

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 81 City Council Regular Meeting, December 18, 1997, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Fagnoli,
Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca,
Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen
Hassett, Iglizzo, Jackson, Lombardi,
Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano,
Williams and Young-14.

Absent: Councilman Rollins-1.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 19 1998

APPROVED:

Michael R. Clement CLERK
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INVOCATION

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

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

COUNCILMAN RONALD W. ALLEN leads
the members of the City Council and the
Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to
the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated November 20, 1997,
Informing the Honorable Members of the City
Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and
1011 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of
1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. F. Steele
Blackall, III of 113 Williams Street, Providence,
Rhode Island, as a Member of the Building
Board of Review for a term to expire January,
2003 and respectfully submits the same for
approval.

Communication dated November 21, 1997,
Informing the Honorable Members of the City
Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the
Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and
Section 8-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the
City of Providence, he is hereby reappointing
Associate Justice Daniel Calenda of 296 Tabor
Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, to the
Providence Housing Court for a term to expire
on the first Monday in January, 2001 and
respectfully submits the same for your
approval.

Communication dated November 21, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Section 8-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, he is this day reappointing Associate Justice Roberto Gonzalez of 21 Obediah Brown Road, Providence, Rhode Island, to the Providence Housing Court for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2001 and respectfully submits the same for approval.

Communication dated November 21, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Barbara Nonnenmacher of 10 Naples Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Tax Assessment Review for a term expiring in January, 2001 and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication dated November 21, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Mafalda Cascione of 21 Leslie Drive, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Tax Assessment Review for a term expiring in January, 2001 and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication dated November 21, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Raymond Dettore, Jr., of 1177 Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2001 and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication dated November 21, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1010 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Sal J. Solomon of 680 Admiral Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Housing Board of Review for a term to expire in January, 2003 and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication dated November 21, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. George Calcagni of 32 Loring Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the City Plan Commission for a term to expire in January, 2003 and respectfully submits the same for approval.

Communication dated November 21, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 415 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Ms. Jane Marie Buonocore of 190 Bowen Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Salary Review Commission for a term to expire in January, 1999 and respectfully submits the same for approval. Ms. Buonocore will replace Ms. Rose Mendonca whose term has expired.

Communication dated November 25, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and

415 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Michael Van Leesten of 11 Belair Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Salary Review Commission for a term to expire in January, 1999 and respectfully submits the same for approval. Mr. Van Leesten will replace Mr. Stephen Piscopiello who has resigned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Severally Receives the Communications and Refers the Appointments to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Receive and Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council December 4, 1997, Read and Passed the First Time and are severally Returned for Passage the Second Time, as amended:

An Ordinance establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for the Elliott Group on behalf of Su-Elle Company, as amended.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves the Ordinance by Read and Passed the Second Time, as amended, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves that the Ordinance by Referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, and having precedence over the main motion of passage, is Put to Vote and Passed.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

An Ordinance establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for Venda Ravioli, Inc, as amended.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Whereas, Section 21-169 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence grants authority to the City Council, pursuant to Section 44-3-9 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended, to exempt property used for industrial, commercial or residential purposes from the payment of property tax if the granting of the exemption meets certain conditions set forth in said Section of the Ordinance; and

Whereas, Venda Ravioli, Inc. has made application under, and has satisfied each condition of the above mentioned Ordinance;

Whereas, Venda Ravioli, Inc. is a commercial concern who intends to retain its facility in the City of Providence and agrees, as a condition of this tax treaty, to not reduce substantially its workforce in the City of Providence, on 265 Atwells Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, on Assessor's Plat 1, Lot 83 ("Project"); and

Whereas, The Project will cause an increase in the tax base of the City and will increase employment opportunity in the City; and

Whereas, It is in the interest of the residents of the City of Providence to grant such an exemption to induce the development and construction of the Project in the City, and such exemption will inure to the benefit of the City;

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. That the findings set forth in the preceding *Whereas* Clauses are hereby made and confirmed.

