constituents of a particular situation which is described here. And particularly, when it comes to something as serious as what this councilwoman is facing in her ward. With the numbers that we have to reach it would be most difficult to take the avenues you have expressed or offered in your letter to Councilwoman Romano that she take. Not that it couldn't be done, I have done that in the past, but the very reason why we have an office is because we are political. This is a political office serving the citizens of the City of Providence and servicing all 15 council people and the fact that we have to now ask permission is objectionable to me. I served under other council presidents and we never had to ask permission to send out a mailing or to inform our constituents of very important issues such as this, and for the life of me, and I am repeating myself, I can't understand why this letter was written in the first place, and I am hoping, because I have a similar situation arising pretty soon, that I don't have to ask permission of anyone other than the office staff to notify my constituents of an important meeting at the Licensing Board since they have all this computer equipment where they can identify the people that have to be notified and they have the ability to notify all of the people involved on my behalf since I, and all these council people, have been elected by the taxpayers of this city who pay the salaries of the City Council office, and pay our salaries. So without indulging anymore, I think we need to talk about this, because this is a new

thing on the horizon that I am not aware of, and I am sure that Councilwoman Romano was never aware of. I am surprised and dismayed, and frankly, I am not happy to see this happen."

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

"I have a very good memory, and I remember a council person doing a mailing for a Home Revolving Fund. I am sure that mailing was in the thousands. We could probably check with Rita Murphy, but I am sure that it was a very large mailing. I just put in a request, at that Council person's suggestion by the way, that I do a mailing to my constituents concerning my Home Revolving Loan Fund which is getting a slow start. I sent a letter to Councilman Lombardi asking his permission to do that. I think if we allow one to do it, we should be allowed to do it as well. I have been on this City Council for 8 years now, and never before have I felt that I was not a part of the whole council. I do feel that way now. I have never been in an official leadership position, but I always felt that I had much to offer and I was treated as though I did. I don't feel that way anymore. I always felt included in my 8 years on the council. Lately, I not only feel excluded, but I am excluded. I have been on this council, as I said for 8 years, and I have always felt that I was just as important as every other member of the City Council, except these days it's pointed out subtly over and over again that I am just a little less important. But so what, that is politics. After all I have committed the sin of supporting someone else for council

president. On top of that, I continued to emphasize that I would not pledge blind allegiance to anyone, but would continue to vote my conscience as I have always done. Now, we have been told over and over again that this leadership was one of inclusion. Then why do I feel so excluded? Why do some of my colleagues feel excluded? We have been told over and over again that there are 15 council presidents, but somehow there appears to be a boss of bosses. When things are changed, it is only right to let the players know, preferably in writing, what these changes are. All organizations, including the City Council office, need rules. Again, we need to know ahead of time what these rules are. We need to know what we can do and what we can't do. I should also tell you that I remember the number that we were allowed to send out at one time, 200 pieces, not 500. So I think that has gone by the wayside the last couple of years, but I know that I have never offended that principle in the 8 years I have been on the council. We need to know who does what in the office so that we can call that person direct. Telling anyone who answers the phone our needs and then have that information forwarded to another person sometimes loses something in the translation. This is not acceptable because it usually ends up with someone calling back and asking for clarification. We talk about a co-equal form of government, a partnership with the Mayor. What about the members of the City Council? Can't we have a co-equal form of government here? I was elected to do the work of the people of Ward 9. If I am thwarted or prevented from doing the work for the people of Ward 9, I have no choice but to take it to the people. Not only the people of Ward 9, but to the people of the City of Providence."

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

"I will take a few moments to support my colleague from the Fourth Ward, Councilwoman Romano. I wasn't aware of the limitation on how many you could mail to your constituents. I am a rookie here. I have been here for 17 months, and I thought the idea was you communicate with your constituents on a regular basis, and if you feel the need to send out a mailing that has not been silent in this city, about entertainment. We had our problems with Cabana Girls on Valley Street. I wasn't a councilman then, I went into my pocket to make sure that we had enough flyers to get people at a rally. I didn't come down here to take orders from anybody either in terms of what my job is. If I think it is incumbent upon me and my office to mail out to my constituents to express an issue or an opinion on a matter, or to get support on something, that should be left to me, and not someone in the office of the Council President in this case. I wasn't aware that that kind of authority existed, but as they

say, you learn something new every day. The fact is that I think the council should have the discretion to communicate with their constituents. I would like to say that Councilman Clarkin made an excellent point that we should probably establish what a limitation is, based on what Councilman DeLuca talked about, that was the limitation of the budget, that I think we should all be very sensitive to. If we are going to send out a number of mailing, we should have the budget for it, but we should know that up front. My final point is this, I think this could have been done by a phone call rather than a letter back and forth. It seems to me that if we are all on the same team, as Councilwoman Romano had to send a letter to the Council President and the Council President had to send back a reply. This is not the US Supreme Court. We are all on the same team. We all have our telephones, and I think it was a cold way of communicating, and I would hope that the body I entered into when I worked hard to get here, will be far more warm in the future."

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## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):**

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1984-36 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence approved May 24, 1984, and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan

for the Lower South Providence Redevelopment Project, as amended" for additional acquisition.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):**

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1982-15 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved March 26, 1982 and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Hartford Avenue Renewal Project" for the acquisition of additional properties.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):**

An Ordinance amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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An Ordinance amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended to change the zoning classification of certain lots on Zoning District Map 4.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:**

Resolution Requesting the approval for certain expenditures of funds from the Neighborhood Improvement Program, as amended.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Jointly Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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Resolution Authorizing the development of the  
Public Safety Complex.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI**  
Jointly Refers the Resolution to the  
Committee on Finance and the Committee  
on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and  
Planning.

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI,**  
**COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN**  
**APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER,**  
**COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCIL-**  
**MAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN**  
**DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT,**  
**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCIL-**  
**MAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MAN-**  
**CINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN,**  
**COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUN-**  
**CILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCIL-**  
**WOMAN YOUNG:**

Resolution Extending the sincere best wishes of  
the Members of the City Council to Elizabeth  
"Betty" Lemos, former City Employee and  
Clerk in the City Clerk's Department for a  
complete and speedy recovery.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City  
Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes  
to Elizabeth "Betty" Lemos, former City  
Employee and Clerk in the City Clerk's  
Department for a complete and speedy recovery.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUN-**  
**CILWOMAN WILLIAMS, seconded by**  
**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN ALLEN and COUNCIL-**  
**MAN APONTE (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting to sell two parcels of  
land located at 430 Friendship Street,  
Assessor's Plat No. 23, Lot 153, and 69  
Somerset Street, Assessor's Plat No. 23, Lot  
770, to the Providence Redevelopment Agency  
for one dollar (\$1.00) to be used to develop  
affordable housing.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCIL-**  
**WOMAN DiRUZZO (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to  
prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Putnam  
Street from Atwells Avenue to Amherst Street  
on Wednesday, May 5, 1999, between the  
hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 7:00 o'clock P.M.  
to accommodate the "Cinco de Mayo"  
festivities.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is  
requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along



Putnam Street from Atwells Avenue to Amherst Street on Wednesday, May 5, 1999, between the hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 7:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the "Cinco de Mayo" festivities.

**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO** moves to amend the Resolution by changing the date to "Saturday, May 5, 1999".

This motion is seconded by **COUNCILMAN APONTE**.

**Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, seconded by COUNCILMAN DeLUCA.**

The motion for Passage, as amended, is Sustained.

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**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO:**

Resolution Extending congratulations to Vicki A. Virgilio upon being elected President of the Public Service Employee's Local Union 1033.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere congratulations to Vicki A. Virgilio upon being elected President of the Public Service Employee's Local Union 1033.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to conduct a traffic flow study and traffic count commencing from Webster Avenue, Sterling Avenue, Webster Avenue to Laurel Hill Avenue, Laurel Hill Avenue to Clarence

Street, Clarence Street to Webster Avenue for the purpose of assisting traffic flow for the Webster Avenue School.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to conduct a traffic flow study and traffic count commencing from Webster Avenue, Sterling Avenue, Webster Avenue to Laurel Hill Avenue, Laurel Hill Avenue to Clarence Street, Clarence Street to Webster Avenue for the purpose of assisting traffic flow for the Webster Avenue School.

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**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the cleaning of the catch basins located within the Ninth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the cleaning of the catch basins located within the Ninth Ward.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

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**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:**

Resolution Requesting the Finance Committee to hire R. Kelly Sheridan, Esquire to represent the City Council as a consultant on an as needed basis.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI  
Refers the Resolution to the Committee on  
Finance.**

**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI moves a Point  
of Order:**

I noticed in my box that I received the Constitution, and on the cover it says "We, the people" and I thought it was interesting. I would like to refer everybody's attention to the Charter, page one, entitled 101: It says . . . the people of the City of Providence hereby establishes this Home Rule Charter for the better conduct of their affairs and to secure for themselves the benefits and rights of self government, guaranteed. By the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, this Charter shall be cited as the Providence Home Rule Charter, 1980 . . ." I want to thank Council President Lombardi for acknowledging me, and the leaders and other colleagues. Just recently in January, we had a similar situation we had with Resolution No. 19. Last January there was a proposed circumvention of the City Charter that we should send our Municipal Court elections to a committee of five. And as we all debated that heated night, and of course the City Solicitor agreed and prevailed upon all of us, as well as the City Charter did, to show the error of our ways that those elections are held between the body of 15. With that pre-cursor, we have before us Resolution No. 19, requesting the Finance Committee to hire an attorney to represent the City Council as a consultant on a needed basis. The problem with this proposed Resolution is it is contradictory to the City Charter. There is no clause, and there has been no resolution put before us that allows to us to suspend this document, this Constitution. Meaning this. This proposed resolution is proposing on how to hire an attorney on behalf of the City Council. It is saying send this

resolution to the Finance Committee. We have now empowered you five members to hire an attorney for the City Council on an as needed basis. So in other words, all you need is three out of five votes, a minority number. But what I thought was interesting was Section 401(d), entitled "Legal Powers". What it says is that the legislative powers of the Council. It says to retain an attorney we must need two-thirds vote of the entire City Council. Not two-fifths out of a committee, but two-thirds of the entire council. That means 10 members. And to fix the salaries of that consultant, and also that person must have a specific mission statement on why we are hiring them in order for us to say the present city agencies, i.e., the City Solicitor's office, cannot handle a proposed case. For example, we hired an attorney to represent us in the COLA matter. In that particular case we needed certain expertise. So the fundamental difference is the City Charter says that you have to go before the full council. The City Charter says you need 10 members to hire. The City Charter says we must fix the salary, cannot be open-ended. And the City Charter says you must have a mission statement. I paraphrase it. Mr. President and the leaders of this council, you must prevail upon your colleagues and explain to them when they propose such resolutions that are contradictory to the City Charter, you need to explain to them the errors of their way. If this proposed circumvention was approved in the past history. I am listening to prior arguments about something happening 8 years ago. Well I say shame on you that you allow the circumvention of the City Charter. Back in January I took an oath to uphold this document and I shall not, and I will not, lay down and allow the circumvention of the City Charter. It would be shame on me to do that here. Not only as a citizen of the City of Providence. Not only as an officer of the court, a constable of Providence, but a City Councilman who swore

under oath to uphold this document. This is our constitution. Our constitution is the Charter. Same, no different. My position tonight is not a political one. It is not a personal one. It's the people of Providence's position. It is a City Charter position. So I cannot stand here before you and allow this misuse or violating of the City Charter, just like I couldn't stand here before you in January and allow it to occur then. It behooves the leadership to explain this to their members, to explain when they propose a resolution. I am sure this had been submitted weeks ago and I am sure there has been some discussion among the leadership, and it dumbfounds me how we can just ignore the Charter. It is irrefutable. Therefore, I respectfully request Mr. President that you enforce the City Charter that you took an oath with me. That you rule in favor and that you request that this matter be withdrawn before this Honorable Body, because to do so would be a violation and a circumvention of the City Charter.

**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN moves to Refer the Resolution to the City Council as a Whole. This motion is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, and is put to vote by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas: Councilman Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglio-  
zzi, Councilwomen Nolan and Romano—6.**

**Nays: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Clarkin, DeLuca, Jackson, Councilwomen Williams and Young—7.**

**Absent: Councilmen Allen and Mancini—2.**

**The motion to Refer to the City Council as a Whole fails.**

**The Resolution is referred to the Committee on Finance.**

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **COUNCILMAN ROBERT M. CLARKIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

**Transmits the following with recommenda-  
tion the same be severally Approved:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a four-way "Stop" sign at the intersection of Unit Street and Cloud Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a four-way "Stop" sign at the intersection of Unit Street and Cloud Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking" signs on both sides of Rosario Drive.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking" signs on both sides of Rosario Drive.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to post "No Parking Loading Zone" signs on the easterly side of Courtland Street, between Broadway and Grove Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to post "No Parking Loading Zone" signs on the easterly side of Courtland Street, between Broadway and Grove Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Stop" sign at the corner of Eighth Street and Lorimer Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "Stop" sign at the corner of Eighth Street and Lorimer Avenue.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to study the feasibility of designating Laura Street a one-way street, from Melrose Street to Broad Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to study the feasibility of designating Laura Street a one-way street, from Melrose Street to Broad Street.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

An Ordinance adopting the Manchester Street Power Plant Tax Increment Project Plan, as amended.

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

Yeas: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Council-

women Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—12.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Allen, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Mancini—3.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

**Transmits the following with recommenda-  
tion the same be severally Approved:**

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 23, 1998, informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 603 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Charles R. Mansolillo of One Chestnut Street in the City of Providence as City Solicitor for a term to expire January 6, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

December 23, 1998

The Honorable City Council  
Providence City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302 (b) and 603 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day reappointing Charles Mansolillo of One Chestnut Street in the City of Providence as City Solicitor for a term to expire January 6, 2003, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
*Mayor of Providence*

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 23, 1998, informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Sections 8-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, he is hereby reappointing Chief Judge Irving Brodsky of 83 Woodbury Street, Providence, Rhode Island, to the Providence Housing Court for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

December 23, 1998

The Honorable Members  
The City Council of the  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Sections 8-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, I hereby reappoint Chief Judge Irving Brodsky of 83 Woodbury Street, Providence, Rhode Island, to the Providence Housing Court for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2002, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
*Mayor of Providence*

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 3, 1998, informing the

Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Margaret DeFelice of 608 Pleasant Valley Parkway, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term expiring in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

December 3, 1998

The Honorable Members  
The City Council of the  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day reappointing Margaret DeFelice of 608 Pleasant Valley Parkway, Providence, Rhode Island, a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term expiring in January, 2002, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
*Mayor of Providence*

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 3, 1998, informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Andrew Annaldo of 2 Beloit Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term

expiring in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

December 3, 1998

The Honorable Members  
The City Council of the  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day reappointing Mr. Andrew Annaldo of 2 Beloit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term expiring in January, 2002, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
*Mayor of Providence*

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated January 4, 1999, informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Ralph Lennon of 652 River Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, a Member of the Zoning Board of Review for a term expiring in January, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

January 4, 1999

The Honorable Members  
The City Council of the  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day reappointing Mr. Ralph Lennon of 652 River Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, a Member of the Zoning Board of Review for a term expiring in January, 2004, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
*Mayor of Providence*

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated January 4, 1999, informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Arthur F. Salisbury of 261 Olney Street, Providence, Rhode Island, a Member of the Building Board of Review for a term expiring in January, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

January 4, 1999

The Honorable Members  
The City Council of the  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

January 4, 1999

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day reappointing Arthur F. Salisbury of 261 Olney Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, a Member of the Building Board of Review for a term to expire in January, 2004, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
*Mayor of Providence*

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated January 4, 1999, informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Gertrude F. Blakey of 115 Sinclair Avenue, Apartment 2, Providence, Rhode Island, a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

The Honorable Members  
The City Council of the  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day reappointing Ms. Gertrude F. Blakey of 115 Sinclair Avenue, Apartment 2, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire in January, 2002, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
*Mayor of Providence*

**Severally Received and Approved on motion of COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, seconded by COUNCILMAN DeLUCA.**

**The motion to Receive and Approve is Sustained.**



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

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

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1994, as amended, by amending Providence Zoning District Map Number 43 of the Official Zoning Map by changing zoning district designation of certain lots from R-3 to M-1.

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

**Yeas: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—11.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, Mancini, Councilwoman Young—4.**

**The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

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## **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Report from Raymond Dettore, Jr., Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Licenses, of all moneys received for licenses, etc., issued during the quarter ending December 31, 1998.

**Received.**

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Report from Christine Roundtree, Executive Director and Christopher Nocera, Chairman, Providence Human Relations Commission for the period of July 1996 to July 1998.

**Received.**

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Report from Stephen J. O'Rourke, Executive Director, Providence Housing Authority for Fiscal Year 1998 Annual Report on Operations.

Received.

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Annual Fiscal Report from Roger Williams Medical Center, dated January, 1999, for fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

Received.

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## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from John F. Palmieri, Executive Director, Department of Planning and Development requesting to abandon various streets located within the Hartford Avenue Neighborhood.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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Petition of Raymond DiSanto, President, Harbor Marine Corporation, requesting approval to lease, for storage purposes, the land designated as Assessors Plat 56, Lots 288 and 296.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Petition to the Committee on City Property.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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Petition of Reverend Melody A. Foti, Minister of the Religious Society of Bell Street Chapel requesting approval to name the new city park at Bell and Grove Streets the "Anna Garlin Spencer Park".

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:**

Providence Gas Company (Jeffrey H. Gladston, Esq. & Kevin McNeeley, Esq.)

Bert Caniglia

Anthoy P. Gemma

Somphahn Mahathirash (Stephen E. Breggia, Esq.)

Cheryl Robinson-Roberts

Arnold Pierre Fils

Susan Edmiston

Valmore Pelletier

Midwest Financial Acceptance Corp. (Gardner H. Palmer, Jr., Esq.)

Paul Sloan Gentry

Vanessa A. Danielson

Nationwide Insurance a/s/o John Reis

Ruben Navarro

Enrico Siravo

Lilia Glybovsky

Allan E. Cruz (J. Ronald Fishbein, Esq.)

Georgeann Thomas

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## 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:

Joseph J. McMullen, Jr., Esquire, in recognition of the celebration of his 50th birthday on February 15, 1999. "Starting the Back 9".

Anthony DeQuattro, in recognition of his service to the Veteran's Administration Community and American Legion.

Kathleen Bello, in recognition of being elected President of the Providence College National Alumni Association, the second woman to hold this position.

Kathleen Bello, in recognition of achieving the 1998 Mal Brown Award as a Providence College Alumni

Andrew Annaldo, in recognition of his re-appointment as commissioner of the Providence Board of Licenses.

Margaret DeFelice, in recognition of her re-appointment as commissioner of the Providence Board of Licenses.

Chief Judge Frank Caprio, Jr., Esquire, in recognition of being re-appointed Chief Judge of the Providence Municipal Court.

Anthony A. Giannini, Jr., Esquire, in recognition of being re-appointed Judge of the Providence Municipal Court.

Catherine A. Graziano, Esquire, in recognition of being re-appointed Judge of the Providence Municipal Court.

Louis A. Pavao, in recognition of being re-appointed Clerk of the Providence Municipal Court.

Chief Judge Irving Brodsky, in recognition of being re-appointed Chief Judge of the Providence Housing Court.

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

**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:

Velia F. Zeoli

Edward T. Donilon

Efrain Concepcion

Theresa Mercurio

Paul Belisle

Mario R. Palmieri

Charles W. Bassett

Giuseppina "Josephine" Orlando

Geneffa "Jennie" Marrese

Louis J. D'Antuono

Phyllis Dickenson

Ernie J. Grilli, Sr.

Elizabeth A. "Beth" White

Joseph Vitolo, Jr.

Cecelia Ricci

Anne F. McKenna

Carmine DeQuattro

Dante Sormanti

Carol Lombardi

Romilda Roma Berarducci

Catherine Masello

Frances D'Azzeo

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on  
motion of COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS,  
seconded by COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, it is  
voted to adjourn at 8:40 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)  
to meet again on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY  
18, 1999 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Richard R. Clement*

City Clerk

