

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 78 City Council Regular Meeting, November 6, 1997, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

IN CITY COUNCIL  
DEC 4 1997  
APPROVED: Michael R. Clement CLERK

Present: Council President Fargnoli, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins, Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—13.

Absent: Councilman Allen—1.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

## 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 BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated October 14, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and R.I.G.L. 45-24.1-3, as well as the Zoning Ordinance 501.1(c), he is this day appointing Ms. Mildred Parrillo of 340 Woodward Road, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Historic District Commission for a term to expire in September, 1999. Ms. Parrillo will replace Ms. Antonette Downing whose term has expired.

Received.

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## ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council October 23, 1997, Read and Passed the First Time and are severally returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance", approved June 27, 1994 and amended May 26, 1995, by amending Providence Zoning District Map Number 13 of the Official Zoning Map by changing Zoning District Designation of Lot 6 from R-3 to C-2.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1994, and amended May 26, 1995, is hereby amended by changing the zoning district designation of Lot 6 on Providence Zoning District Map 13 (also known as 242 Meeting Street) of the Official Zoning Maps from R-3 to C-2 with the following restriction that shall be noted on said Map 13:

A. The second story and above 242 Meeting Street shall remain residential; and

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, all C-2 uses would be prohibited for the subject parcel except for uses noted below for Use Codes 41, 42, 43, 44 and 46:

41 *Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Service*, insurance carrier, personal credit agency, real estate agent, real estate developer, security and commodity trading service.

42 *Personal Service*, apparel repair, alteration and cleaning pickup service; barber and beauty service; photographic service; shoe repair service.

43 *Limited Business Service*, advertising agency; business office; credit reporting and collection service; interior designer; private employment service; research and development of related activities; watch, clock and jewelry repair service.

44 *General Business Service*, news syndicate service; radio, TV, electrical, electronic and appliance repair service.

46 *Professional Service*, architectural and engineering service; legal service.

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

**Read and Passed the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano and Williams—12.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Allen and Councilwoman Young—2.**

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

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1997, as amended, by amending Providence Zoning District Map Number 29 of the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning District Designation of a portion of Lot 409 from P.S. Public Spaces Areas to M-1 Industrial District and Providence Zoning District Map Number 30, Lots 22, 63, 64, 66, 67, 73, 89, 143, and 629 from C-2 General Commercial District to M-1 Industrial District.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1994, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the zoning district designation of Lot 490 of the Zoning District Map Number 29 of the Official Zoning Maps from P.S., Public Space Areas to M-1, Industrial District for that portion of said Lot 490, extending from where it abuts Lot 509 to a line approximately 280 feet easterly from said Lot 509, the natural extension of the center line of Central Street, and from P.S., Public Space Areas to C-2, General Commercial for that portion of said Lot 490, from a line measuring approximately 160 feet from the center line of Broad Street and Providence Zoning Map Number 30, Lots 22, 38, 63, 64, 66, 73, 89, 143, and 629 from

C-2, General Commercial District to M-1, Industrial District. This area is generally bounded by Perkins, A Street, Booth, Central and Pearl Streets.

*Section 2.* The M-1 Zoning District for the lots described above shall specifically exclude Use Code 37, Adult Entertainment.

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

**Read and Passed the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Fargnoli, Councilman DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano and Williams—11.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: Councilmen Allen, Clarkin and Councilwoman Young—3.**

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

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN ROLLINS and COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):**

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to 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" for the deletion of Lot 80, Plat 109, 573 Union Avenue from the acquisition list.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on**

**Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.**

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

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An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 1973-52 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved December 24, 1973 entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the West Broadway NDP Urban Renewal Area (1)" for the deletion of Lot 35, Plat 8, 36 Harkness Street from the property acquisition list.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

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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 deletion of Lot 190 on Plat 112, 506 Hartford Avenue from the property acquisition list.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

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An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence approved May 23, 1996 and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan and the attached restrictions for the Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project" for additional acquisition and the extension of the project boundary.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):**

Resolution authorizing the City Collector to cause the taxes to be abated on that property located on Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 978, 43 Chambers Street in the amount of Five Thousand Nine

Hundred Sixty Three Dollars and Seventy Two Cents (\$5,963.72) as requested by Save The Neighborhoods, Inc.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to post "No Parking Anytime/Strictly Enforced" signs on the south side of Waterman Street from Hope College Gate going east to the end of Faunce House/Post Office entrance beginning Friday, October 31, 1997 at 11:00 o'clock P.M. and ending on Saturday, November 1, 1997 at 4:30 o'clock P.M., additionally, post "No Parking Anytime/Strictly Enforced" signs on the south side of George Street from 71 George Street to Brown Street beginning Friday, October 31, 1997 at 11:00 o'clock P.M. ending on Saturday, November 1, 1997 at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to post "No Parking Anytime/Strictly Enforced" signs on the south side of Waterman Street from Hope College Gate going east to the end of Faunce House/Post Office entrance beginning Friday, October 31, 1997 at 11:00 o'clock P.M. and ending on Saturday, November 1, 1997 at 4:30 o'clock P.M., additionally, post "No Parking Anytime/Strictly Enforced" signs on the south side of George Street from 71 George Street to Brown Street beginning Friday, October 31, 1997 at 11:00 o'clock P.M. ending on Saturday, November 1, 1997 at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

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**COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Belair Avenue from Cypress Street to Larch Street on Saturday, October 25, 1997 from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. for a Neighborhood Halloween Party.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Belair Avenue from Cypress Street to Larch Street on Saturday, October 25, 1997 from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. for a Neighborhood Halloween Party.