Section 2. As long as Venda Ravioli, Inc. owns or operates the facility, it will continue to pay taxes on the facility. Venda Ravioli, Inc. its successors and assigns, agree that this property will be subject to taxation at the expiration of the tax treaty. Venda Ravioli, Inc. also agrees not to transfer the property to a tax-exempt entity or to allow any transfer by any subsequent transferee to a tax-exempt entity during the term of the tax treaty. Venda Ravioli, Inc. agrees to ensure that any transfer or successor will be able to make payments under the tax treaty. Venda Ravioli, Inc. is also required as a condition precedent to this tax treaty to record notice of the requirement that the property covered by this Ordinance be transferred only to a tax paying entity, as set forth herein in the Land Evidence Records of the City of Providence. Notwithstanding this provision, in the event that the successor to the property does not make the payments under the tax treaty, Venda Ravioli, Inc. will be responsible to make payments in lieu of taxes to the City of Providence in the amounts set forth in the attached schedule. In the event that the property covered by this Ordinance is transferred to a tax-exempt entity, whether by Venda Ravioli, Inc. or any subsequent transferee of such property, Venda Ravioli, Inc. will be responsible to make payments in lieu of taxes to the City of Providence equal to the amount of taxes which would have been paid to the City of Providence if such prohibition against transfer to a tax-exempt entity had not been violated. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the tax treaty used in connection herewith, the provisions of this Section 2. shall continue to be given full force and effect until such time as the same shall be amended or terminated by majority vote of the City Council of Providence.

Section 3. It shall be the goal of Venda Ravioli, Inc. to award to Minority Business Enterprises as defined in Rhode Island General Laws, Section 37-14.1 ("MBE Act") no less than 10% of the dollar value of the construction costs for the Project (as determined in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the MBE act). It shall be Venda Ravioli, Inc.'s further goal to award to woman business enterprises (WBE) no less than 10% of the dollar value of the construction costs for the project (as determined in accordance with Section 21-52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence). It shall be a further goal of Venda Ravioli, Inc. to achieve a minimum level of 10% for minority and 10% for female employment.

Section 4. In making employment decisions for the facility located at 265 Atwells Avenue, Venda Ravioli, Inc. shall give preferential consideration to qualified employees/applicants who reside in Providence. The parties enter this tax treaty in consideration for the expenditure of at least \$300,000.00 of new construction and the creation of an additional (20) jobs. Failure to generate these additional jobs within one year from this treaty going into effect shall render the treaty null and void, unless so varied by the City of Providence.

Section 5. The schedule listed below is based upon information provided to the Tax Assessor by Venda Ravioli, Inc. including, but not limited to, estimated construction costs. In the event any of this information is inaccurate or proves to be erroneous, this treaty shall be modified to reflect that accurate information.

Section 6. That the real and personal property taxes payable to the City by the Project during the term of this Ordinance shall

be based upon the real and personal property tax rates in effect for the City's 1996 fiscal year.

Section 7. That the City, in accordance with Section 44-3-9 of the Rhode Island General Laws and Section 21-169 of the Code or Ordinances for the City of Providence, is hereby authorized to grant an exemption from the assessed valuation for tax purposes as of December 31, 1997 up to and including December 31, 2006 to Venda Ravioli, Inc. located on 265 Atwells Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island, on a portion of Assessor's Plat 1, Lot 83, as provided in the above mentioned Ordinance, in accordance with the schedule in Exhibit A.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli, Councilman Clarkin, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—12.

Noes: Councilman Allen—1.

Not Voting: Councilman DeLuca—1.

Absent: Councilman Rollins—1.

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

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS and COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1980-27 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence approved May 3, 1980, and entitled: "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Charles Street Renewal Project" for the

acquisition of Lot 176, Plat 71, 583-585 Charles Street.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI:

Resolution Requesting the City Council to re-establish the Special Committee o Recreation.

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Recreation is hereby extended to January 1, 1999.

Resolution Requesting the City Council to re-establish the Special Committee on State Legislation.

Whereas, Resolution No. 797 of the City Council created a Committee on State Legislation on November 15, 1993, Resolution

No. 25, approved January 27, 1997, extending the Committee on State Legislation, and

Whereas, The purpose of said committee was to track, monitor and testify on legislation affecting the City of Providence, and

Whereas, Said Committee as established, is inconsistent with the Rules of the City Council adopted on January 2, 1995, and

Whereas, Rule 20 (c) of said Rules of the City Council adopted on January 2, 1995, provides for the creation of all special committees of the City Council, and

Whereas, The City Council believes the tracking and monitoring of State Legislation and Testimony on State Legislation affecting

the City of Providence is important to the future deliberations of the City Council and the welfare of the Citizens of Providence,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That pursuant to Rule 20 (c) of the Rules of the City Council, a Special Committee on State Legislation is hereby created, and

Be it further Resolved, That the Special Committee on State Legislation shall be charged with the responsibility of tracking and monitoring legislation and testifying before the legislature and its committees regarding all legislation proposed by the City Council and/ or affecting the City of Providence, and

Be it further Resolved, That the Special Committee shall consist of Five (5) Members of the City Council who shall be appointed by the President of the City Council pursuant to Rule 20 (c) of the Rules of the City Council, and

Be it further Resolved, That the term of said Special Committee shall expire upon the final adjournment of the January, 1999 Session of the Rhode Island General Assembly.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN:

Resolution extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Theodore "Ted" Leonard for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Theodore "Ted" Leonard for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT:

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of a street light on pole No. 21, located along Academy Avenue.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a street light on pole No. 21, located along Academy Avenue.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of a street light on pole No. 10, located along Babcock Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a street light on pole No. 10, located along Babcock Street.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to repair the street light on pole No. 11, located at the corner of Babcock Street and Cactus Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to repair the street light on pole No. 11, located at the corner of Babcock Street and Cactus Street.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to cause the installation of a bus stop shelter at the intersection of

Pavilion Avenue and Eddy Street, on the east side of Eddy Street.

Resolved, That the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority is requested to cause the installation of a bus stop shelter at the intersection of Pavilion Avenue and Eddy Street, on the east side of Eddy Street.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE J. DiRUZZO, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Adopted:

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1979-26 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved June 22, 1979, and entitled: "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the West End Project" for additional acquisition.

An Ordinance amending Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 1994-52, No. 798 adopted on December 27, 1994, (Plainfield Street).

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1977-5 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved February 14, 1977, and entitled: "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Providence Renewal" for the acquisition of Lots 425, 426, 430, 431 and 432 on Assessor's Plat 24, as amended.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1977-15 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved April 28, 1977, entitled: "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for Federal Hill East" for the acquisition of Plat 28, Lot 709, 108 Vinton Street.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to 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" for the acquisition of additional properties.

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 property acquisition list.

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.

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.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Rollins—1.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved:

Resolution Requesting the Department of Planning and Development to establish a Revitalization Plan for the Smith Street Commercial District to include all areas from the Route 95 Overpass to Oakland Avenue. This request is for a Developed Plan by December 1, 1997.

Resolved, That the Department of Planning and Development is requested to establish a Revitalization Plan for the Smith Street Commercial District to include all areas from the Route 95 Overpass to Oakland Avenue. This request is for a Developed Plan by December 1, 1997.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT moves that the Resolution be amended by deleting the date "December 1, 1997" and inserting in lieu thereof "February 1, 1998", seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO**.

Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage, as amended is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Authorizing submission of a list of buildings to be considered as "Certifiable Buildings" pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-64.

Whereas, A public hearing was held to determine a list of structures to be submitted to the Economic Development Corporation as being eligible for certification under the Rhode Island Mill Building and Economic Revitalization Act, and

Whereas, It is acknowledged by the City Council of Providence that the goals of economic revitalization through tax and other incentives is desirable, and to this end, certain legislative rules and regulations shall be made in the future in conformity with the Act, and

Whereas, A list of qualified structures are to be submitted to the Rhode Island Enterprise Zone Council by the Department of Planning and Development as eligible for said program.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Providence Rhode Island authorizes the Department of Planning and Development to identify and submit a list of qualified mill structures to the Rhode Island Enterprise Zone Council for consideration by said Council as to whether or not the structures qualify as certifiable buildings.

Resolution Requesting the Superintendent of Schools to rename the Isidor Leviton School the "Isidor Leviton School Complex".

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Schools is requested to rename the Isidor Leviton School the "Isidor Leviton School Complex".

Resolution Requesting a portion of Aborn Street, between Washington Street and Fountain Street be named "Adrian Hall Way".

Resolved, That the portion of Aborn Street between Washington Street and Fountain

Streets henceforth be named, "Adrian Hall Way" and that all street addresses shall reflect the change in street name.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JOHN J. LOMBARDI, Chairman COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved for Cancellation:

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 25A, 26A, 1B through 4B, 5C, 6C, 7D and 8D) recommending the same be severally canceled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

Severally Approved for Cancellation, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Council-

woman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Rollins—1.

The motion to Approve for Cancellation is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
and
COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE J. DiRUZZO, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL AND PLANNING

Jointly transmit the following with recom-
 mendation the same be severally Appro-
 ved, as amended:

Resolution Requesting approval of certain expenditures of funds from the Neighborhood Program, as amended.

Whereas, An Ordinance appropriating \$50 million and authorizing the issuance of \$50 million in bonds for the Neighborhood Improvement Program: A Plan to Revitalize Providence's Neighborhoods was adopted (1997-27); and

Whereas, Said ordinance requires that "each component of said plan will be developed and approved by the city council prior to the expenditures of any funds"; and

Whereas, \$10,694,685 million has been appropriated by Council Resolution Number 375 dated June 30, 1997, Council Resolution 474 dated August 22, 1997 and Council Resolution numbered 610 dated October 19, 1997 for various projects; and

Whereas, Plans have been developed for additional components of the Neighborhood Improvement Plan; and

Now therefore, The following expenditures of funds are approved:

1. *Neighborhood Improvement Projects:*

A. Ward 1 Park Improvements —

1. Gano Street Little League Building \$50,000

B. Ward 8 Park Improvements —

1. Joe Williams Park \$110,000
 2. Bucklin Park \$75,000
 3. JT Owens Park Boat Ramp \$35,000

C. Ward 8

1. San Muguel School — Capital Assistance \$25,000

D. Ward 11 Park Improvements —

1. Cranston Street Park \$30,000
 2. Warren Avenue Playground \$25,000
 3. Mattie L. Smith Totlot \$90,000
 4. Davey Lopes Recreation Center (park portion) \$175,000

E. Ward 11

1. Wiggins Village Commercial Renovation \$300,000

F. Ward 14 Park Improvements —

1. Veazie Street Park \$30,000

- G. Ward 15 Park Improvements —
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| 1. Clarence Street Park | \$32,500 |
| 2. Wallace Street Park | \$19,200 |

Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Rollins—1.

The motion for Passage, as amended is Sustained.

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| A. Ward 1 Park Improvements — | |
| 1. Brook and Arnold Street
Playground | \$30,000 |
| 2. Preston and Ives Street
Playground | \$28,500 |
| B. Ward 3 Park Improvements — | |
| 1. Collyer Field and Playground | \$80,000 |
| 2. Billy Taylor Park | \$65,000 |
| 3. Lippitt Park | \$5,000 |
| C. Ward 5 Park Improvements — | |
| 1. Mt. Pleasant Little League | \$150,000 |
| D. Ward 6 — | |
| 1. Mt. Pleasant Senior Center | \$100,000 |
| E. Ward 9 — | |
| 1. Removal of Diseased Street Trees | \$40,000 |
| F. Ward 10 — | |
| 1. Property Acquisition — Public Street
and Prairie Avenue | \$33,100 |
| G. Ward 11 — | |

1. Property Acquisition — Myrtle, Dudley, Friendship and Clifford Streets \$34,250
- H. Ward 12 Park Improvements —
1. Regent Avenue Park \$35,000
- I. Ward 12 —
1. Mt. Pleasant Senior Center \$100,000
2. Providence Public Library (Smith Hill Branch) \$25,000
3. Smith Hill Center's Community Open Space Project \$25,000
4. Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project \$300,000
- J. Ward 13 —
1. Property Acquisition — 108 Vinton Street \$100,000
- K. Ward 14 Park Improvements —
1. Fargnoli Park \$140,000
- L. Ward 15 Park Improvements —
1. Joslin Street Park \$160,000
- COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves the Resolution be amended by inserting the following after the letter L:**

"M. Special Projects —

- 1. Street Tree Maintenance \$200,000.00"**

This motion is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Rollins—1.

The motion for Passage, as amended is Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

FROM PAUL PINAULT, P.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION:

Communication dated November 5, 1997, Director of the Narragansett Bay Commission, submitting the Commission's Fiscal Year 1998-2002 Capital Improvement Program.

Received.

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

FROM THE WATER SUPPLY BOARD:

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

Communication dated December 3, 1997, to
the Members of the Providence City Council.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"Thank you, Madam President, before this meeting is over I just want to take a moment of personal expression to reflect some thoughts in a Journal Article which seems to be our eyes and ears, when we can't be.

