

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 44 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, August 2, 1984, 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEP 6 1984

APPROVED:

PRESIDING *R. Memmola* CLERK

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

LOUIS R. STRAVATO

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Pro Tempore Stravato and Councilman Annaldo, Councilman Dillon, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Easton, Councilwoman Fargnoli, Councilmen Farmer, O'Connor, Petrosinelli and Pitts—10.

Absent: Council President Paolino, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Glavin and Griffin—5.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN DAVID G. DILLON.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
LOUIS R. STRAVATO leads the Members of  
the City Council and the Assemblage in the  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the  
United States of America.

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 42 of the  
Regular Meeting of the City Council held  
Thursday, July 5, 1984 and Posted July 26,  
1984, and No. 43 of the Special Meeting of  
the City Council held July 11, 1984 and  
Posted July 26, 1984 on that Bulletin Board  
located on the Ground Floor Level of City  
Hall, are Severally Approved as Printed, on  
motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, sec-  
onded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication from Acting Council President Louis R. Stravato, informing the Members of the City Council, in accordance with Mayor Paolino's Executive Order No. 12, that he is appointing Deputy Superintendent of Schools Joseph A. Almagno to serve as the Council's representative on the Affirmative Action Review Committee.

July 16, 1984

Honorable Members of the  
Providence City Council:

Pursuant to Mayor Joseph R. Paolino's Executive Order No. 12, establishing an Affirmative Action Review Committee, I have appointed Deputy Superintendent of Schools Joseph A.

Almagno to serve as the City Council's representative on that Committee.

Mr. Almagno is, I am sure, known to you all as a dedicated public servant with extensive experience in the area of personnel. He has been involved in the School Department's affirmative action efforts. I have enclosed a copy of his resume for your information.

Sincerely,

LOUIS R. STRAVATO  
*Acting Council President*

**Received.**

## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

**The following Ordinance was in City Council July 5, 1984, Read and Passed the First Time and is returned for Passage the Second Time:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Section 17-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled: "Employees to be Residents; Exceptions," as Amended.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* Section 17-7 of the Code of Ord-

nances of the City of Providence, entitled: "Employees to be Residents; Exceptions," is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) No person shall be hired to work as an employee or officer in any of the departments of the City government, including the School Department, Department of Public Safety, and all agencies and instrumentalities thereof, unless

such person be a resident of the City as defined in § 1210 of the Home Rule Charter; provided that this section shall not apply (1) when upon certification by the Mayor that after diligent search no person with proper qualifications can be found to fill a particular position among residents of the City, the City Council exempts a non-resident employee from the provisions of this section; and (2) that any person not a resident of the City may be appointed or engaged for employment on the condition that within six (6) months of such appointment or engagement, he or she shall become a resident of the City, all in accordance with § 1210 of the Home Rule Charter.

(b) Proof of residency. Prior to the hiring of any City employee, no fewer than three (3) items of documentary proof of his or her residence within the City of Providence shall be required; photostatic reproductions of documentary proof shall be enclosed within the employee's personnel file. Examples of such documentary proof shall include but not be limited to the following: driver's license, telephone bill, utility bill, heating bill, tax bill, motor vehicle registration, income tax returns, credit cards, insurance policies, and bank books; provided that no applicant or

employee shall be required to produce any documents, including those hereinbefore listed, which are otherwise privileged or confidential.

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

**Read and Passed the Second Time as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Stravato and Councilman Annaldo, Councilman Dillon, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Easton, Councilwoman Fargnoli, Councilmen Farmer, O'Connor, Petrosinelli and Pitts—10.**

**Absent: Council President Paolino, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Glavin and Griffin—5.**

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

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN GLAVIN and COUNCILMAN DILLON (By Request):**

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1982-15 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence approved March 26, 1982 and entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Hartford Avenue Renewal Project" for the Revision of the "Proposed Zoning Change" Plan.

Referred to Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN**

**DILLON and COUNCILWOMAN  
FARGNOLI (By Request):**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1984-55, Approved July 20, 1984, entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence," relative to City Collector's Office.

55, Approved July 20, 1984, entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence," relative to Personnel Office.

**Severally referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1984-

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
STRAVATO (By Request):**

Resolution that the City Collector may remove any and all abatements written against the tax roll immediately from the accounts receivable, with the understanding that the City Council retains its full authority with regard to the abatements.

*Whereas,* In the course of issuing tax bills certain individuals may not have had benefit of an appropriate exemption, and

*Whereas,* In preparation of said tax bills certain bills may have been sent to an incorrect individual, company or corporation, and

*Whereas,* Information pertaining to the motor vehicle excise tax roll is received from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and may contain information and accounts that shall not have caused bills to be issued by the City of Providence, and

*Whereas,* The remedy necessary to correct the above situations is an abatement processed through and approved by the City Council, and

*Whereas,* In the specific instance of the motor vehicle abatements such abatements may during the normal process be approved at a date subsequent to the deadline for the City to report delinquencies to the Department of Transportation, and

*Whereas,* Such late reporting causes unnecessary inconvenience for the taxpayers,

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,* That the City Collector may remove any and all abatements written against the tax roll immediately from the accounts receivables. This courtesy is done with the understanding that the City Council retains its full authority with regard to these abatements, that this action does not grant approval of said abatements and that if at the hearing by the Claims Committee and/or City Council reviewing the abatements, the Committee or Council denies the request, the City Collector

shall immediately rebill the subject individual, company or corporation for the full amount of outstanding taxes and appropriate interest if any.

City of Providence prior to notification of the Councilperson, Representative and Senator within the area.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause Sevier Street, from Plainfield Street to Mercy Street, to be Resurfaced.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Sevier Street, from Plainfield Street to Mercy Street, to be resurfaced.

**COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to Prohibit Motor Vehicle Traffic Along Westminster Street between Hospital Trust Plaza and Dorrance Street, on Wednesday, September 12, 1984, between the Hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. to 2:00 o'clock P.M., to Accommodate the United Way Campaign's Kick-off Event, Care Fair '84.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Westminster Street between Hospital Trust Plaza and Dorrance Street, on Wednesday, September 12, 1984, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. to 2:00 o'clock P.M., to accommodate the United Way Campaign's Kick-off Event, Care Fair '84. (Raindate Thursday, September 13, 1984).

**COUNCILMAN ANNALDO:**

Resolution Expressing the Best Wishes of the Members of the City Council to Andrew Ando for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from His recent illness.

*Resolved*, That the Best Wishes of the Members of the City Council are expressed to Andrew Ando for a Complete and Speedy Recovery, from his recent illness.

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer make available Four (4) Parking Spaces in front of the Meeting Street Post Office for patrons of the Post Office.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to make available Four (4) Parking Spaces in front of the Meeting Street Post Office for patrons of the Post Office.

**COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL:**

Resolution requesting the Board of Licenses, the Board of Park Commissioners and the Public Works Department not to issue any licenses for concerts or gatherings in areas of the City of Providence prior to notification of the Council person, Representative and Senator within the area.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Licenses, the Board of Park Commissioners and the Public Works Department are requested not to issue any licenses for concerts or gatherings in areas of the

**COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause that sidewalk along 36 Standish Avenue, to be repaired.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause that sidewalk along 36 Standish Avenue, to be repaired, the same having been damaged by a tree.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause that sidewalk along Whitford Avenue, around the corner from 130 Wyndham Avenue, to be repaired.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause that sidewalk along Whitford Avenue, around the corner from 130 Wyndham Avenue, to be repaired.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause that sidewalk to be repaired in front of the entrance at 24 Mason Street, along the bus stop.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause that sidewalk to be repaired in front of the entrance at 24 Mason Street, along the bus stop.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN ANNALDO (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Water Supply Board waive its easement rights regarding permanent

construction on the easement for that property located along Rutland Avenue, Cranston, RI.

**Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN FARMER (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to close Thayer Street from Cushing Street to Angell Street and adjacent side streets from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., on Saturday, September 22, 1984, to Accommodate the Thayer Street Merchants' Association Annual Antique and Crafts Fair.

*Resolved*, That in order to accommodate the Thayer Street Merchants' Association annual antique and crafts fair, the Traffic Engineer is requested to close Thayer Street from Cushing Street to Angell Street and adjacent side streets from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 22, 1984 and in the event of rain on said date, on September 29, or September 30, 1984.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to improve the lighting on Poles Numbered 1 and 2 along Freeman Parkway by increasing same from 4000 lumen mercury vapor lights to 8000 lumen mercury vapor lights.

*Whereas*, Lighting at the intersection of Freeman Parkway and Morris Avenue is inadequate and residents of the area have suffered from numerous housebreaks,

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector and Narragansett Electric Company are hereby requested to improve the lighting on Poles Numbered 1 and 2, along Freeman Parkway by increasing same from 4000 lumen mercury vapor lights to 8000 lumen mercury vapor lights.

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**COUNCILMAN GLAVIN:**

Resolution Expressing the Best Wishes of the members of the City Council to George Gomes for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from His recent illness.

*Resolved*, That the Best Wishes of the Members of the City Council are expressed to George Gomes, City Printer, for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN DILLON and COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing the Office of Economic Development on Behalf of the City of Providence to Prepare and Submit an Application for an Urban Development Action Grant, as Amended.

**Referred to the Committee on Urban**

**Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**COUNCILMAN FARMER desires to be recorded as "Not Voting."**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to establish Dodge Street, as a one way Street in a Southeasterly Direction.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the Repair of the Asphalt Driveway along 25 Hall Street.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the repair of the asphalt driveway apron along 25 Hall Street.

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**COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI:**

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause that sidewalk along 19 August Street to be repaired or replaced.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause that sidewalk along 19 August Street to be repaired or replaced.

seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause that sidewalk to be repaired along 381 Broadway.

Resolution changing the name of Spring Hill Court to Santomarco Drive.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause that sidewalk to be repaired along 381 Broadway, having been damaged due to removal of a tree.

**Referred to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON,**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

### FROM PAUL J. McCORMICK:

Communication withdrawing his requisition to solicit transactions from the City or any agency thereof and severing any and all fiduciary relationships in the area of security transactions.

**Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN PITTS, seconded by COUNCILMAN FARMER.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

Council that its records show a total of 14.74 miles of City Maintained road on the State Highway System in Providence entitles the said City to the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the current year for such work.

**Received.**

Certificates from the City Assessor (1-M through 15-M Inclusive and 18-M) Recommending the Same be Severally Cancelled Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended.

### FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

Communication informing the Honorable City

**Severally Referred to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of**

**COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

Report from the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1983-4 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved February 18, 1983, and Title 45, Chapters 31-33 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, hereby reports concerning the proposed sale of real property within the Silver Lake Revitalization Project.

The Agency proposes the sale of Parcel 1 consisting of 49,174 sq. ft. of land as delineated on the attached map for the disposition price of \$83,300.00 to Coast Realty Associates of 835

Taunton Avenue in the City of East Providence, RI. The parcel will be used for Commercial use in accordance with plans approved by the Agency.

**Referred to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

Reports from the Board of Licenses for the Quarter Ended June 29, 1984 and the Fiscal Year June 30, 1984.

**Severally Received.**

## PETITIONS

**COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL (By Request):**

Petition to the City Council requesting the address of the building situated at 10 Dorrance Street be changed to One Westminster Square.

**Referred to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

Petition of Providence Redevelopment Agency to change the Zoning on Several Lots as set out and delineated on Plats 114, 112, 115, 106 and 113, located within the Hartford Avenue Renewal Project.

**Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN GLAVIN and COUNCILMAN DILLON (By Request):**

**COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI (By Request):**

Petition to the City Council of Edward and Anna Cousineau and Ronald and Salina Simpson to cause a main drain or common sewer be built in Squanto Street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN

**DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Dudley Street Associates, by its attorney Frank Caprio, to abandon a portion of Plain Street between Dudley Street and Blackstone Street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN **DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

Petition of John B. Auger, Jr., Isabella and Joseph Sukaskas, Walter H. Berndt and Thomas E. and Margaret Mooney, to Abandon a Portion of Thornton Street situated between the easterly line of Ophelia Street and the Westerly line of Eliza Street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN **DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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

Ernest J. Letendre, Jr.

Esther Lecht

Archie S. Bromley

Wayne Delon Robinson

Heritage Buick, Inc.

John R. McGuire

Robert A. Vigeant

Consuela Delores Gonsalves

Vera Tyzbier

The Motorlease Corp.

Judith M. Cicillini

Harry Gautieri

Concetta Susi

Joseph A. Agboola

Mrs. Frank Zarabedian

Eugene Martin

Carlos R. Ventura

Severally Referred to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

Celestino Santos

Barbara Bridgford

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Domenic DiSano

Elaine Martin p.p.a.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### *"In Congratulations"*

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE STRAVATO and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Reverend Francis W. O'Hara

Dr. Ralph D. Carlini

Resolutions Extending Congratulations to the following:

Charles S. Matoian

Ronald Holland

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

Linda Gormly

John Gormly

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

James Creamer

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Memoriam"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
STRAVATO and the MEMBERS of the  
CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

*Resolved*, That the Sympathy of the Members of the City Council is hereby expressed to the families of the following:

Henry Coutu	Angelo P. Fusaro
Felix Paolucci	Angelo Miletta-Palmieri
Salvatore Tutalo	Reverend Walter Alger
Marietta Scudieri	Yolanda Bruno
Mary P. Godin	Antonetta DiChiara
James L. Killavey	Theresa Campo
Matteo J. Vescera	Charles Corrado
Katherine S. Conaty	Mariò Basilico
Goldie V. Brown	Carmela Campanini
Stanley T. Slinko	Edward G. Farrell
Armando Barsanti	Mario Pagano
Angelina Visco	Raymond J. Johnston
Estelle V. Carter	Dino Santilli
Jennie E. Heagney	Francesco Chiarella
Robert J. Corry	Mary E. Bresnahan
John McCaffrey	Vincent Fandetti, Sr.
	Nellie Hassett
	John Kapinos
	Amelia Buisson
	Viola DeCubellis
	Percy W. Millard

Madeline Martinelli

Joseph DiMase

Pasqualina Capaldi

Teresa Finelli

Joseph Fournier

Manuel Martins

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on  
motion of COUNCILMAN DILLON,  
seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARG-  
NOLI, the City Council adjourns at 8:35  
o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1984 at 8:00  
o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

*Rose M. Mandonca*

*City Clerk*