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

**The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing the City Collector to cause the taxes to be abated on that property located along 227 Dexter Street in the amount of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$9,772.32) as requested by Save The Neighborhoods, Inc.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the street lighting on Hazael Street.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Stop" signs on Cole Avenue at Woodbury Street.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of three-way "Stop" signs at Woodbury Street and Fosdyke Street.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking" signs at various locations on Morris Avenue between Alumni Avenue and Olney Street.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of crosswalks at the

intersection of Morris Avenue and Olney Street and Alumni Avenue and Morris Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of crosswalks at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Olney Street and Alumni Avenue and Morris Avenue.

**COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade all lights on Updike Street to 27,500 lumens.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade all lights on Updike Street to 27,500 lumens.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to close Union Street between Washington Street and Westminster Streets on November 28th, 29th and 30th from 5:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., on December 3rd and 4th from 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 2:00 o'clock P.M. and December 5th and 6th from 5:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the 2nd Annual "Meet Me at the Shepherd's Clock".

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to close Union Street between Washington Street and Westminster Streets on November 28th, 29th and 30th from 5:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., on December 3rd and 4th from 11:00 o'clock A.M. to 2:00 o'clock P.M. and December 5th and 6th from 5:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the 2nd Annual "Meet Me at the Shepherd's Clock".

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

**The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.**

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

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

**Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Adopted, as amended:**

An Ordinance relative to the establishment of certain permit fees, as amended.

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

**Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—13.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Allen—1.**

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

An Ordinance pertaining to the assessment of fees to reduce excessive avoidable false alarms, as amended.

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

**Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—13.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Clarkin—1.**

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

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Mary Ellen Raposa, an employee of the Providence School Department, dated October 20, 1997, requesting a temporary waiver for the 1997-1998 school year, of the

Residency Requirement of the Home Rule Charter, Section 1210, as an employee of the Providence School Department.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI  
Receives the Communication and Refers it  
to the Committee on Finance.**

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

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Jeffrey J. Campopiano, P.E., from Rhode Island Hospital for a utility easement to be located along Plain Street and Willard Avenue. The easements are required to construct and operate security and communications systems for parking facilities for the Rhode Island Hospital. An easement is necessary to install underground conduits under Plain Street and Willard Avenue.

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

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

David A. Carlson

Peerless Insurance Company a/s/o Henry A. Verducci

Rhoda E. Perry

Alfred Taylor, Jr.

Carol Y. Davis

Linda Hayman

Xiomara Rodriquez

David Deschenes

Felix J. Valentin p.p.a. Felix J. Valentin, Jr.

Keith Robinson

Andrew L. Fuss

Ann Marie Gigli

Betty Perez p.p.a. Elizabeth Perez

Peter G. Lamberton

Gina Brown

Glenn Bathgate

Commerce Insurance Company a/s/o Henry E. Bell, Jr.

David R. Paparella

Monique Williams p.p.a. Jason Stanford

Jeffrey Cianciolo

Pedro Deacruz

Maria Gomez

Norma Curtis

Dorothy H. Gaudet

Joan L. Dutt

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company a/s/o  
Marie Caracciolo

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

Miracle A/S

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.**

Daric Bishop

Valorie Spitaleri

## PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

### *“In Congratulations”*

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Mr. and Mrs. Manny Periquito, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, born on September 26, 1997

#### Citations Extending Congratulations.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Alejandro Hernandez, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, born on September 29, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Ismael Aponte, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, born on September 15, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Pao Yang, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, born on September 29, 1997.

Mr. and Mrs. Bairo Pineda, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, born on September 23, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kolawole, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, born on October 3, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Gonzalez, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, born on September 26, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bobola, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on September 13, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Ortiz, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, born on September 26, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Pagliaro, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on September 1, 1947

Officer Richard A. Fernandes, II, in recognition of his dedication and a job well done as a community police officer on the East Side of Providence.

George Lazzareschi, Jr., in recognition of winning the "Best Lifter Trophy" for bench-pressing 570 pounds at the 2nd annual "Guns and Hoses Championship".

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

**The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Memoriam"

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

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

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

Cora M. Medeiros

Arthur G. "Guido" Baldini

Adeline Famiglietti

Robert E. Slater

Michael A. "Sharkey" Patalano

Carol Ann Tarro

Antonetta Arcaro

Joseph Peter D'Ambra

Theresa Ranieri

Eddie F. Young

John "Johnny the Baker" Santilli

Marie A. Morissette

Anne V. Mulcahy

Frances M. Ferreira

Margaret Andoscia

Rhett A. Romano

Robert L. "Bobby" Wills

John R. D'Agostino

Norman C. Kelly

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

**The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.**

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 7:55 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk