

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL**

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No. 68 City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, July 6, 1981, 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
AUG 6 1981

APPROVED:

**PRESIDING**

CLERK

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**RALPH FARGNOLI**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present: Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato, and Xavier—25.**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN ANTHONY P. PENNINE.

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

COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE K. FLYNN leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## RECESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI declares the Council Stand at Ease at 9:10 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

## RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Re-convenes the Council at 10:20 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) and Directs the Clerk to Call the Roll to Ascertain if there is a Quorum present:

Present: Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato, and Xavier—25.

## COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

The Clerk reads the following Communication from His Honor the Mayor:

July 4, 1981

The Honorable Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk of the City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to Section 3.11 of the Providence City Charter, I am this day requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Monday, July 6, 1981 at 8:00 P.M. EDT, for the purpose of considering the following:

A. An Ordinance making an Appropriation for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1982.

B. An Ordinance establishing the classes of positions, the maximum number of employees and the number of employees in certain classes in the City Departments and repealing Chapter 1981-12, effective March 23, 1981, as amended.

C. An Ordinance establishing a compensation plan for the City of Providence and repealing Chapter 1981-13, effective March 23, 1981.

D. An Ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of 1981 taxes in a sum not

less than Eighty-Seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000) and not more than Ninety-Nine Million Dollars (\$99,000,000) being based on One Hundred Per Cent (100%) of the 1981-1982 Fiscal Year Tax Collection.

Respectfully,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
Mayor of Providence

Received.

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

The Clerk reads the following Warrant, with the City Sergeant's Return Endorsed Thereon, Certifying that He did Notify All the Members of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be held on Monday, July 6, 1981 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) by Personally Delivering a Copy of the following Warrant on July 4, 1981.

TO GIACOMO MARTONE, CITY SERGEANT:

*Whereas*, His Honor, Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Mayor of the City of Providence has pursuant to Section 3.11 of the Providence City Charter, requested the City Clerk in writing, to call a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on the 6th Day of July, A.D., 1981 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) for the purpose of Enacting the Following:

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1982.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1981-12, Effective March 23, 1981, as amended.

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Chapter 1981-13, Effective March 23, 1981, as amended.

An Ordinance Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 1981 Taxes in a Sum Not Less than Eighty-Seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000.00) and Not More than Ninety-Nine Million Dollars (\$99,000,000.00) being Based on One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 1981-1982 Fiscal Year Tax Collection.

You are therefore, hereby commanded and required to summon each Member of the City Council to that Special Meeting as called.

*Hereof*, Fail Not, and make true return of this Warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under my hand and Official Seal of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 4th Day of July, A.D., 1981.

ROSE M. MENDONCA,  
City Clerk

July 4, 1981

I, Giacomo Martone, City Sergeant, do hereby certify that I have notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting scheduled to

be held Monday, July 6, 1981 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall, Providence, in accordance with the subject Warrant by delivering to each Member, a copy thereof.

GIACOMO MARTONE  
City Sergeant

Received.

## PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

**COUNCILMAN EASTON requests and is granted the Privilege of the Floor and states:**

I want to rise, tonight, to apologize to some of my fellow councilmen concerning a recent article which appeared in the Providence Journal.

It is very clear that I had great misunderstanding with the reporter I was speaking to since there was a misrepresentation of my statements. It just did not appear the way it was said in the course of the conversation. I want to render my personal apologies to them, publicly, at this time.

## BUDGET ORDINANCES

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1982.

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 13. Miscellaneous, Medical Insurance be reduced from "\$3,036,326.76" to "\$2,936,326.76," total "\$2,936,326.76."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 13. Miscellaneous, Community Mental Health Centers be reduced from "\$225,000.00" to "\$175,000.00" total "\$175,000.00."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 13. Miscellaneous, Insurance Fund, be reduced from "\$400,000.00" to "\$300,000.00," total "\$300,000.00."

**This motion being seconded by COUN-**

**CILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 14. Grants, Providence Public Library be reduced from "\$940,000.00" to "\$840,000.00," total "\$840,000.00."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 12. Debt Service, Interest on Bonded Debt, be reduced from "\$6,745,734.55" to "\$6,645,734.55," total "\$6,645,734.55."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 3. Public Safety, Police Department Item 0, Personal Services, be reduced from "\$9,912,774.14" to "\$9,812,774.14."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 3. Public Safety, Fire Department, Item 0, Personal Services, be reduced from "\$10,264,570.00" to "\$10,164,570.77."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 8. Education, School Department, Item 0, Personal Services, be reduced from "\$35,590,054.48" to "\$35,390,054.48."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 8. Education, School Department, Item 1, Services Other Than Personal, be reduced from "\$6,157,128.00" to "6,057,128.00."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

Item 8. Education, School Department, Item 3, Special Items, be reduced from "\$8,588,479.43" to "\$8,388,479.43."

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of One Hundred Fifty-One Million, Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars, Seventy Three Cents (\$151,020,799.73) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1982" be Amended to Read "An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Hundred Forty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars, Seventy-Three Cents (\$149,870,799.73) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1982."**

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves that portion of the Ordinance which reads:**

*Whereas, the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1982, have been estimated to amount to \$151,020,799.73 made up as follows:*

*be amended to read "Whereas, the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1982, have been estimated to amount to \$149,870,799.73."*

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

*Under RECEIPTS, Property Taxes and Excise Taxes, be reduced from "\$91,669,929.23" to "\$90,509,829.23."*

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

*Under RECEIPTS, Fines, Forfeits and Escheats, be increased from "\$2,076,360.00" to "\$2,866,360.00."*

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING, be reduced from "\$151,020,799.73" to \$149,870,799.73."**

**This motion being seconded by COUN-**

**CILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

*Item 3. Public Safety, Police Department — Total, be reduced from "\$11,065,598.01" to "\$10,965,598.01."*

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

*Item 3. Public Safety, Fire Department — Total, be reduced from "\$11,702,755.77" to "\$11,602,755.77."*

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

*Item 3. Public Safety, Total — Public Safety, be reduced from "\$24,503,515.85" to "\$24,271,273.85."*

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the following amendment:**

*Item 8. Education, Total — Education, be reduced from "\$55,606,445.91" to "\$55,106,445.91."*

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**Read and Passed the First Time, as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN**

**JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Council President Fagnoli, Councilman Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Easton, Flynn, Glavin, Johnson, Lynch, Moise, O'Connor, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—17.

**Noes:** Councilmen Almagno, Dillon, Farmer, Griffin, Mansolillo, Paolino, Pearlman and Snowden—8.

**The motion for Passage the First Time, as Amended, is Sustained.**

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An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1981-12, Effective March 23, 1981, as Amended.

**Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Johnson, O'Connor, Paolino, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Stravato—18.

**Not Voting:** Councilmen Griffin, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise, Pearlman and Snowden—6.

**Absent:** Councilman Xavier—1.

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

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Chapter 1981-13, Effective March 23, 1981, as Amended.

**Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Johnson, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Stravato—19.

**Noes:** Councilman Snowden—1.

**Not Voting:** Councilmen Griffin, Lynch, Mansolillo and Moise—4.

**Absent:** Councilman Xavier—1.

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

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An Ordinance Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 1981 Taxes in the Sum Not Less than Eighty-Seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000.00) and Not More than Ninety-Nine Million Dollars (\$99,000,000.00) being Based on One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 1981-1982 Fiscal Year Tax Collection.

**COUNCILMAN JOHNSON moves to amend the foregoing title to read as follows:**

An Ordinance Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 1981 Taxes in the Sum Not Less Than Eighty-Five Million, Fifty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$85,059,600.00) and Not More than Ninety-Seven Million, Fifty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$97,059,600.00)



Being Based on One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 1981-1982 Fiscal Year Tax Collection, as Amended.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, is Put to Vote and Passed.

The motion to Amend is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON moves to Amend Section 1, Line 5, by deleting the words and figures "Eighty-Seven Million Dollars (\$87,000,000.00)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Eighty-Five Million, Fifty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred (\$85,059,600.00)"; and Line 6, by deleting the words "Ninety-Nine Million Dollars (\$99,000,000.00)" and inserting in lieu there the words "Ninety-Seven Million, Fifty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$97,059,600.00)."

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, is Put to Vote and Passed.

The motion to Amend is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, thereupon moves the Ordinance be Read and Passed the First Time, as Amended.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, is Put to Vote and Passed, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli and Councilman Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Flynn, Glavin, Johnson, Lynch, Moise, O'Connor, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Stravato—17.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Farmer, Griffin, Mansolillo, Paolino, Pearlman and Snowden—7.

Absent: Councilman Xavier.

The motion for Passage the First Time, as Amended, is Sustained.

## MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council in Order to Allow the Introduction of the Following Matters Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

**The following Ordinance was in City Council July 2, 1981, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned with recommendation of Passage the Second Time:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Article IV, Section 25-52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Amount of Sewer Rental Charge."

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* The following portion of Section 25-52, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled: "Amount of Sewer Rental Charge," as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 25-52. The sewer rental charge imposed herein shall be based upon the actual registration of the meter at the rate of thirty cents (\$.30) per hundred cubic feet of water; provided however, that a minimum charge shall be collected from all owners or users subject to a charge under the provisions of section 25-50, as follows:"

*Section 2.* This Ordinance shall be effective as of July 1, 1981.

**Read and Passed, the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden and Stravato—23.**

**Noes: Councilman Moise—1.**

**Absent: Councilman—Xavier.**

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

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

### COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The following Ordinances were in City Council July 2, 1981, Read and Passed the First Time, Referred to Committee on Finance and are Transmitted Back to the City Council with Recommendation of Passage, the Second Time:

An Ordinance Authorizing the Issue of Tax Anticipation Notes by the City during the 1981-1982 Fiscal Year.

*Section 1.* The City Treasurer, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, is authorized to issue notes of the City in anticipation of taxes under F.L. s 45-12-4 at the one time or from time to time during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1981 to an amount which shall not exceed in the aggregate the limit set forth in such section or in Section 26 of 1665 of the Public Laws of 1945.

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

364,876.00) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1981" is hereby further amended by transferring certain sums of money within the Department of Public Schools as follows:

			Increase (Decrease)
Item 0 increase from	\$35,902,474. to \$36,004,474.	\$	102,000.
Item 1 increase from	\$ 4,587,420. to \$ 5,048,420.	\$	461,000.
Item 2 decrease from	\$ 3,640,263. to \$ 3,170,263.	\$	(470,000.)
Item 3 decrease from	\$ 7,750,914. to \$ 7,695,914.	\$	( 55,000.)
Item 5 decrease from	\$ 396,414. to \$ 358,414.	\$	( 38,000.)
Total — No Change	\$52,277,485.	\$52,277,485.	—0—

And Further, in support of this recommended amended appropriation, the revenue budget be amended as follows:

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1981-9, approved March 13, 1981, by Transferring Certain Sums of Money within the Department of Public Schools.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* Chapter 1981-9 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as approved March 13, 1981, and entitled: "An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Million, Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$139,-

			Increase (Decrease)
City Appropriation decrease from	\$34,060,945. to \$33,439,170.	\$	(621,775)
Federal Revenue no change	\$ 143,108. to \$ 143,108.		—0—
State Revenue increase from	\$17,935,807. to \$18,557,582.	\$	621,775
School Revenue no change	\$ 137,625. to \$ 137,625.		—0—
Total—No Change	\$52,277,485.	\$52,277,485.	—0—

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

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise,

O'Connor, Paolino, Paerlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden and Stravato—24.

Absent: Councilman Xavier—1.

The motion for Passage the Second Time, is Sustained.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, the City Council adjourns at 11:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

*Rose M. Mendonca*

City Clerk