There was a School Board Meeting on Monday night where the Teachers Union President made some comments to the School Board regarding some 196 classrooms that were empty without teachers. They were full of students but without teachers due to a State Mandates Out of State Teacher Conference that all of these teachers were on. Then last Monday, or the previous Monday, there was another day where there were 44 classrooms without teachers and Arthur Zarella, the Superintendent of Schools, admitted that they did have

these types of problems. I think that it is absurd that the Administration failed to plan and prepare for these teacher conferences.

The other side of the coin was a Middle School Social Studies Teacher who substituted for a math class during this crisis and he testified before the School Board that it was basically a waste of time for him, because he could not answer the students questions. I find that statement mind boggling! How can an Educated Certified Teacher have difficulty with basic math? These are 12 year old children who read and follow the instructional part of the chapter and I would hope that a Certified Teacher could do the same. Unless, and I did not know this, that 12 year old kids in middle school are currently learning the Theory of Relativity and if that is the case, I could certainly understand the Social Studies Teachers' difficulty!"

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Stephen Goulding, 15 Cedar Street, Providence, Rhode Island, et al, requesting the relocation of Traveler's Aid to the Federal Hill Area.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Petition to the Committee on City Property.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Petition of Doctor H. Denman Scott and Margaret H. Scott requesting permission to place a secondary structure over the easement/gangway area and have petitioned the City of Providence for approval of the design plans.

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

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Nancy L. Davis

Paul Ravo

Raymond Barlavi and Ahmad Farhoumand

Joseph Ruizzo

Rose R. D'Amore

Peerless Ins. Co., a/s/o Duncan Smith

Vanessa Charlene Fortes

Stop Wasting Abandoned Property, Inc.

Amica Insurance Co., a/s/o Paul DiStefano

James Zaccaria and Donna Fariss

Olga E. Carcieri

Adele Saritelli

Florence J. Nachbar

Melvina Miller

Metropolitan Insurance Co., a/s/o Johnny Neal

Louis DePasquale

Theresa Brown

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

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"It has been several months, since our colleague from the 7th Ward resigned from this Honorable Body. With his resignation came a vacancy of a third Council Member appointed to the Residency Commission. To date, that vacancy has not been filled. Hence, the wishes and directives of the Citizenry of this City who voted overwhelmingly for Residency have also not been fulfilled.

During my recent absence from this Council, several Residency Waivers have been scrutinized by the Finance Committee and two waivers have been voted out of that Committee with recommendation of passage, one of which passed this body by a Majority Vote of those present and with 4 of my Colleagues voting in the Negative. The other was Referred Back to Committee.

This Council can ill afford to grant waivers without the advice and counsel of the Residency

Commission which we created. As Chairman of the Residency Commission, it is my sense that we should not meet and conduct business without the full Council appointments having been made.

To that end, I am asking publicly what I have asked privately over the past several months, that being that the President of this Council appoint a third member of this Five (5) Member Commission. This City Council is duly and legally bound to honor and facilitate the wishes of our electorate. It is time to stop the procrastination and honor that check issued by the voters.

We should not enter this New Year with that check stamped insufficient interest, insufficient attitude, or insufficient ability on our part.

Payment is due and in my humble opinion, long overdue.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is time to act and act responsibly!"

PRESENTATION OF CITATION

“In Congratulations”

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

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUN-
CILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.**

Citation Extending Congratulations.

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

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

Dana Lee D'Iorio, in recognition of success-
fully competing in the 1997 Rhode Island Junior
Miss Pageant.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

“In Memorium”

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

Joan “Joanie” McIntyre

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

Anthony “Lefty” Paglia

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

Joyce F. Quinn

Elizabeth A. Francisco

Constantino “Costa” Rainone

Louise Sarni

Antonio G. DeToro

Frank DeLeone

Sarah Menissian

Margaret H. Lonardo

Delores L. Sebastian

Philip Cedrone

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

Saul "Buddy" Pettaway

William J. Lagasse

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

Alice Jackvony

RULE SUSPENSION

On motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, it is vote to suspend Rule 2 of the Rules of the City Council in order to allow the Council to meet on a day other than provided for in said Rule 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, it is voted to adjourn at 8:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1998 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk



