

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



## CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 29 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 4, 2003, 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 Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzo, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal, Councilwomen Williams And Young - 14.

**Absent:** Councilman Luna - 1

(Subsequently Councilman Luna joins the meeting)

**Also Present:** Bruce D. Todesco, Deputy City Solicitor, Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, Anna M. Stetson, Second Deputy City Clerk and Lori L. Hagen, Assistant Clerk.

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE APPROVED.

*John J. Lombardi*  
*City Clerk*

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN  
TERRENCE M. HASSETT.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN CAROL A. ROMANO  
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. 15 of the  
Regular Meeting of the City Council held June  
5, 2003; Journal of Proceedings No. 16 of the  
Regular Meeting of the City Council held June  
19, 2003; Journal of Proceedings No. 17 of the  
Special Meeting held June 26, 2003 and Jour-  
nal of Proceedings No. 18 of the Regular Meet-  
ing of the City Council held July 3, 2003, and  
Posted November 24, 2003 on that Bulletin  
Board located on the Ground Floor Level of  
City Hall, are received as printed.

## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated November 20, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1008 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Samuel J. Shamoon of 309 Doyle Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as the Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication dated November 20, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 604 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Barbara Troncy of 215 Rankin Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as the Recorder of Deeds, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated November 21, 2003, Informing the City Clerk of his appointment of Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Councilman John J. Iglizoi and Councilman Miguel C. Luna to the Special Commission to Study the Providence Code of Ordinances.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dis-  
pense with the Reading of the foregoing  
matters.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Re-  
ceives the Several Communications.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Re-  
ceives and Refers the Several Communica-  
tions to the Committee on Finance.**

Communication dated November 12, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 46-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, he is this day re-appointing Mr. Angelo S. Rotella of 140 Texas Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission for a term to expire in November 2006.

Communication dated November 17, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and 1994 Ordinance 365 Chapter 502.1, he is this day re-appointing Mr. Michael Everett of 48 Barnes Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a first alternate member of the Downcity Design Review Commission for a term to expire in September 2004.

## ORDINANCES SECOND READING

**The Following Ordinances were in City Council November 20, 2003, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Fifty Two Million Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand and One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$52, 252,160) for the support of the Providence Water Supply Board for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD OPERATING BUDGET 2003-2004**

**REVENUES:**

Sale of Water.....	\$45,765,187
Interest .....	425,000
Mains & Services .....	375,000
Miscellaneous Revenue .....	880,504
Miscellaneous State Revenue .....	240,955
Water Quality Protection Fund .....	2,575,016
State Water Resources Board .....	1,990,498
<b>TOTAL GROSS REVENUES .....</b>	<b>\$52,252,160</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Salaries/Fringes and Retirement.....	\$18,161,064
Services .....	4,093,227
Materials .....	994,478
Special Items.....	20,000
Equipment Outlays .....	35,700
Property Taxes .....	5,846,787
Unemployment Compensation.....	8,000
Sub-total Operational Expenses.....	\$29,159,256

**RESTRICTED TRANSFERS:**

Transfer from IFR-Labor.....	(\$405,532)
Transfer from IFR-Materials.....	(\$356,500)
Transfer to Capital .....	2,450,000
Transfer to Infrastructure Replacement .....	12,500,000
Transfer to 102" Butterfly Valves.....	500,000
Transfer to Equipment Fund .....	1,100,000
Transfer to Insurance: .....	359,000
Transfer to AMR/Meter Replacement.....	400,000
Transfer to Sludge/Chemical Fund .....	1,765,516
Transfer to Western Cranston .....	62,069
Transfer to Alternative Supply.....	150,000

Transfer to Water Quality Protection Fund .....	2,575,016
Transfer to Water Resources Board .....	1,990,498
<b>Total Transfers.....</b>	<b>\$23,090,067</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE AND TRANSFERS .....</b>	<b>\$52,249,324</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) .....</b>	<b>2,836</b>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2003-11, Approved March 24, 2003, as Amended.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

Section 1. The following Compensation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>Pay Grade or Rate</u>
Account Collector.....	25
Administrative Assistant, WSB .....	M10
Aide to Chief Engineer .....	M1
Associate Engineer IV.....	31
Applications/Database Analyst.....	M8
Board Counsel.....	\$35,000/yr
Budget and Planning Analyst.....	M5
Chairman – Water Supply Board.....	\$3,000/yr
Chief Engineer/General Manager.....	C42
Clerical Coordinator.....	23
Clerk1.....	1
Collection Officer, WSB .....	26
Confidential Assistant to Chief Engineer .....	M8
DataBase Manager.....	M15
Dept. Switchboard Operator .....	11
Deputy General Manager, (Admin).....	M32
Deputy General Manager, (Operations).....	M32
Dig Safe Worker .....	\$19.08/hr
Director – Special Projects .....	M27
Director – Commercial Services .....	M27
Director – Distribution.....	M27
Director – Engineering.....	M29
Director – Finance .....	M28
Director – Support Services .....	M27

Director – Water Supply .....	M28	Senior Equipment Mechanic .....	\$19.90/hr
Draftsman .....	12	Senior Forest Supervisor .....	M12
Electrical Technician .....	\$28.28/hr	Senior Manager of Information Systems .....	M21
Engineer .....	M12	Senior Manager of Personnel .....	M20
Engineering Aide III .....	19	Senior Meter Reader Technician .....	\$17.36/hr
Engineering Project Coordinator .....	M5	Senior Switchboard Operator .....	\$793.40/wk
Environmental Resource Manager .....	M18	Senior Technician .....	24
Equipment Mechanic .....	\$19.74/hr	Senior Technician II (WSB) .....	25
Equipment Operator .....	\$16.48 /hr	Senior Water Plant Mechanic .....	\$21.08/hr
Forest Supervisor .....	M10	Senior Watershed Mechanic .....	\$18.66/hr
GIS Project Manager .....	M12	Staff Accountant .....	24
Heavy Equipment Operator .....	\$19.74 /hr	Supervisor – Accounting .....	M12
Inspector .....	19	Supervisor – Accounts Receivable .....	M8
Instrumentation Technician .....	\$21.86 /hr	Supervisor – Billing, WSB .....	M9
Junior Chemist I .....	14	Supervisor – Collections, WSB .....	M5
Junior Chemist II .....	16	Supervisor – Facilities & Equipment .....	M12
Lab Supervisor/Bacteriology – Water .....	M10	Supervisor – Metering, WSB .....	M9
Lab Supervisor/Chemistry – Water .....	M10	Supervisor – Security & Enforcement .....	M8
Land Management Specialist .....	M11	Supervisor – Water Maintenance Crew .....	M13
Maintenance Man III .....	\$16.18/hr	Supervisor – Water Plant Operations .....	M12
Manager – Accounting .....	M14	Switchboard Operator I .....	4
Manager – Budget .....	M13	System Technical Specialist .....	22
Manager – Capital Program .....	M18	Utility laborer .....	\$15.04/hr
Manager – Construction Services .....	M15	Utility Maintenance Worker .....	\$15.04/hr
Manager – Customer Service .....	M18	Utility Maintenance Repairman .....	\$18.20/hr
Manager – Distribution (Field Services) .....	M18	Utility Worker .....	\$17.58/hr
Manager – Distribution (Planning) .....	M16	Water Plant Mechanic .....	\$18.93/hr
Manager – Facilities and Equipment .....	M16	Water Plant Operator I .....	\$812.84/wk
Manager – Intergovernmental Relations .....	M13	Water Supply Board Clerk .....	11
Manager – Personnel .....	M13	Water System Mechanic .....	\$20.01/hr
Manager – Plant Operations .....	M18	Water Treatment Operator .....	\$15.61/hr
Manager – Regulatory .....	M17	Water Treatment Operator Class I .....	\$16.91/hr
Manager – Security & Risk .....	M14	Water Treatment Operator Class II .....	\$18.06/hr
Manager – Technical Services .....	M17	Water Treatment Operator Class III .....	\$19.22/hr
Manager – Training & Communications .....	M15	Watershed Grounds General Foreman .....	\$20.59/hr
Manager – Water laboratory .....	M18	Watershed Inspector .....	\$16.22/hr
Material Handler .....	\$15.59/hr	Watershed Mechanic .....	\$15.68/hr
Member – Water Supply Board .....	\$2,400.00/yr		
Meter Reader I .....	\$15.59/hr		
Meter Reader Technician .....	\$16.36/hr		
Personnel Technician, Water .....	22		
Principal Engineer .....	M15		
Processor-Equipment .....	M7		
Purchasing Agent II, (WSB) .....	24		
Raingauge Keeper .....	\$21.00/wk		
Real Estate Specialist .....	M11		
Sanitarian .....	14		
Scheduler/Dispatcher .....	\$18.66/hr		
Senior Administrative Clerk, Water .....	18		
Senior Draftsman-WSB .....	28		
Senior Administrative Assistant .....	M11		

Section 2. The salary for each position is categorized as one (1) of seventy-seven (77) "Pay Grades", each of which contains five (5) "Steps", or, the rate listed in Section 1 above. The "Pay Grades" and "Steps" are enumerated and set forth in Section 8 (Grade 1-35) and Section 9 (Grades M1-M41,C42).

Section 3. The above paygrades and rates do not include additional compensation for employees who may be requested to work a non-standard work week or have met the CDL requirements as per the Bargaining Unit Agreement.

Section 4. The above pay grades do not include additional compensation for Supervisors who are eligible and may receive on-call pay.

Section 5. Effective with the adoption of this Ordinance, Officers, and Employees of the City of Providence may authorize Employees to perform duties of a higher rated classification, cause by leave or retirement, and that said position is funded and provided for in this Ordinance. Said assignment may be performed for a maximum of 30 days per fiscal year. Any and all other assign-

ments of out of rank nature must be approved by the City Council following petition by the Personnel Director.

Section 6. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not be construed as a ratification of any collective bargaining agreement.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Section 8. Grades consistent with salary adjustments in Bargaining Unit.

Step Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	ANNUAL SALARY RANGE	
1	452.57	456.61	460.65	468.72	474.77	23,533.64	24,688.04
2	462.66	468.72	472.74	480.82	486.89	24,058.32	25,318.28
3	474.77	478.82	482.84	490.89	496.97	24,688.04	25,842.44
4	486.89	490.89	494.96	501.01	509.10	25,318.28	26,473.20
5	496.97	501.01	506.50	513.14	519.17	25,842.44	26,996.84
6	509.10	513.14	517.17	525.26	531.28	26,473.20	27,626.56
7	519.17	525.26	529.26	535.35	541.39	26,996.84	28,152.28
8	531.28	535.34	539.38	547.44	553.52	27,626.56	28,783.04
9	541.39	549.47	557.53	565.61	575.71	28,152.28	29,936.92
10	553.52	559.56	567.63	577.74	587.82	28,783.04	30,566.64
11	563.60	571.75	579.74	589.83	599.94	29,307.20	31,196.88
12	575.71	583.77	591.86	599.94	610.20	29,936.92	31,730.40
13	587.82	593.86	601.95	610.20	623.11	30,566.64	32,401.72
14	599.94	610.20	623.17	634.78	646.91	31,196.88	33,639.32
15	610.20	623.17	632.93	646.91	657.81	31,730.40	34,206.12
16	623.17	633.94	646.91	657.81	671.63	32,404.84	34,924.76
17	634.78	646.91	657.81	671.63	683.22	33,008.56	35,527.44
18	646.91	657.81	671.63	683.22	697.03	33,639.32	36,245.56
19	657.81	671.63	683.22	697.03	710.95	34,206.12	36,969.40
20	671.63	683.22	697.03	710.95	723.06	34,924.76	37,599.12
21	682.93	699.40	715.58	730.41	752.48	35,512.36	39,128.96
22	697.03	713.22	728.00	746.79	769.54	36,245.56	40,016.08
23	710.95	725.41	744.06	759.23	783.76	36,969.40	40,755.52
24	724.11	738.40	763.86	778.02	797.83	37,653.72	41,487.16
25	734.12	761.03	792.27	809.11	831.74	38,174.24	43,250.48
26	757.41	775.11	795.03	826.19	845.97	39,385.32	43,990.44
27	769.54	789.33	820.48	840.38	863.03	40,016.08	44,877.56
28	783.76	812.07	828.99	848.81	879.95	40,755.52	45,757.40
29	797.83	831.74	863.03	894.07	925.31	41,487.16	48,116.12
30	831.74	865.73	894.09	925.32	956.39	43,250.48	49,732.28
31	845.97	879.95	908.28	939.41	976.26	43,990.44	50,765.52
32	879.95	908.28	939.41	970.58	1,004.61	45,757.40	52,239.72
33	908.28	939.41	974.29	1,004.61	1,035.64	47,230.56	53,853.28
34	939.41	976.26	1,004.61	1,035.64	1,066.90	48,849.32	55,478.80
35	970.12	1,004.61	1,035.64	1,066.90	1,097.91	50,446.24	57,091.32

Section 9. Grades listed below represent a schedule for advancement in rank for management personnel. Step increases are contingent upon management review.

Step Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	ANNUAL SALARY RANGE	
M1	33,422.03	35,093.13	36,847.78	38,690.17	40,624.68	33,422.03	40,624.68
M2	34,424.69	36,145.92	37,953.22	39,850.88	41,843.42	34,424.69	41,843.42
M3	35,457.43	37,230.30	39,091.81	41,046.40	43,098.72	35,457.43	43,098.72
M4	36,521.15	38,347.21	40,264.57	42,277.80	44,391.69	36,521.15	44,391.69
M5	37,616.78	39,497.62	41,472.50	43,546.13	45,723.44	37,616.78	45,723.44
M6	38,745.29	40,682.55	42,716.68	44,852.51	47,095.14	38,745.29	47,095.14
M7	39,907.65	41,903.03	43,998.18	46,198.09	48,507.99	39,907.65	48,507.99
M8	41,104.88	43,160.12	45,318.12	47,584.03	49,963.23	41,104.88	49,963.23
M9	42,338.02	44,454.92	46,677.67	49,011.55	51,462.13	42,338.02	51,462.13
M10	43,608.16	45,788.57	48,078.00	50,481.90	53,005.99	43,608.16	53,005.99
M11	44,916.41	47,162.23	49,520.34	51,996.36	54,596.17	44,916.41	54,596.17
M12	46,263.90	48,577.09	51,005.95	53,556.25	56,234.06	46,263.90	56,234.06
M13	47,651.82	50,034.41	52,536.13	55,162.93	57,921.08	47,651.82	57,921.08
M14	49,081.37	51,535.44	54,112.21	56,817.82	59,658.71	49,081.37	59,658.71
M15	50,553.81	53,081.50	55,735.58	58,522.36	61,448.47	50,553.81	61,448.47
M16	52,070.43	54,673.95	57,407.64	60,278.03	63,291.93	52,070.43	63,291.93
M17	53,632.54	56,314.17	59,129.87	62,086.37	65,190.69	53,632.54	65,190.69
M18	55,241.51	58,003.59	60,903.77	63,948.96	67,146.41	55,241.51	67,146.41
M19	56,898.76	59,743.70	62,730.88	65,867.43	69,160.80	56,898.76	69,160.80
M20	58,605.72	61,536.01	64,612.81	67,843.45	71,235.62	58,605.72	71,235.62
M21	60,363.89	63,382.09	66,551.19	69,878.75	73,372.69	60,363.89	73,372.69
M22	62,174.81	65,283.55	68,547.73	71,975.12	75,573.87	62,174.81	75,573.87
M23	64,040.06	67,242.06	70,604.16	74,134.37	77,841.09	64,040.06	77,841.09
M24	65,961.26	69,259.32	72,722.29	76,358.40	80,176.32	65,961.26	80,176.32
M25	67,940.10	71,337.10	74,903.96	78,649.15	82,581.61	67,940.10	82,581.61
M26	69,978.30	73,477.21	77,151.07	81,008.63	85,059.06	69,978.30	85,059.06
M27	72,077.65	75,681.53	79,465.61	83,438.89	87,610.83	72,077.65	87,610.83
M28	74,239.98	77,951.98	81,849.57	85,942.05	90,239.16	74,239.98	90,239.16
M29	76,467.18	80,290.53	84,305.06	88,520.31	92,946.33	76,467.18	92,946.33
M30	78,761.19	82,699.25	86,834.21	91,175.92	95,734.72	78,761.19	95,734.72
M31	81,124.03	85,180.23	89,439.24	93,911.20	98,606.76	81,124.03	98,606.76
M32	83,557.75	87,735.64	92,122.42	96,728.54	101,564.96	83,557.75	101,564.96
M33	86,064.48	90,367.70	94,886.09	99,630.39	104,611.91	86,064.48	104,611.91
M34	88,646.41	93,078.74	97,732.67	102,619.31	107,750.27	88,646.41	107,750.27
M35	91,305.81	95,871.10	100,664.65	105,697.88	110,982.78	91,305.81	110,982.78
M36	94,044.98	98,747.23	103,684.59	108,868.82	114,312.26	94,044.98	114,312.26
M37	96,866.33	101,709.65	106,795.13	112,134.89	117,741.63	96,866.33	117,741.63
M38	99,772.32	104,760.94	109,998.98	115,498.93	121,273.88	99,772.32	121,273.88
M39	102,765.49	107,903.76	113,298.95	118,963.90	124,912.10	102,765.49	124,912.10
M40	105,848.45	111,140.88	116,697.92	122,532.82	128,659.46	105,848.45	128,659.46
M41	109,023.91	114,475.10	120,198.86	126,208.80	132,519.24	109,023.91	132,519.24
C42	112,936.82	118,583.67	124,512.85	130,738.49	137,275.42	112,936.82	137,275.42

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2003-12, Approved March 24, 2003, As Amended.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

Section 1. The number of employees in the Providence Water Supply Board shall not exceed two hundred sixty five (265) at any one time. Within each of the following classifications, there shall be no more than:

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | Account Collector                        | 1  | GIS Project Manager                      |
| 11 | Administrative Assistant, WSB            | 4  | Heavy Equipment Operator                 |
| 5  | Aide to Chief Engineer                   | 1  | Inspector                                |
| 1  | Applications/Database Analyst            | 1  | Instrumentation Technician               |
| 1  | Associate Engineer IV                    | 1  | Junior Chemist I                         |
| 1  | Board Counsel                            | 1  | Junior Chemist II                        |
| 1  | Budget and Planning Analyst              | 1  | Lab Supervisor/Bacteriology - Water      |
| 1  | Chairman - Water Supply Board            | 1  | Lab Supervisor/Chemistry - Water         |
| 1  | Chief Engineer/General Manager           | 1  | Land Management Specialist               |
| 3  | Clerical Coordinator                     | 2  | Maintenance Man III                      |
| 6  | Clerk 1                                  | 1  | Manager - Accounting                     |
| 1  | Collection Officer, WSB                  | 1  | Manager - Budget                         |
| 2  | Confidential Assistant to Chief Engineer | 1  | Manager - Capital Program                |
| 1  | Database Manager                         | 1  | Manager - Construction Services          |
| 1  | Dept. Switchboard Operator               | 1  | Manager - Customer Service               |
| 1  | Deputy General Manager, (Admin)          | 1  | Manager - Distribution, (Field Services) |
| 1  | Deputy General Manager, (Operations)     | 1  | Manager - Distribution, (Planning)       |
| 5  | Dig Safe Worker                          | 1  | Manager - Facilities and Equipment       |
| 1  | Director - Commercial Services           | 1  | Manager - Intergovernmental Relations    |
| 1  | Director - Distribution                  | 1  | Manager - Personnel                      |
| 1  | Director - Engineering                   | 2  | Manager - Plant Operations               |
| 1  | Director - Finance                       | 1  | Manager - Regulatory                     |
| 1  | Director - Special Projects              | 1  | Manager - Technical Services             |
| 1  | Director - Support Services              | 1  | Manager - Security & Risk                |
| 1  | Director - Water Supply                  | 1  | Manager - Training & Communications      |
| 1  | Draftsman                                | 1  | Manager - Water Laboratory               |
| 1  | Electrical Technician                    | 1  | Material Handler                         |
| 7  | Engineer                                 | 3  | Member - Water Supply Board              |
| 1  | Engineering Aide III                     | 6  | Meter Reader I                           |
| 5  | Engineering Project Coordinator          | 11 | Meter Reader Technician                  |
| 1  | Environmental Resource Manager           | 1  | Personnel Technician, Water              |
| 1  | Equipment Mechanic                       | 4  | Principal Engineer                       |
| 1  | Equipment Operator                       | 1  | Processor- Equipment                     |
| 1  | Forest Supervisor                        | 1  | Purchasing Agent II, WSB                 |
|    |  | 7  | Raingauge Keeper                         |
|    |  | 1  | Real Estate Specialist                   |
|    |  | 3  | Sanitarian                               |
|    |  | 1  | Scheduler/Dispatcher                     |
|    |  | 3  | Senior Administrative Assistant          |
|    |  | 21 | Senior Administrative Clerk, Water       |
|    |  | 1  | Senior Draftsman-WSB                     |
|    |  | 3  | Senior Equipment Mechanic                |
|    |  | 1  | Senior Forest Supervisor                 |
|    |  | 1  | Senior Manager of Information Systems    |
|    |  | 1  | Senior Manager of Personnel              |
|    |  | 6  | Senior Meter Reader Technician           |
|    |  | 1  | Senior Switchboard Operator              |
|    |  | 1  | Senior Technician                        |

- 1 Senior Technician II (WSB)
- 7 Senior Water Plant Mechanic
- 3 Senior Watershed Mechanic
- 2 Staff Accountant
- 1 Supervisor - Accounting
- 1 Supervisor - Accounts Receivable
- 1 Supervisor - Billing, WSB
- 1 Supervisor - Metering, WSB
- 1 Supervisor - Collections, WSB
- 2 Supervisor - Facilities & Equipment
- 1 Supervisor - Security & Enforcement
- 6 Supervisor - Water Maintenance Crew
- 5 Supervisor - Water Plant Operations
- 1 Switchboard Operator I
- 1 System Technical Specialist
- 15 Utility Laborer
- 6 Utility Maintenance Worker
- 2 Utility Maintenance Repairman
- 20 Utility Worker
- 3 Water Plant Mechanic
- 1 Water Plant Operator I
- 9 Water Supply Board Clerk
- 12 Water System Mechanic
- 1 Water Treatment Operator
- 1 Water Treatment Operator Class I
- 0 Water Treatment Operator Class II
- 7 Water Treatment Operator Class III
- 1 Watershed Grounds General Foreman
- 8 Watershed Inspector
- 3 Watershed Mechanic

Section 2. The total number of positions in the classifications of Clerk I, Clerical Coordinator, Senior Administrative Clerk, and WSB Clerk will not exceed 31 positions.

The total number of positions in the classifications Meter Reader I, Meter Reader Technician and Senior Meter Reader Technician will not exceed 18 positions.

The total number of positions in the classifications Aide to Chief Engineer, Administrative Assistant and Senior Administrative Assistant will not exceed 18 positions.

The total number of positions in the classifications Maintenance Man III, Utility Maintenance Repairman and Utility Maintenance Worker will not exceed 7 positions.

The total number of positions in the classifications Utility Laborer, Utility Worker and Water System Mechanic will not exceed 39 positions.

The total number of positions in the classifications Watershed Mechanic and Senior Watershed Mechanic will not exceed 6 positions.

The total number of positions in the classifications Water Plant Mechanic and Senior Water Plant Mechanic will not exceed 10 positions.

The total number of positions in the classifications Water Treatment Operator and Water Treatment Operator Class I, II, III will not exceed 8 positions.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Thirteen Million Seven Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$13,747,234) for the Water Supply Board Infrastructure Replacement Program Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

**REVENUES:**

Transfer from Water Operations .....	\$12,500,000
Carryover from prior year .....	247,234
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES.....</b>	<b>\$13,747,234</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Transfer to Operations-Labor .....	\$356,500
Transfer to Operations-Materials .....	405,532
Replacement Projects .....	9,623,500
Debt Service .....	3,265,825
	<u>\$13,651,357</u>

**SURPLUS/(DEFICIT).....\$95,877**

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Six Million Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$6,257,388) for the Water Supply Board Water Quality Protection Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD QUALITY PROTECTION FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Surcharge Revenue .....	\$2,575,016
Carryover from prior year .....	3,646,947
Interest Income .....	35,425
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES .....</b>	<b>\$6,257,388</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Debt Service - Scituate Reservoir I .....	\$692,986
Land Acquisitions .....	\$1,000,000
Property Taxes .....	360,130
Other Services .....	787,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$2,840,616</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) .....</b>	<b>\$3,416,772</b>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Four Million Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$4,216,663) for the Water Supply Board Capital Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD CAPITAL FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Transfer from Water Operations .....	\$2,450,000
Carryover from prior year .....	1,729,154
Interest Income .....	37,508
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES .....</b>	<b>\$4,216,663</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Capital Projects .....	\$1,420,000
Debt Service .....	1,489,558
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$2,909,558</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) .....</b>	<b>\$1,307,105</b>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Two Million Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$2,031,769) for the Water Supply Board Insurance Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD INSURANCE FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Transfer from Water Operations .....	\$359,000
Carryover from prior year .....	1,664,137
Interest Income .....	8,632
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES .....</b>	<b>\$2,031,769</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Services .....	\$45,000
Claims .....	200,000
Property and Casualty .....	839,293
Reserve .....	600,000
Worker's Compensation .....	303,213
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$1,987,505</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) .....</b>	<b>\$44,264</b>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Eight Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$863,339) for the Water Supply Board Meter Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD METER REPLACEMENT FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Transfer from Water Operations .....	\$400,000
Carryover from prior year .....	61,689

Fleet Line of Credit.....	400,000
Interest Income.....	1,650
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES.....</b>	<b>\$863,339</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Services .....	\$30,000
Materials .....	750,000
Debt Service .....	83,127
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$863,127</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT).....</b>	<b>\$212</b>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Three Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$373,639) for the Water Supply Board Alternative Supply Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD ALTERNATIVE SUPPLY FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Transfer from Water Operations.....	\$150,000
Carryover from prior year .....	219,330
Interest Income.....	4,309
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES.....</b>	<b>\$373,639</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Services.....	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT).....</b>	<b>\$173,639</b>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of One Million Three Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$1,378,727) for the Water Supply Board Equipment Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Transfer from Water Operations.....	\$1,100,000
Carryover from prior year .....	268,826
Interest Income.....	9,901
	<b>\$1,378,639</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Capital Outlays .....	\$620,350
Lease Payments.....	\$556,996
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$1,177,346</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT).....</b>	<b>\$201,381</b>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Nine Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$955,600) for the Water Supply Board 102" Butterfly Valve Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD 102" BUTTERFLY VALVE FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Transfer from Water Operations.....	\$500,000
Carryover from prior year .....	450,000
Interest Income.....	5,600
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES.....</b>	<b>\$955,600</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Services.....	\$947,256
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$947,256</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT).....</b>	<b>\$8,344</b>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of One Million One Hundred Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$1,181,349)

for the Water Supply Board Western Cranston Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD WESTERN CRANSTON FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

**REVENUES:**

Transfer from Water Operations .....	\$62,069
Transfer from Cranston Impact Fees .....	150,000
Carryover from prior year .....	957,887
Interest Income.....	<u>11,393</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES.....</b>	<b>\$1,181,349</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Debt Service .....	\$215,105
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$215,105</b>

**SURPLUS/(DEFICIT).....**\$966,244

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$1,765,516) for the Water Supply Board Chemical and Sludge Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1. WATER SUPPLY BOARD CHEMICAL AND SLUDGE FUND BUDGET 2003-2004**

**REVENUES:**

Transfer from Water Operations .....	\$1,765,516
Carryover from prior year .....	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FIN SOURCES .....</b>	<b>\$1,765,516</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Chemical Expense .....	\$1,400,516
Sludge Maintenance.....	365,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$1,765,516</b>

**SURPLUS/(DEFICIT).....**\$0

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2003.

An Ordinance Relating to Workers' Compensation Insurance and Licensing.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

No license required under the provisions of this section shall be issued, transferred, or renewed by the Board of Licenses until such applicant certifies that it possesses insurance for workers' compensation coverage if the applicant for the license is required to maintain such coverage under Rhode Island General Laws §28-29-1, et. seq.

It is further made a violation of this ordinance to provide a false or fraudulent certification of workers' compensation coverage to the Board of Licenses and shall be grounds for the denial or revocation of any license issued, modified or renewed in reliance upon said certification.

A failure to maintain workers' compensation coverage or to notify the Board, within five business days after receipt of any notice of termination, suspension or revocation of workers' compensation coverage shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of the applicant's license.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to create or constitute a liability to or a cause of action against the City in regard to the issuance or non-issuance of any license for failure to provide evidence of workers' compensation coverage.

The Board of Licenses is directed to take appropriate actions, including altering the license application form, to require a certification and such other evidence as it deems appropriate of applicant's workers' compensation insurance coverage.

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, and moves passage of the Several Ordinances for the Second Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal and Councilwomen Williams and Young - 14.**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Councilman Luna - 1.**

**The Motion for Passage of the Several Ordinances the Second Time is Sustained.**

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An Ordinance Establishing a prohibition on Unauthorized removal of City Vehicles from the City.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Refer the foregoing Ordinance Back to the Committee on Ordinances, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion to refer is Sustained.**

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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 908,910,911 & 795 on Plat 48, 814, 808, 804 Broad Street & 48-50 Norwich Street, respectively.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. That Chapter 1986 - 53 of the Ordinances 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" as amended by the following: Chapter 1989-26, approved December 11, 1989, Chapter 1997-3, Chapter 1998-1, ap-

proved January 16, 1998, Chapter 1998-29, approved June 10, 1998, Chapter 1998-56, approved December 14, 1998, Chapter 2000-15, approved June 23, 2000, Chapter 2000-16, approved June 23, 2000, Chapter 2000-17, approved June 23, 2000, Chapter 2001-5, approved February 12, 2001 Chapter 2001-6, approved February 12, 2001, Chapter 2001-53, approved December 14, 2001, Chapter 2002-19, approved June 25, 2002, Chapter 2002-34, approved September 20, 2002, Chapter 2002-35, approved September 20, 2002, and Chapter 2003-3, approved February 14, 2003, is hereby further amended as follows:

A. Add the following properties to page 12 of the of Attachment B entitled "A List of Proposed Acquisition and Disposition" as contained and set forth in that certain booklet entitled "Special Vacant Lot Project, Official Redevelopment Plan" which is part of the aforementioned Ordinance.

PLAT/LOT	ADDRESS
48/795	48-50 Norwich St
48/908	814 Broad St.
48/910	808 Broad St.
48/911	804 Broad St.

2. That said Chapter 1986-28 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

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An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1983-4 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence Approved February 18, 1983 and Entitled: "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Silver Lake Revitalization Project" for the Acquisition of Lot 285 on Plat 107, 20 Ralph Street.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. That Chapter 1983-4 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved February 18, 1983 and entitled, "An Ordinance Approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Silver Lake Revitalization Project", as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

A. To the list of designated properties for acquisition in Section 2, entitled, "Proposed Acquisition" under Chapter E, entitled, "Plan Proposals" contained and set forth on Page 19 of that certain booklet entitled "Silver Lake Revitalization Project, Official Redevelopment Plan, 1983", which is a part of the aforementioned Ordinance, the following properties shall be added:

PLAT/LOT	ADDRESS
107/285	20 Ralph St.

B. Certain Maps of the Official Redevelopment Plan herein identified, Proposed Acquisition and Disposition shall be amended to include the proposed Acquisition of the aforementioned lots.

2. That said Chapter 1983-4 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall, take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing**

**matters, and moves Passage of the Several Ordinances for the Second Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal and Councilwomen Williams and Young -14.**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Councilman Luna - 1.**

**The Motion for Passage of the Several Ordinances the Second Time is Sustained.**

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1997-3 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Approved January 27, 1997 and Entitled: "An Ordinance to Amend the Official Redevelopment Plan for the vacant and abandoned properties Plan Program" for the Acquisition of Lots 193, 194 and 504 on Plat 29 (16, 22 and 36 Burgess Street respectively).

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Refer the foregoing Ordinance Back to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration", by adding Article XXVI, Entitled: "Department of Art, Culture and Tourism."

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

**COUNCILMAN SEGAL:**

An Ordinance with respect to the posting of signs at sites that have applied for Licenses, Variances, or Construction Permits.

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN ALLEN, APONTE, BUTLER, DiLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LUNA, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN SEGAL, COUNCILWOMEN WILLIAMS and YOUNG:**

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilman Peter S. Mancini on December 6, 2003.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilman Peter S. Mancini on December 6, 2003.

**Read and Passed, on Motion COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN LUNA joins the meeting.**

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN JACKSON and COUNCILMAN BUTLER and COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO:**

Resolution Requesting to Rescind Resolution Number 732, Approved November 14, 2003, Relative to Establishing a Commission to develop and implement a plan for the City Council, City Clerk and Internal Auditor's Offices and for the physical expansion and organization restructuring of these departments.

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves passage of the Foregoing Resolution, and the motion is seconded by COUNCILMEN JACKSON, BUTLER and COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO.**

## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

Thank you, Mr. President. Tonight I rise to speak in regards to this resolution. Honorable Members of the City Council, tonight I'm asking to rescind resolution number 732, which created a commission for the expansion of the City Council Offices. I think we all know, as Council leaders, that - what we need to expand, the City Council Office. I think it's been clear that we want control of the whole third floor, and I think we can get control of the whole third floor, and we don't need to have a commission to study that. Fifteen minds, fifteen voices have said that, and have made that clear, and now all we need to do is work with the administration in deciding the relocation of the offices of the third floor, so that we can have now control of what has been, and should have been our floor. I don't think we need to involve people from the outside, such as the Director of Personnel, or their designee. I don't think we need to involve the President of Local 1033 or their designee. I don't think we need to have a community representative. I don't think we need to have a business community representative. I think we've already made that decision. We already know what we need on the City Council Chambers. Let's get it done sooner than the eighteen months that this commission will study that, and that's why I stand for one, to rescind this. Also, I believe as we've always spoken of an independent body, a body separate of the administration, an equal body, and I've been a strong supporter of that, and an outspoken spokesperson in regards to that, but some of the things I see in this comprehensive plan to create a constituent focus, an accessible environment for constituent service and delivery, we already do that, Ladies and Gentlemen. We praise ourselves and pride ourself on the personnel policies - the policies and procedure manual, excuse me, that we've developed, the one that's the guiding light for all the other departments in City Hall. To create a comfortable and creative working

environment for the staff of all the departments, conducive to providing the high quality constituent services, again, that's already happening. We already have that. We don't need anyone to tell us that. And finally, develop an efficient and effective operational system amongst the three departments by reducing duplication of efforts, work processing and redundancy. As Chairman of Finance, I think that's great because that tells me that we're going to be reducing the number of staff people and the amount of time that's spent on things. So, as Chairman, and as someone who represents the taxpayers of the City of Providence, that's something that I think is positive. That's one thing then that we should definitely then look at if this is going to pass tonight. But first and foremost, I think that we who have stood to have an independent body of the City Council, equal to the administrative body of the City Council, we must realize that for any departments that come under our leadership, be it the Clerk's Office, the Internal Auditor's Office, or the City Council Office, we must allow the people that we've put in place to lead those departments to be truly the leaders, to pick and choose with our guidance the direction of those departments. Thank you.

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**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO rises to speak and states:**

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to echo - I want to echo much of what the Councilman just indicated. I really don't see a need for this. I - I don't know why we're blowing ourselves up so much. I'm very satisfied with the work that comes out of the City Council Office. I think we have some fine people that work there, very dedicated and certainly eager to please not only us but our constituencies. As a matter of fact, I have a lot of my constituents who are happy that we have such an office, and who are very pleased with the help, often times with regard to taxes, inability to pay their taxes, inability to pay the interest

on the taxes. The service that they get from this office right now, as it is, is exemplary and I have no idea why anyone would want to do this. Why do we need a commission to study and recommend the redesign of our offices? I don't get it. I'm perplexed. I - I was not happy to see this on the docket the first time it was on. I - I had a lot of questions with regard to it. I - to me it's just snuff and fluff, and I think it flies in the face of the very people that work for us each and every day and try to do a good job for both of us and all of the citizens that live within the City of Providence. So, I will vote against this because I just think we have a lot of work ahead of us. We should be studying a lot of different things that don't have to do with our office. For heavens sakes, when I got on the Council I used to do my work on a box downstairs on the first floor. I know I've been on long, longer than all of you have but we had nothing then. We have something to be proud of now. I don't see why - the only one complaint I have is that those of us who are not in leadership capacity don't have even a place, a corner in the office to sit in. So - and I think that's terrible, and it always has been as far as I'm concerned. It was very inconsiderate of the first design to leave the rest of the City Council members out of the loop when it came to giving us a desk to sit at. So, that's the only complaint that I have. So, if you want to redesign the office, you don't need a commission to do it, people. There's fifteen people elected here by the citizens of the City, and I think they want us to work on other things that are much more important to them than the redesign of our office.

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**COUNCILMAN DE LUCA rises to speak and states:**

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to disagree with my colleagues on this issue. I - I do think that we need some outside advice, if we can use it. Why do you hire a lawyer? You don't know all the laws. Why do you go to a doctor? You

don't know all the medical terms. There's nothing wrong with getting some outside opinions, regardless of who they are. I have nothing to hide, no bones in my closets in the Council Office. I don't think it's any big secret. All this commission is going to do is make some suggestions. If you don't like any of them, don't take any of them. If they happen to have a - an idea, that would be helpful that we could use, we'll take that. I - I agree with Councilwoman DiRuzzo, it's about time that everybody had a - a little space that, as the Councilwoman and I do, and Councilman Hassett, we share one room. I mean we don't need it all the time. I think everybody should have a place where they can leave a pad and some - like the Charter or some things that they could go to when they're here, an extra pair of glasses, which I always have to run back down to my car for. But this commission authority is just one of giving a report and some opinions and suggestions. If we like them, fine. If we don't like any of them, we don't know it all, and I think all of us got better things to do then sit down and design an office. And we probably have talents that lie in other areas other than how things should be situated, what equipment's available. I don't know. So, I would certainly welcome outside input because I don't know anything about redesigning an office. We do want to stay up to date with the latest technologies and make everyone comfortable. Councilman Hassett talked about having a nice place where we could meet instead of getting jammed up in the Clerk's Office when we have a - an issue that a lot of people are interested in. I mean it's shoulder to shoulder in there and there isn't even any seating room. So, certainly those kinds of problems need to be solved, and I'd like - I hope that this is the opportunity to take care of both Councilwoman DiRuzzo's issue, Councilman Hassett's suggestion, and whatever other suggestions are made from anybody. I don't care if the guy from Haven Brothers, if it's a good suggestion, it's a good suggestion. We don't have to do it. Thank you.

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**COUNCILMAN ALLEN rises to speak and states:**

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of this Honorable Body, if you recall four and a half years ago, our office was nowhere near the size that it is today. And at that time, we acquired some space. We expanded. We designed. We furnished a complete new suite of offices. And with that design came an Internal Auditor's division that was expanded. Our staff was expanded, and the City Clerk's Office - staff was expanded. From that expansion came some policy and procedures that we have done nothing but brag about for the last four years. And-and these policy and procedures have been so modeled and so great that other departments have come to us on an ongoing basis and says, what did you do and how did you do it? And our staff is often called upon to - to share their expertise to develop them policy and procedures for other departments. So, I guess the question is if we did it four and a half years ago, and we did it internally, and rightfully so, why do we need a commission four and a half years later to show us how to do it again. Well, I - I'm from the old school. I say if it - if it's not broke, don't fix it, or don't try to fix it. Our staff are probably the most - one of the most professional staffs in the City. And every day we call upon them, individually and collectively to do things that make us look good. And they do it without fanfare, and they keep us out of the frying pan. And I think this commission here puts them into the fire. And shame on us, shame on us if we don't have enough faith and confidence in the people that keep us out of the frying pan to support them and what they do. It's a sad day for this Council, and I would hope that we're big enough tonight to say we made a mistake and we're going to vote to approve this resolution, and we can move on with the business of the City.

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**COUNCILMAN APONTE rises to speak and states:**

Part of the expansion to the third floor requires that we look at the best utilization of space, the best utilization of technology. Considering office expansion, considering what's long been talked about, having appropriate meeting and hearing space, which has been something that we've talked about for at least four and a half years that I've been on the City Council. Many members have often opined that the space in which we conduct, very often tens of millions of dollars worth of deals for the City of Providence, giving out tax stabilizations, listening to developers, are often inadequate. We're meeting in the City Clerk's Office, in a conference room that if you were to read the door carefully says alderman's coatroom. So, in order to make these decisions, you need to bring in some folks who are knowledgeable about these things and who can add some-some insight that we may have - may not have encountered. Secondly, the division of labor amongst the different departments requires us to make some decisions on what is the best location in proximity to those departments so that we can use technology better, we can use space better, we can achieve some scales of economy in putting these things together so that we give our staff, who we are all very proud of, and the staff of the City Clerk's Office, and the staff of the Internal Auditor, the best tool to continue to do the great work that they've done for us, because that's part of what we're looking at. This commission will make recommendations, will provide us with a report. It is up to this Council to make the final decisions, to enact all of them, none of them, or the ones that we believe make sense. That is - I hope that clarifies why we're including all these offices to make sure that we're using the limited space. We're taking an extraordinary step to relocate several offices that are on the third floor to other quarters. And we need to make sure that we approach this wisely, and with the most amount of information that we can glean, in order to make some thoughtful and prudent decisions.

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**COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG rises to speak and states:**

Thank you, Mr. President. About almost four years ago when the City Council leadership embarked underneath the leadership of John Lombardi, our President, to make the office expansion, what you see here did not exist then. People were afraid then for whatever reason. They were nervous. They didn't understand what we talked when we talked about the same thing four years ago, redesign, expansion and looking at our staffing and making sure that our staff was up to snuff. We decided that we would look at those things four years ago. And again, I'm seeing the same sense of fear, apprehension, about a process that you can see the success of it today. We didn't have the number of staff people we had four years ago. We've increased the staffing. We left nobody behind. We expanded our office capacity. We want to take that to the next level. It's been almost four years. We're looking at emerging needs of our constituents. We're looking at the - the data, the comfort level of the people who work in our office. We do have the best staff, and I'm not ashamed to say that. They are tremendous. We do have some of the best leaders in the City but can we do better. We need to look - ask that question. If we can't, we can't. If we can we need to look at the potential that we may have. We will look at each staff individually and see what talents they have that we may not be utilizing right now. So, this is just looking at ourselves, and who's better to look at it than us. We're looking at this but I spoke to Vickie Virgillio, the President of 1033, last week and let her know a little bit about it and she was excited that the Council was asking them to be a part of this commission, and to look at things. They never usually get invited to these meetings until things are done. And we were looking at them in not an adversarial role because I've always felt that we worked very well with the unions, especially 1033. She was pleased that we were asking her guidance on what may be some additional union positions in our office. We have one of the unique offices that our staff are non-

union and union, and they work well together. We want to maintain that. So, this is - this is not a threat to anyone. It's just looking at what we do, expanding our offices and making sure that we have space for all the Council members, not just a few, because everybody has important work to do for their neighborhoods, making sure that we have accommodations and a work environment that conducive to the staff. And they'll have input into all of these - these decisions. It's not going to be done in a vacuum. We wanted outside expertise so that we know we're getting the best bang for our buck. We wanted outside help with this. We asked the Personnel Department. Who better than them to help direct us into the right way of doing things about hiring people and what the job specs have to look like. So, this is an inclusive process, and one of things I think this leadership has tried to do is be inclusive, and be proactive, and not leave anybody out. So, if there are more people who want to be on this commission, so be it but we think it's - it's - we have nothing to hide. This is going to be an open process. The last time we did this, Council President Lombardi had asked me to spearhead the expansion and re-organization. We did that. We were successful. Everyone here gave their ideas and their input. This is just the second phase that we could not complete then. It's not more than that and no less than that. At the end of the day, when we've been through with all of the information we gathered, and all the plans we have, you will always have the final say. The unions are not going to tell us how to run our office. They never have. The administration has never asked to be involved, and to tell us how we should do what we're doing. This is us looking at ourselves and seeing are we doing the best we can. If we are, fine. If not, we want to be able to take it to the next level. That's all. Thank you.

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**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO rises to speak and states:**

Mr. President, one of the things that I'd like to suggest is that we get moving forward with the sound system in this Chambers because I'd like to have heard everything she said but I couldn't. And I'm sure that they're not hearing everything I'm saying. That's what we should put a commission together for because the people that are sitting in the back of us don't know what we're saying, not only tonight but every time we have a meeting in here they don't know what we're saying if we're sitting at a table. The other thing, I'd like to see a commission established for with a group of people that you're speaking of is one to study all of the departments in this City, my colleagues, because no matter what we put in the City Council Office, or how sophisticated we get, if we can't talk through our computers to the other departments, which we are not aware that we can, then what good is it. Look at the Bureau of Vital Records - Vital Statistics. They are overwhelmed with business down there and they have an antiquated office where they don't even have space for their records. Speaking of space, look at the Board of Canvassers. Look at the Board of Licenses. We ought to be ashamed at some of the conditions of these offices. Look at the Department of Public Works and look at the Department

of Inspections. They don't have enough room for their records either. What are we talking about. So, no matter how sophisticated the City Council office gets, or how big and how beautiful it looks, and how much further we can look into the future, it's not going to make a difference if you can't do it for the other departments contained within this City of Providence that are doing the work for us on a daily basis. We want them to be productive. We want them to be able to produce. We want them to be able to address the needs of the people, and yet we do not give them what they need to run and operate their departments in a sophisticated way. So, sorry I'm ranting and raving but this has been going on in my head, and in my mind for many years now.

So, when we look at commissions and establishing commissions, and being inclusive of all these other committees, then we should be looking at it globally so we address the needs of all of the people that work in this City, of all of the needs that they have within the departments when they can't produce for us because they don't have the equipment to do so, and certainly a lot of them don't have the money to have their staff trained in an appropriate fashion. So, we've got a lot of things we should be establishing commissions for. Thank you.

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

On motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN JACKSON it is voted to approve the forgoing matter, by the following Roll Call Vote:

**AYES:** Councilmen Allen, Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Hassett, Jackson, Councilwoman Romano - 6.

**NAYES:** Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, DeLuca, Igliazzi, Luna, Mancini, Segal, Councilwomen Williams and Young - 9.

**ABSENT:** None.

The motion for passage fails.

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### COUNCILMAN BUTLER (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the removal of the "No Parking" Signs in front of the Providence Water Supply Board.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Do Not Block Intersection" Signs at the intersection of Oakland Avenue and Higgins Avenue.

