

CITY OF PROVIDENCE - RHODE ISLAND - Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor



D. Everett Whelan  
City Clerk

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

Vincent Vespia  
First Deputy  
William E. McWilliams  
Second Deputy

November 18, 1959

Mr. D. Everett Whelan  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 556 of the City Council, adopted and approved November 6, 1959, I hereby make the following appointments to the Special Committee on Columbus Day Celebration:

Councilman Thomas S. Luongo  
Councilman John Ferreira  
Councilman Hector D. Laudati  
Councilman Henry E. Laliberte  
Councilman Edward P. Quigley  
Councilman Frank Lazarus

Very truly yours,

Edward P. Quigley  
President of City Council

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# The Public Service Engineer

Peter J. Hicks, Jr.  
Public Service Engineer

112 Union St., Providence 3, R. I.

November 10, 1959

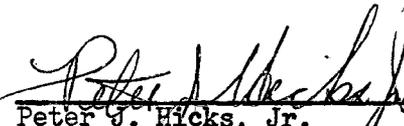
Mr. D. Everett Whelan  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mr. Whelan:

I enclose herewith the bill of the Narragansett Electric Company for the street lighting of the City of Providence for the month of October, 1959.

The total net amount of the bill is \$40,515.77.

Very truly yours,

  
Peter J. Hicks, Jr.  
PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

PJH, JR:ed  
Enclosure

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APPROVED:

  
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*Sent to Contraller 11/20/59*

PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

RHODE ISLAND

JUSTIN P. McCARTHY

JUDGE

J. HENRY A. GRIFFIN

CLERK

FLORENCE G. EGAN

DEPUTY CLERK

November 10, 1959.

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Laws of 1944, Chapter 1482, the undersigned appoints Florence G. Egan of Providence as Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court to hold office until her successor is appointed, approved by the City Council and qualified, and requests that said appointment be approved by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. Henry A. Griffin*  
J. Henry A. Griffin  
Clerk

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*D. Everett Whelaw*  
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CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

## BOARD OF CANVASSERS AND REGISTRATION

BOARD

THOMAS A. CAHIR  
EDWARD L. CASEY  
GAETANO LANZI

CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE 3

November 13, 1959

Mr. D. Everett Whelan  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Canvassers and Registration have certified the Special Election, November 10, 1959 as follows:

Question	Approve	Reject
#1 School Modernization	8,320	1,504
#2 Water Purification Works in Scituate	8,221	1,617
#3 Hurricane Barrier	8,636	1,465

Very truly yours

*Thomas A. Cahiri*  
*Edward L. Casey*  
*Gaetano Lanzi*

Board of Canvassers and Registration

Mayor  
cc: City Solicitor

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FRANCIS A. LENNON  
COMMISSIONER



ERIC PARKER  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
209 FOUNTAIN STREET  
PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

November 17, 1959

To the Honorable City Council of Providence

Honorable Gentlemen:

As requested by Resolution of your Honorable Body on October 15th, a study was initiated to determine the advisability of installing radar speed detection devices for the purpose of regulating moving vehicular traffic. Findings are not conclusive, and cannot be until radar equipment is actually tested in Providence under peculiarly local field conditions for a period of several weeks.

The Commissioner, accompanied by Chief Murphy and Captain Comer, inspected the Warwick installation on Friday, November 6th. This equipment is completely portable and requires a minimum of maintenance. Under the conditions of the test, which were ideal, the equipment functioned in a spectacular manner. The machine was set up in a school zone on a four lane highway. Traffic was very light, probably in the density of 40 cars per hour. In the hour when we were observing, four violators were cited and several were warned.

The experience in Warwick shows the machine to be ideal for controlling speed in uncongested areas. Heavy traffic does not permit effective use of the equipment. The psychological effect of radar on the motorist seems to produce its best effects. After the installation of signs on all approaches to the city, a six months educational period was allowed before rigid enforcement. The District Court Judges were given demonstrations of the capabilities of the equipment before it was purchased.

Oddly enough, Warwick has not had a measurable reduction in speeding cases since the introduction of radar. However, an annual increase of seven per cent in car registrations is accepted in Warwick as showing an actual reduction.

Chief Fouchecourt of Cranston reports that radar's chief value is psychological and that it is not effective in heavy traffic.

Roger Chandler, Providence Traffic Engineer, feels that there are certain streets in Providence where radar could be very effective. The Traffic Engineering Department has a radar unit which is about four years old. Mr. Chandler will gladly make this unit available for police experimentation.

The findings up to this point are:

1. Radar has a definite psychological effect on speeders.
2. There are streets in Providence where it could be very effective. These streets comprise those which are not heavily traveled, or which have not been placed under signal light control for long stretches, such as Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Cathedral Avenue, parts of Smith Street, etc..
3. It is quite ineffective on heavily traveled streets.
4. The Judges of the District Court must be definitely convinced of its feasibility in Providence before radar control is adopted.
5. It has not enabled Warwick to reduce its police manpower. The machine must have a policeman in control while it is in use.

No attempt, as yet, has been made to assess the value of radar in cities comparable to Providence. It is felt that the problems of Providence, while not unique, are not readily evaluable in the light of other cities' experiences.

The Police Department will arrange to use the Traffic Department's radar for a period of time sufficiently long to provide us with a firm base for future policy. The Commissioner of Public Safety will submit additional reports to the Honorable Council as the project develops.

Respectfully submitted,

*Francis G. Lennon*  
Commissioner of Public Safety

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*Robert Whelan*  
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## CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS

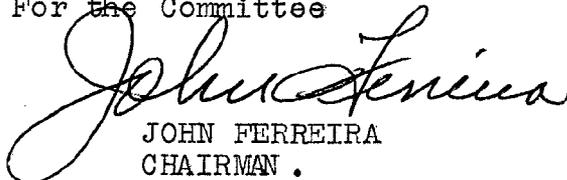
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OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

GENTLEMEN:

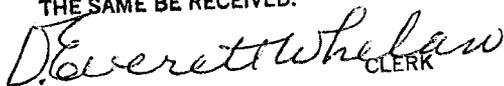
Your Committee on Claims and Pending Suits respectfully reports relative to the number of cases in which settlements were recommended for the quarter ended September 30, 1959. Your Committee has recommended settlement in eleven cases.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee



JOHN FERREIRA  
CHAIRMAN.

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Angelina DeRoberto (Collision)	\$ 95.00
Julio Rodio (Highway)	50.00
Everett Levinson (Collision)	26.79
Elmer G. Barron (Property)	50.00
Mary Iannuccilli (Sidewalk)	43.00
Mabel S. Ballam (Collision)	75.00
Louise Renzi (Sidewalk)	325.00
Irene Pallazo (Sidewalk)	25.00
A. C. Beals Co. Inc. (Refund)	51.00
Nicola Patullo (Collision)	73.00
Vito D. Buonomano (Collision)	35.00
Total	<u>\$848.79</u>