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### COUNCILMAN HASSETT:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Fern Street, currently a "One-Way", to return to "Two-Way" traffic upon the installation of speed control devices.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE** moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

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

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### COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting on Ralph Street and Dewey Street to 27,500 lumen.

*Resolved,* That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting on Ralph Street and Dewey Street to 27,500 lumen.

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### COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting Narragansett Electric Company to cause the installation of a pole and light in front of 132 Bayard Street for safety reasons.

*Resolved,* That Narragansett Electric Company is requested to cause the installation of a pole and light in front of 132 Bayard Street for safety reasons.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE** Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

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### COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "No Parking School Days between 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M." Sign, in front of 41 Meridian Street.

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**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Four-Way Stop" Sign at the intersection of Elmgrove Avenue and President Avenue.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Four-Way Stop" Sign at the intersection of Wayland Avenue and Upton Avenue.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dis-  
pense with the Reading of the foregoing  
matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN  
WILLIAMS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Re-  
fers the Several Resolutions to the Commit-  
tee on Public Works.**

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## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Approved:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking Anytime" Signs on the even numbered side of Fairmount Avenue from Mount Pleasant Avenue to Yale Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking Anytime" Signs on the even numbered side of Fairmount Avenue from Mount Pleasant Avenue to Yale Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Stop" Sign at the end of Taft Avenue where it meets Savoy Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "Stop" Sign at the end of Taft Avenue where it meets Savoy Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause O'Neil Street, from Douglas Avenue to Veazie Street to be designated as a "One-Way" Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause O'Neil Street, from Douglas Avenue to Veazie Street to be designated as a "One-Way" Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Slow Children" Signs along O'Neil Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "Slow Children" signs along O'Neil Street.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dis-  
pense with the Reading of the foregoing  
matters and Moves Passage of the Several  
Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOM-  
AN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for passage is Sustained.**

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

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Received:**

Communication dated October 14, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Article III Section 3.03-3.06(a) and 3.08(a) he is this day appointing Mr. Joseph Simoes of 130 Ohio Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the Public Sector of the Board of Directors of the Providence Community Action Program, Inc., for a term to expire in October 2005. (Mr. Simoes will replace Ms. Melissa Hamilton whose term has expired).

Communication dated October 14, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 46-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Law, he is this day appointing Mr. Steven Triedman of 25 Power Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission for a term to expire in October 2006.

(Mr. Triedman will replace Mr. Angelo Rotella whose term has expired).

Communication dated October 15, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Rhode Island General Law 45-24.1-3, as well as the Zoning Ordinance 501.1(c), he is this day re-appointing Mr. Michael Everett of 48 Barnes Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a first alternate member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire in October, 2004.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves to Receive the Several Communications, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**Received.**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Approved:**

Communication dated October 15, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Julius O. Kolawole of 242 Warrington Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the Board of Tax Assessment and Review for a term to expire in January 2006, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. (Mr. Kolawole will fill an

existing vacancy on the Board and is a registered Democrat).

Communication dated October 17, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Laura Rodri-

guez of 114 Corinth Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2006, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. (Ms. Rodriguez will be replacing Ms. Syneth Buor whose term has expired).

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dis-  
pense with the Reading of the foregoing  
matters and Moves to Receive and Approve  
the Several Communications, Seconded by  
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**Received and Approved.**

## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

The first issue at hand is the oncoming snowstorm, that's coming this weekend. And the reason why I'm standing up is because of several things. The last time we had a snowstorm, the last snowstorm in the City of Providence this year, our illustrious Director of DPW stated to the press after the snowstorm was over, a couple of days after the snowstorm, that 80% of the City was plowed. And he was exalting it like it was a great victory. But it's not a victory. A hundred percent of the City has to be plowed. And if I remember, hopefully Council member will correct me, but I and other Council members, and I believe Councilman Luna, stood up and said I'm glad the 80% got plowed because the other twenty was my ward. And I know some Councilmen stood up and said but my ward was plowed and it was a wonderful thing. Well, folks, at the end of this snowstorm, the next Council meeting when I said we all should stick together on this issue, and someone said, oh, no, no, my ward was fine, if your ward's not plowed but mine and Mr. Luna's is, Councilman Luna's, we're going to say what a great job. But the point is we have to stick together on this issue. The whole City has to be plowed 100% because come Sunday morning, and Monday morning, when I get the phone calls

from my constituents saying please plow me out, please shovel my driveway because somebody said I'm going to show up and do it and they don't. Okay. Do me a favor. Do the job. Plow the streets, then do the PR stunt and go around and plow and shovel people's driveways. But let's get the streets done first because if the sidewalks are shoveled but the streets aren't, well, guess what, it's still a failure because then the ambulance can't get to their door.

So, I ask, and I urge my Council colleagues to keep the pressure and heat on DPW, the Director in particular, who doesn't know much about the garbage ordinance, and thinks 80% is a victory, to make sure he gets 100% done. And if he can't, then let's revisit what he's doing, and I'll call upon the Chairman to bring him in to revisit what he's doing down there. I know the worker's are doing - that do a good job but the bottom line is if the top doesn't know what's going on and doesn't direct the workers, and doesn't follow up, it doesn't matter how well they shovel your individual street. So, please, I urge the DPW director to get 100%. And by the way, I don't want to hear 100% just to say it because we'll all know if it's true or not by the way, because we live in these wards, and then I'll have to deal with-a caller called up today on - on the show for me and they thanked me because they called up the last snowstorm, they called up the City of Providence to have their

street plowed, no one showed up. They called me up and then I had my own crew shovel them out, plow the streets. Well, folks, government's about getting government to do what they're supposed to do, provide the city services that the taxpayers are paying. The volunteer stuff can go later on. Let's get city services to work. That's that. Second issue, I would like to also report some progress on the police and fire detail delinquent accounts. As I am sure some of you heard, maybe much to your consternation that I was on the radio and other things, in the press concerning the accumulative about \$1.4 million dollars worth of past police and fire detail. Well, in that laundry list of illustrious businesses and institutions, and non-taxable colleges, from Brown University on down, RISD, and other utility companies, another company got the message. I just heard recently that Brown University after the discussion on the radio issued a press release saying they're going to pay their bill. And by the way, last week

a utility company called me up and said, by the way, Councilman, we got your message. It's not \$30,000.00 we owe the City, it's almost ninety, so they paid that bill. The point, folks, is we all have to be ever vigilant. We're going to keep on continuing, and we need to do everything we can to help the taxpayer. So, for next year's budget, we all read in the paper about what's happening up at the State House, the federal government, you know what that means. It's coming down here. The big freight train's coming here. So, all I ask is I urge all of us to continue to monitor the budget, continue to look for savings, and continue that process. With that, thank you.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI  
Relinquishes the Chair**

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO  
TEMPORE YOUNG in the Chair**

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT

Communication from Mayor David N. Cicil-line, dated November 18, 2003, Informing the City Clerk that he is this day withdrawing the appointment of Mr. Michael Everett to the Historic District Commission.

**Received**

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Communication from Mayor David N. Cicil-line, dated November 12, 2003, Informing the City Clerk that his is this day withdrawing the appointment of Mr. Steven Triedman to the Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission.

**Received.**

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Communication dated November 17, 2003, from Lloyd W. Granoff, Chairman, Providence Public Building Authority, submitting their annual report and audit for Fiscal Year 2003.

**Received.**

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Communication from Joshua Miller, President, Trinity Beerworks, Inc., requesting permission to keep the structure for seasonal outside seating at Trinity Brewhouse in place over the winter.

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO  
TEMPORE YOUNG Receives and Refers  
the foregoing Communications to the Com-  
mittee on Public Works.**

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## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

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

Jenifer A. Salvatore

Travelers Property Casualty Corp.  
a/s/o Leon N. Cooper

Paul Jenas

Richard Lisa (Stephen C. Mackie, Esquire)

T. Michael Rock

Marie A. Lamour

Angela Giron (Steven D. Murray, Esquire)

Karin & Sean Duprey

David Singer

Beacon Mutual Insurance Co./Jay's

Electric Company a/s/o Ken Hassell

Judy Mendes

Tonya Bevelaqua (Jeffrey S. Perlow, Esquire)

Anneliese J. Mayer

Gary G. Ingram

Arthur G. Trainer, Jr.

Sandra B. Tavares

Anna Washington

Progressive Insurance a/s/o Brian Speaks  
Pawtucket Mutual Insurance Co. a/s/o Wil-  
liam DeChristofaro/David Delfino

Thomas Tsouris

Ann Marie Panarello

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO  
TEMPORE YOUNG Refers the Several Peti-  
tions to the Committee on Claims and Pend-  
ing Suits.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Congratulations"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere congratulations to the following:

Tracey Ann Young, in recognition of the launching of her C-Products - The Ultimate in Skin and Hair Care, distributed out of "A New You Salon of Park Avenue" .

Hubert J. Paquette, in recognition of his appointment as Chief of Police in the City of East Providence.

Mark Toney, Director-CTWO, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Center for Third World Organizing and his life long commitment to the struggle for social justice.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Memoriam"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere sympathy to the families of the following.

Vester Gross, Sr.

Carrie Colaneri

Norman R. Wheeler

William Merluzzo

Sandra S. Napolitano

Lucia Calitri

Joseph F. Nelson, Jr.

Kim Lee Henries

Joseph R. Capobianco

Giovanni D. "Papa" DiCostanzo

Margaret Angell

Mary Calise

Dorothy Nardolillo

Webster M. "Ted" Pidgeon

Alexander R. Bolvin

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.), to meet again on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

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*Michael R. Clement*  
CITY CLERK









# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



## CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 30 City Council Special Meeting, Monday, December 15, 2003, 6:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

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PRESIDING  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
JOHN J. LOMBARDI

### ROLL CALL

**Present: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, DeLuca, Hassett, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Segal And Councilwoman Williams -10.**

**Absent: Councilman Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Iglizzi, Councilwomen Romano And Young - 5.**

**(Subsequently Councilman Patrick K. Butler Joins The Meeting)**

**ALSO PRESENT: Adrienne G. Southgate, Senior Assistant Solicitor, Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, Claire E. Bestwick, First Deputy City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.**

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 19 2006

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE APPROVED.

*Claire E. Bestwick*  
*First Deputy*

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-  
WOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILMAN PETER S. MANCINI leads  
the Members of the City Council and the As-  
semblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the  
Flag of the United States of America.

COUNCILMAN PATRICK K. BUTLER joins  
the meeting.

## CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNICATION FROM  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI

Request, filed with the City Clerk December 12, 2003, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be Called on the 15th day of December, 2003 at 6:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

Received. \_\_\_\_\_

## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to Michael R. Clement, City Clerk with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Called for the 15th day of December, 2003

at 6:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall.

Received. \_\_\_\_\_

# REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, CHAIRWOMAN

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Adopted, As Amended:**

An Ordinance Amending The City Of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24 No. 365, Approved June 27, 1994, As Amended. (West Side Overlay District)

**Read and Passed the First Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, De-**

**Luca, Hassett, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Segal And Councilwoman Williams -11.**

**Nayes: Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Romano And Young - 4.**

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

# ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.), to meet again on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

*Richard R. Clement*

CITY CLERK



# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



## CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 32 City Council Special Meeting, Thursday, December 18, 2003  
Upon the Rise of the 7:30 City Council Meeting

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PRESIDING  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
JOHN J. LOMBARDI

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Council President Lombardi,  
Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLu-  
ca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen  
Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini,  
Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal  
And Councilwoman Williams - 14.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Young - 1.

**Also Present:** Joseph Fernandez, City  
Solicitor, Michael R. Clement, City Clerk,  
Claire E. Bestwick, First Deputy City Clerk  
And Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 19 2006

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE APPROVED.  
*Claire E. Bestwick*  
*First Deputy*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG  
leads the Members of the City Council and  
the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance  
to the Flag of the United States of America.**

## CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

**COMMUNICATION FROM  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI**

Request, filed with the City Clerk December 15, 2003, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be Called on the 18th day of December, 2003 Upon The Rise of the 7:30 City Council Meeting.

**Received.**

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## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to Michael R. Clement, City Clerk with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Called for the 18th day of December, 2003 Upon The Rise of

the 7:30 City Council Meeting in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall

**Received.**

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## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

**The Following Ordinance was in City Council December 15, 2003, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

An Ordinance Amending The City Of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24 No. 365, Approved June 27, 1994, As Amended. (West Side Overlay District)

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* The Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24 No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended shall be further amend as follows:

*A. Section 103 – Official Zoning Map – Providence Zoning District Maps 42 and 43 dated October 24, 1991 and amended June 27, 1994 and as further amended by Chapter 2002-15 approved June 13, 2002, shall be further amended as follows:*

The following lots shall be removed from the West Side Overlay District and shall not be included within said West Side Overlay District.

Zoning Map 42: Lot 430

Zoning Map 43: Lots 575, 576 and 932.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Read and Passed the Second Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by Councilwoman WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal And Councilwoman Williams - 14.

Nayes: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Young - 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.), to meet again on THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2004 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

*Richard R. Clement*

CITY CLERK



# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



## CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 31 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 18, 2003, 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 Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal, Councilwomen Williams And Young - 15.**

**Absent: None.**

**Also Present: Joseph Fernandez, City Solicitor, Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, Claire E. Bestwick, First Deputy City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.**

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 19 2006

READ  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT

THE SAME BE APPROVED.  
*Claire E. Bestwick*  
*John J. Lombardi*

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN  
JOHN J. IGLIOZZI.

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

COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS  
leads the Members of the City Council and  
the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance  
to the Flag of the United States of America.

## APPOINTMENT FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated December 10, 2003, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 605 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Vincent J. Berarducci of 24 Waite Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as City Sergeant, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI  
Receives and Refers the foregoing Commu-  
nication to the Committee on Finance.**

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## APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated December 5, 2003, Informing the City Clerk of his appointments of Councilwoman Balbina A. Young as the Council President's designee and Councilman Miguel C. Luna as the City Council Member, to the "Commission to Study and Recommend the Re-Design of the Departments of City Clerk, City Council and Internal Auditor."

**Received.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI  
Receives the foregoing Communication.**

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## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

**The Following Ordinance was in City Council November 6, 2003, Read and Passed the First Time and in City Council November 20, 2003 and Referred Back to the Committee on Ordinances and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a Class "N" Retail Liquor License.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* The Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24 No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended shall be further amend as follows:

A. *Section 103 - Official Zoning Map* - Providence Zoning District Maps 42 and 43 dated October 24, 1991 and amended June 27, 1994 and as further amended by Chapter 2002-15 approved June 13, 2002, shall be further amended as follows:

The following lots shall be removed from the West Side Overlay District and shall not be included within said West Side Overlay District.

Zoning Map 42: Lot 430

Zoning Map 43: Lots 575, 576 and 932.

*Section 2.* This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**Read and Passed the Second Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal, Councilwomen Williams And Young - 15.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

**COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN APONTE, DeLUCA, HASSETT, JACKSON, LUNA, SEGAL, COUNCILWOMEN WILLIAMS and YOUNG:**

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

An Ordinance Related to Prompt Payment of Snow Removal Contractors.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN ALLEN, APONTE, BUTLER, DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LUNA, MANCINI, SEGAL, COUNCILWOMEN WILLIAMS and YOUNG:**

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilwoman Carol A. Romano on December 25, 2003.

*Resolved,* That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilwoman Carol A. Romano on December 25, 2003.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE YOUNG  
IN THE CHAIR**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:**

Resolution Requesting the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to Pass Legislation Regulating the Sale and Use of Mobile Infrared Transmitters.

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT YOUNG Refers the Resolution to the Committee on State Legislation.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI  
RETURNS TO THE CHAIR**

**COUNCILMAN HASSETT:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a street sign for Nolan Street at the intersection of Nolan Street and Bernon Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of street signs for Higgins Avenue at the intersection of Higgins Avenue and Oakland Avenue and at Higgins Avenue and Garfield Avenue.

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

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dis-  
pense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking Any-time" Signs along the westerly side of Common Street from Holden Street to Smith Street.

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

**COUNCILMAN LUNA (By Request):**

Resolution in Support of a Labor Contract for Members of the Providence Newspaper Guild.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Expunge the foregoing Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "No Parking 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M." Sign on the North Side of Hidden Street between Prospect Street and Congdon Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking" Signs on the South Side of Hidden Street between Prospect Street and Congdon Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking" Signs on the South Side of Hidden Street between Prospect Street and Brown Street.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dis-  
pense with the Reading of the foregoing  
matters.**

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

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking" Signs on the North Side of Elton Street between Blackstone Avenue and Humboldt Avenue.

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS Moves  
to Amend the Resolution to read "Black-  
stone Boulevard" rather than "Blackstone  
Avenue", seconded by COUNCILMAN  
BUTLER.**

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS Moves  
Passage of the foregoing Resolution, sec-  
onded by COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, As  
Amended.**

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS With-  
draws her motion for Passage of the fore-  
going matter and COUNCILMAN BUTLER  
Withdraws his second of the motion.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Re-  
fers the foregoing Resolution to the Com-  
mittee on Public Works, As Amended.**

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Slow Curve" Sign on River Road between the Henderson Bridge and Richmond Square.

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

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**COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCIL-**

**MEN APONTE, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LUNA, MANCINI and SEGAL:**

Resolution Urging the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union Local 217 and the Biltmore Hotel Management to settle with a fair and equitable contract.

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

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## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT, Chairman

#### Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Resolution Granting an easement in connection with the construction by the undersigned ramp Plat 20, Lot 1 providing handicapped access to the property located at 15 Westminster Street.

*It Is Hereby Resolved*, That His Honor, the Mayor, is authorized to grant an easement on the sidewalk area of Westminster Street at Memorial Boulevard in the City of Providence to G P 15 Westminster Group, LLC (Gilbane). Said easement shall be granted specifically upon the following provisions:

1. Said easement shall be utilized only for the installation and maintenance of a ramp to provide handicapped access to the property at 15 Westminster Street (AP 20, Lot 1). Said easement shall not exceed the area of one-hundred sixty square feet, plus or minus, with dimensions of forty feet by four feet and indicated on the accompanying map marked as Exhibit A.

2. Said easement shall be deemed to run with the land and shall operate against any successors in title and the easement or a memorandum of same shall be recorded by Gilbane in the Office of Land Records for the City of Providence.

3. Said easement shall be subject to a right of reverter/right of reversion in the event that the situs of the easement is no longer utilized for the aforesaid purposes.

4. Gilbane shall execute an indemnification and hold-harmless agreement with the City of Providence. Said agreement shall be approved by the Department of Law of the City of Providence.

5. Gilbane shall supply the City of Providence with an insurance policy naming said City of Providence, its agents, officers, servants and employees as additional-named insureds in a sum not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) which policy shall be approved by the Department of Law of the City of Providence.

6. In the event that the City of Providence or its designee shall, for any public purpose, require the extinguishment of the easement granted herein, upon the ninety (90) days notice, Gilbane shall, at its own expense, and without claim against the City, its officers, servants or employees, for any damages whatsoever, remove said improvements to the easement area.

7. Such other terms and conditions as may be reflected in the record and minutes of the City Council Committee on Public Works and/or as may be deemed appropriate by the Mayor or the Department of Law.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal, Councilwomen Williams And Young - 15.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking Anytime (either side)" Signs on Buell Court.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Deny**

**the foregoing Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion to Deny is Sustained.**

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

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

An Ordinance Relative to a Tax Stabilization for 17-21 Gordon Avenue.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves Passage of the foregoing Ordinance, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Amend the Ordinance by changing the schedule of payments due to an error made in the schedule of collection of taxes, this amendment clarifies and corrects the Tax Stabilization, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves Passage of the Ordinance for the First Time, As Amended, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal, Councilwomen Williams And Young - 13.**

**Nayes: Councilman DeLuca - 1.**

**Not Voting: Councilman Allen - 1.**

**Absent: None.**

**The Motion for Passage the First Time, As Amended, is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN SEGAL Moves to Amend the Ordinance by "adding" "Whereas, Air quality in Providence is a cause for major concern. The air in our city contains unacceptably high levels of smog and soot, air toxics and global warming pollution. The air Providence residents breathe every day does not meet minimum federal standards for air quality. Smog and soot put the health of our children and senior citizens at risk. Smog leads to the formation of ground level ozone, which triggers asthma attacks and has been linked to new cases of adult asthma. According to the American Lung Association of Rhode Island, over 100,000 Rhode Islanders suffer from asthma, including 10,000 Providence residents. Whereas, Exposure to air toxics, like benzene, can lead to the development of cancers like leukemia. The air in Providence County has benzene levels that are eleven times higher than the accepted cancer risk. Meanwhile global warming pollution is creating hotter summers and creating more extreme weather patterns. Whereas, the frequency of air alert days in Rhode Island is on the upswing. On these days seniors, children and even active adults are warned to avoid outdoor exertion because the air may be dangerous to their health. Asthma remains the number one inpatient, outpatient and emergency room diagnosis in pediatrics, and inhalers have become as common as lunchboxes in schools throughout our state. Whereas, Cars and trucks in Rhode Island emit 40% of the smog forming nitrogen and 36% of the hazardous air toxics found**

**in our state's air. The average car on the road today will spew 50 tons of carbon dioxide, the leading cause of global warming into our air. In order to have healthier air in Providence, we must clean up our cars. Whereas, Providence should lead the way in reducing automobile pollution by adopting a fuel-efficient vehicle procurement policy, which will reduce the amount of pollution created by the city fleet. Massachusetts, New York and other New England states have already implemented such programs and are beginning to see the benefits". Section 1, "Among the most fuel-efficient vehicles, a preference shall be given for vehicles with more than 65% of their value from domestic production and for vehicles made in U.S. unionized factories", seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves Passage of the Ordinance for the First Time, As Amended, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal, Councilwomen Williams And Young - 15.**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**The Motion for Passage the First Time, As Amended is Sustained.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI  
RETURNS TO THE CHAIR**

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

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 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 111 of the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning District Designation of Lot 82 at 94 Killingly Street from PS, Public Space District to R-1, One Family District.

An Ordinance Granting a Tax Exemption and Establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for Capitol Hill Properties, LLC on Behalf of Assessor's Plat 19, Lot 102.

**Read and Passed the First Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

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An Ordinance Amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24, No. 365, Approved June 27, 1994, As Amended. (Douglas Avenue - Sticky Fingers).

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Aponte, Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young - 1.**

**Nays: Councilman Allen and Councilman DeLuca - 2.**

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An Ordinance Amending Section 13-44 of the Code of Ordinances Entitled: "Reinspections by Director."

**Not Voting: Councilman Luna and Councilman Segal - 2.**

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

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**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE YOUNG  
IN THE CHAIR**

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

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Adopted, As Amended:**

An Ordinance requiring the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles, As Amended.

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves Passage of the foregoing Ordinance, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passages for the First Time of the Several Ordinances, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Councilman Segal, Councilwomen Williams And Young - 15.**

**Nayes: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**The Motion for Passage First Time is Sustained.**

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

Resolution in Opposition to the USA Patriot Act.

*Whereas*, The City of Providence recognizes that a threat to any one person's Constitutional rights is a threat to the rights of all; and

*Whereas*, The City of Providence has been and remains committed to the protection of civil rights and liberties for all residents; and

*Whereas*, The United States Constitution guarantees all persons living in the United States certain fundamental rights including freedom of religion, speech, assembly and privacy; protection from unreasonable searches and seizures; due process and equal protection; and access to counsel, presumption of innocence and a fair, speedy public trial; and

*Whereas*, A great crime against humanity occurred on September 11, 2001, resulting in new federal laws and enforcement powers, including the USA Patriot Act signed by President George W. Bush on October 26, 2001; and

*Whereas*, The USA Patriot Act was written to respond to the attack on our nation, it weakens, contradicts and undermines the basic constitutional rights outlined above. The Act, a 342 page document, was hastily enacted in six weeks without public hearings, or a Congressional "mark-up"; and

*Whereas*, Examples of the Patriot Act's threat to these fundamental rights include the Government's expanded power to: engage in

limited judicial supervision of telephone and Internet surveillance; grant law enforcement and intelligence agencies broad access to sensitive medical, mental health, financial, and educational records with little, if any, judicial oversight; expand the government's ability to conduct secret searches of individual's homes and businesses, including monitoring what books are bought from bookstores or borrowed from libraries; and limits the disclosure of public documents and records under the Freedom of Information Act; and

*Whereas*, The Department of Justice interpretations of the Patriot Act and Executive Orders appear to impact on selective racial and religious groups including residents of other nations. This has caused alarm among many of our local citizens and non-citizens who fear an emergent climate for racial and ethnic profiling. This is especially disconcerting because the City of Providence is home to a diverse population, whose contributions are vital to the city's character and function; and,

*Whereas*, Many other communities and over 120 cities throughout the country have enacted resolutions reaffirming support for civil rights and civil liberties in the face of government policies that threaten these values, and are demanding accountability from federal agencies regarding the use of these new powers.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That the City Council of the City of Providence, affirms that any efforts to end terrorism not be waged at the expense of the fundamental civil liber-

ties of the people of Providence, and all citizens of the United States; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the City of Providence affirms the rights of all people, including United States citizens and citizens of other nations, living within the City in accordance with the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the City Council of Providence urges the city administration and its citizens during the course of their daily life to be guided by the collective responsibility and obligation of safeguarding the constitutional protections afforded all people of our city. The Council recognizes that this is the paramount responsibility of local law enforcement personnel, appointed and elected government offices that are ultimately responsible for upholding the solemn oath they have taken to

preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Rhode Island, and

*Further Resolves*, That the Providence City Council calls on our United States Representatives and Senators to monitor the implementation of the Act and Executive Orders cited herein and actively work for the repeal of the Act or those sections of the Act including Executive Orders that violate fundamental rights and liberties as stated in the United States Constitution and its Amendments.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

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

Resolution Requesting that section of West Park Street from that point at Bath Street to that point of the dead end to be re-named "Selwyn Way."

*Resolved*, That West Park Street from that point at Bath Street to that point of the dead end be re-named "Selwyn Way".

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication dated December 1, 2003, from Melvin Hershkowitz, M.D., submitting his resignation from the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System, effective December 31, 2003.

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Communication dated December 2, 2003, from Alex D. Prignano, Director of Finance, submitting budget reports through the month of October. **COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Receives the foregoing Communications.**

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Communication dated December 4, 2003, from Alex D. Prignano, Director of Finance, submitting the Capital Improvement Program for the period FY2004-2008.

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

Communication dated December 4, 2003, from Amintha K. Cinotti, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Development, submitting the City's Consolidated Annual Planning and Evaluation Report (CAPER), for the HUD Consolidated Programs.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Receives the foregoing Communication.**

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Communication dated December 11, 2003, from Alan R. Sepe, Acting Director, Department of Public Property, requesting permission to allow T Mobile and Verizon Wireless to lease space on Mount Pleasant High School for the installation of antennas for cellular phone service.

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

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

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

Joyce C. Brown  
(John S. Coughlin, Esquire)

Nurys A. Cartagena  
(G. Eben Milne, Esquire)

Marilyn Georgantis-Wilbur

C. Pezza & Sons, Inc.  
(Thomas C. Plunkett, Esquire)

Karen McAninch

Fred & Laurie Marshall

Floodwaters Entertainment

Vernon W. Knott

Kimly Sao

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### *"In Congratulations"*

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and  
the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere congratulations to the following:

Elena DiSandro, in recognition of the celebration of her fortieth birthday.

Nicola Caprio, in recognition of the celebration of his one hundredth birthday and to

thank him for his many years of community service.

Instituto Duartiano, in recognition of their efforts in advancing the Dominican culture in Rhode Island.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,  
on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Memoriam"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and  
the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere sympathy to the families of the following:

Elsie Ciccone

John S. Tortolano, Sr.

Gregory S. Tarro

Eleanora Petrucci

Alice O'Niel

Arthur A. "Lefty" Levesque

Milton E. "Rip" Clement, Sr.

James T. Connolly

Elizabeth R. Kennedy

John Petrucci

Rose Caramante

Barbara F. Virgilio

Alice Barbara Tracy

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,  
by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of  
COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by  
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

*Michael R. Clement*

CITY CLERK

