

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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CITY COUNCIL
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 38 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 1, 2000, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

IN CITY COUNCIL
AUG 3 2000

APPROVED:

Michael R. Clement CLERK

Present: Council President Lombardi,
Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin,
DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Council-
men Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini,
Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams
and Young—15.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION

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

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

COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT
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 RECORDS

The Journal of Proceedings No. 33 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held
April 6, 2000, and Posted May 26, 2000; the
Journal of Proceedings No. 34 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held
April 18, 2000, and Posted May 26, 2000; the
Journal of Proceedings No. 35 of the Special
Meeting of the City Council held May 1,
2000, and Posted May 26, 2000, on that
Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor
Level of City Hall, is approved as printed,
on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, sec-
onded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated May 15, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1104 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Stuart Mundy of 20 Bellevue Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Civic Center Authority for a term to expire on the first day in May, 2003.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
Receives the Communication and Refers
the same to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Receive and Refer is Sustained.

Communication dated May 15, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council of his appointment of Luke Driver to serve as a member of the Mosquito Abatement District for Providence.

Received.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the approval of certain expenditures of funds from the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
Jointly Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Property to cause the installation of new elevators in City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
Refers the Resolution to the Committee on City Property.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting all City Department Heads to develop internet web sites for the

purpose of informing the public of all services available.

Resolved, That all City Department Heads are requested to develop internet web sites for the purpose of informing the public of all services available.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Planning and Development to develop an internet web site for the purpose of marketing and selling of any or all properties owned by the City of Providence and/or the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Planning and Development is requested to develop an internet web site for the purpose of marketing and selling of any or all properties owned by the City of Providence and/or the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN and COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the City Council to authorize the transfer of Assessor's Plat 68, Lot 124 (46 Fillmore Street) to the Providence Redevelopment Agency for One Dollar (\$1.00), and to abate all outstanding taxes in the amount of two thousand, one hundred eighty seven dollars and fifty three cents (\$2,187.53). (Property will be transferred to Times², Inc., to be used for future development in conjunction with their educational facility.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Katherine Ann Mitchell on her graduating Summa Cum Laude from Christendom College.

Resolved, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Katherine Ann Mitchell on her graduating Summa Cum Laude from Christendom College.

Resolution Requesting the Department of Public Works to bait various streets located in the Fifth Ward.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Works is requested to bait the following streets located in the Fifth Ward.

Pleasant Valley Parkway

Justice Street

Fallon Avenue

Canton Street

Berlin Street

Tiffany Street

Rankin Avenue

Grosvenor Street

Jastram Street

Sharon Street

Portions of Nelson Street, Academy Avenue
and Rosebank Street.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical
Inspector to cause the upgrade of street
lighting along various streets located in the
Fifth Ward.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector
is requested to cause the upgrade of street
lighting on Elmcrest Avenue, Hooker Street,
Homefield Avenue and Basswood Avenue.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to
prohibit motor vehicle traffic along various
streets and at various times from Friday, May
26, 2000 to Monday, May 29, 2000 in

celebration of Brown University's 232nd
Annual Commencement Activities.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is
requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along
the following streets and at the following times
from Friday, May 26, 2000 to Monday, May 29,
2000 in celebration of Brown University's 232nd
Annual Commencement Activities.

Friday, May 26, 2000, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Campus Dance, College Green

Saturday, May 27, 2000, 9:00 p.m. to 11:00
p.m. Pops Concert, Main Green

Sunday, May 28, 2000 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Baccalaureate Service, First Baptist Church

Monday, May 29, 2000 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Commencement Exercises, First Baptist
Church-College Green

Friday, May 26, 2000 at 6:00 a.m. to Tuesday,
May 30, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. Weekend Traffic
Pattern:

Charlesfield Street; one-way west from
Thayer Street to Brown Street

Brown Street; one-way north from Charles-
field Street to George Street

George Street; one-way east from Brown
Street to Thayer Street

Benevolent Street; one-way east from Benefit
Street to Brown Street

Magee Street; one-way south from George
Street to Benevolent Street

Benevolent Street; one-way west from Thayer
Street to Brook Street

Thayer Street; one-way south from Benevolent Street to Charlesfield Street

Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 6:00 a.m. to Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. Two-Car Loading Zones:

Williams Street in the rear of 55 Power Street (President residence) adjacent to the removable fence section.

Bowen Street, south side, across from 208-214 Bowen Street to facilitate deliveries via Parking Lot #7 to the rear of Andrews Dining Hall.

101 Thayer Street (Thayer Street Quad.) to facilitate deliveries to this area.

Charlesfield Street/Saunders Gate, opposite 38 Charlesfield Street to facilitate deliveries to Wriston Quad.

Thayer Street, west side, 144 Thayer Street (Refectory Dock) south to Benevolent Street.

"No Parking/Emergency Tow Zone" Weekend Signage:

Benevolent Street, south side, from Brown Street to Magee Street to allow for Providence Fire Department access in case of fire alarm or emergency medical response.

Brown Street, both sides, posted from George Street south to Benevolent Street.

George Street, north side, posted from Prospect Street to Thayer Street. A Providence Police Department officer will be posted at George Street and Brown Street on Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to enforce this No Parking area.

Waterman Street (south side) posted from Prospect Street east to approximately 40 feet past Brown Street.

Magee Street, both sides, posted from George Street south to Benevolent Street.

Thayer Street, both sides, posted from George Street south to Charlesfield Street.

Cement Post Stanchion Placement: No Parking/Loading Zone (6 stanchions; 3 of these to read "Buses Only" if available):

Wayland Arch-27 Brown Street: two (2) cement post stanchions.

71 George Street: one (1) cement post stanchion.

Brown Street and George Street/corner: one (1) cement post stanchion.

Thayer Street/Power Street: one at corner/one 50 feet north of corner: two cement post stanchions.

One Way/Do Not Enter: 7 stanchions

George Street at Brown Street: two cement post stanchions.

Brown Street at Benevolent Street: two cement post stanchions.

George Street/Thayer Street: one cement post stanchion.

Charlesfield Street at Brown Street: one cement post stanchion.

George Street at Magee Street: one cement post stanchion.

Handicap Only Signage (4) at Entrances to following Lots:

Lot 76 entrance: George Street-25 feet west of Prospect Street

Lot 15 entrance: opposite 91 Waterman Street/Greenhouse.

Lot 19 entrance: 15 feet east of Brown Street/Olive Street.

Lot 30 entrance: 15 feet east of Brown Street/Angell Street.

Sunday, May 28, at 6:00 a.m. to Monday, May 29, at 6:00 p.m.: "Street Closed/Do Not Enter" Signage: (For Placement by our Officers)

Brown Street & Angell Street and Prospect Street & Angell Street (for March to First Baptist)

Thayer Street & Waterman Street and Thayer Street & George Street (Close Thayer Street from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. for Reception.)

Sunday, May 28 at 6:00 a.m.:

No Parking/Emergency Tow Zone: Sawhorses to be placed beginning at Waterplace Park-Bella Vista Restaurant, east for the length of the three sawhorses by 6:00 a.m. for the Waterfront Festival at Waterplace Park which has been rented by Brown University for the full day.

Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 p.m. to Monday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. "No Parking Emergency Tow Zone":

Benefit Street, east side, posted from College Street to Thomas Street.

Thomas Street, Benefit Street to North Main Street

Prospect Street (east side posted from College Street to Waterman Street).

We will allow one chartered bus to park on the east side of North Main Street at the front entrance to the Meeting House at 9:45 a.m. to transport elderly alumni.

Commencement Day Procession, Monday, May 29 at 6:00 a.m. to Monday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. "Street Closed/Do Not Enter" Signage (For Placement by our Officers):

Thayer Street and Waterman Street

Hopkins Terrace at South Main Street

George Street at Benefit Street

Benevolent Street at Benefit Street

Waterman Street at Prospect Street

George Street at Prospect Street

Benefit Street at College Street (at 6:30 a.m.)

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along North Main Street from College Street to Waterman Street, beginning Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 12:00 o'clock Midnight to Saturday, June 3, 2000 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., and also close Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street on Saturday, June 3, 2000 between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Rhode

Island School of Design Commencement and related events.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along North Main Street from College Street to Waterman Street, beginning Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 12:00 o'clock Midnight to Saturday, June 3, 2000 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., and also close Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street on Saturday, June 3, 2000 between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Rhode Island School of Design Commencement and related events.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the installation of a guardrail at 627 Manton Avenue.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the installation of a guardrail at 627 Manton Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the replacement of the curbing at 22 Almira Avenue.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the replacement of the curbing at 22 Almira Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause Bassi Lane to be paved.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Bassi Lane to be paved.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause Saint Thomas Street to be paved.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Saint Thomas Street to be paved.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the sidewalk to be repaired at 12-14 Rockland Avenue.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the sidewalk to be repaired at 12-14 Rockland Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the sidewalk to be repaired at 180 Unit Street.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the sidewalk to be repaired at 180 Unit Street.

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause that tree to be removed in front of 33 Aldine Street.

Resolved, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause that tree to be removed in front of 33 Aldine Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a street bump and "slow children" signs in front of 25 Fairfield Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a street bump and "slow children" signs in front of 25 Fairfield Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Rushmore Avenue to 27,500 lumen.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Rushmore Avenue to 27,500 lumen.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILMAN BUTLER:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Neva Maeve Howes, on her graduation from Christendom College.

Resolved, That Sincere Congratulations is hereby extended to Neva Maeve Howes, on her graduation from Christendom College.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Department of Public Works to cause various streets in the Seventh Ward to be baited.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Works is requested to bait the following streets in the Seventh Ward.

Viola Street

What Cheer Avenue

Hillhurst Avenue

Hauxhurst Street

Mercy Street

Daniel Avenue

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Barrows Street between Dorchester Avenue and Pocasset Avenue on Saturday, June 24, 2000 between the hours of 1:00 o'clock p.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate a neighborhood block party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Barrows Street between Dorchester Avenue and

Pocasset Avenue on Saturday, June 24, 2000 between the hours of 1:00 o'clock p.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate a neighborhood block party.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Ralph Street, between Laban Street and Eastwood Avenue, on Saturday, May 27, 2000, between the hours of 1:00 o'clock p.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a Memorial Day neighborhood party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Ralph Street, between Laban Street and Eastwood Avenue, on Saturday, May 27, 2000, between the hours of 1:00 o'clock p.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate a Memorial Day neighborhood party.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Dexterda le Street between Camp Street and Sumit Street on Monday, May 29, 2000, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock p.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate an Annual Neighborhood Block Party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Dexterda le Street between Camp Street and Sumit Street on Monday, May 29, 2000, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock p.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate an Annual Neighborhood Block Party.

COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Hawkins Street from Charles Street to Branch Avenue and from the corner of Monticello Street and Russo Street and Russo Street to Greeley Street on Thursday, July 20, 2000 to Sunday, July 23, 2000 between the hours of 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate the Saint Ann's Church Feast.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Hawkins Street from Charles Street to Branch Avenue and from the corner of Monticello Street and Russo Street and Russo Street to Greeley Street on Thursday, July 20, 2000 to Sunday, July 23, 2000 between the hours of 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate the Saint Ann's Church Feast.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Elton Street between Wayland Avenue and Elmgrove Avenue on Monday, May 29, 2000, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon to 5:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate a neighborhood block party.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Elton Street between Wayland Avenue and Elmgrove Avenue on Monday, May 29, 2000, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon to 5:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate a neighborhood block party.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Beacon Avenue at Point Street, Emmett Street, Frank Street and Oldham Street, on Saturday, August 19, 2000, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m. for the Beacon Avenue Church of God church function. (Raindate is August 26, 2000).

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Beacon Avenue at Point Street, Emmett Street, Frank Street and Oldham Street, on Saturday, August 19, 2000, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m. for the Beacon Avenue Church of God church function. (Raindate is August 26, 2000).

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Providence Street from Pearl Street to Portland Street on Wednesday, June 14, 2000, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate Dimeo Properties Block Party for the residents of Tanner Apartments.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicles traffic along Providence Street from Pearl Street to Portland Street on Wednesday, June 14, 2000, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock p.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. to accommodate Dimeo Properties Block Party for the residents of Tanner Apartments.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Fricker Street from Broad Street to Cranston Street, on Saturday, May 20, 2000, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 10:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Black Unity Festival and Parade activities.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Fricker Street from Broad Street to Cranston Street, on Saturday, May 20, 2000, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 10:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Black Unity Festival and Parade activities.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN APONTE and COUNCILMAN CLARKIN:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Council President and Mrs. John J. Lombardi on the celebration of their Eighth Wedding Anniversary on May 24, 2000.

Resolved, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Council President and Mrs. John J. Lombardi on the celebration of their Eighth Wedding Anniversary on May 24, 2000.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ALLEN**, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

SUSPENSION OF RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

On motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN,
seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS,
it is voted to Suspend Rule 14 of the Rules
of the City Council in order to take item
number 37 out of order as it appears on the
docket and to move the following matter to
the end of the docket:

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, COUNCIL
PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCIL-
MAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN JACK-
SON, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
Refers the Resolution to the Committee on
Ordinances.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Resignation of
Providence Police Chief Urbano Prignano, Jr.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG requests the
privilege of the floor to speak on a point
of personal expression and states:

"First I want it to be very clear that I have
no animosity toward the Chief of Police. I
worked very well in the past with him. This is
not a personal vendetta, it is about saving my
city, our city. I want to give you a little bit of
history. I think in the 30's . . . I have been told

this by older people . . . we had a very aggressive
police department. It's recruitment and training
program was nationally recognized as a model
for all police departments. Some of us didn't
even know that. I didn't know that until I was
told that quite recently. All of our police officers
were required to earn certification prior to
working as an officer. Their manual record
keeping was also a model from the 1930's. The

way they kept records in their system, until they were computerized. The police manual was also a model document in its time. At that time the people of Providence was proud of this well qualified, innovative and well run department. Well folks a lot has changed since 1930. In the past five years, under the misleadership of Chief Prignano, he has single-handedly dismantled community policing despite the efforts of all of my colleagues requesting more community policing, despite the support of our constituents asking for more community policing. Under his leadership, we have gotten less. If you think I am not telling the truth, look around you. Incidents that have happened, just a few, I am not going to go through all of them. I find it interesting that in April 1999 there was a no confidence vote by the FOP. We have a right to do our no confidence vote whether you like it or not. We are doing it not for any hidden agenda, but to save our city. We had incidents like the pawn shop heist where the gold was missing and some was replaced and some wasn't there. The 200 cars that are still unaccounted for that were supposedly confiscated through some drug bust. The "Cocaine Caper" I call this. Where did the replacement cocaine come from. The alleged rape trial. Road rage. An off duty policewoman assaulting a motorist. Breaking and Entering. We call it "B&E". A "B&E" by three Providence Police Officers and I believe a Sergeant, and they did this to one of their own. What do they call it? Horse play. We have people in prison right now who did the same exact thing. They are in jail. Horse play they call it. The murder of Cornel Young, Jr., and then the Chief allowing and encouraging officers to go on TV before the Grand Jury came out with anything and say that these two people who killed Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr., would be exonerated. And the Chief allowed that to happen. Then the murder of Jennifer Riviera. To say, as I believe

Major Hames said that it is our discretion to decide who gets police protection or in the witness protection program. Well what a mistake you made. How can a 13 year old child make that decision. To think that he would not believe that she was in fear of her life and not ask for help and that nobody came to help her, you make a mockery out of what you are supposed to be doing. About two weeks ago we received some numbers from the FBI that showed in the Northeast crime has went down, yet in Providence, in all major categories, we have an increase in crime. Particularly in murders and robberies. Nine percent increase in Providence, eight percent across the country. Why? Why, because you have in some cases, the police are committing some of the crimes. We also have the Chief's failure to install metal detectors in our Municipal Courts to protect our judges and our staff and other people who come there at risk. Why? Why would you not want to protect people in harm's way? Again, I have a lot of respect for police officers. Not all of them, because all of them don't deserve it. Just like all elected officials don't deserve respect. But I can certainly tell you that it is time that we looked at a change. We can no longer be silenced. The sound is deafening. When are we going to wake up and say this entire administration in the police department has to be removed. We have so many cover-ups that it is getting to be frustrating. Down play with a seriousness of serious incidents in our city, downplay like it is a joke. Then we have events yet to come. What is going to happen next week. What is going to happen tomorrow. Who else has to die, be hurt before we can understand that we have a group of people in our police department that are out of control. And if the City Council does not stand up and correct this, then who will? I believe when they are out of control, they are not affecting just the minority community, or the poor community, they are

affecting everyone. We sincerely must begin to dismantle this institution of the police department has had in terms of "Organizational incest" that is what I call it, and take back our once proud police department. Whether you like it or . . . the Chief of Police is ultimately responsible, whether you like it or not, for all of the actions of his personnel. He and his administration. You can't just reshuffle them. Last year when he had problems, he reshuffled everyone around. You are doing it again this year. What does it mean? The same old problems. What has been shown to me is that over and over again that you cannot protect the people of Providence. Ad whether or not we have enough votes to pass this resolution of no confidence in our Chief of Police and the Police Department, but I believe that we have laid the groundwork for his eventual removal. That is what we are doing here tonight. Some of us have the courage to speak out and stand up for what we believe in. We will not be silenced. It is our responsibility, our duty to save our city. To save the Providence taxpayers from huge property tax increases that we will face with a \$20 million dollar lawsuit. You know who is going to pay for that? All of the Providence residents. And many of our police officers don't live in Providence. So when that tax bill comes, we are going to be paying it. I am talking about millions of dollars for people who are out of control. What has happened is we don't have any accountability. The Chief of Police has lost control of his department, he cannot control these men and women, who, for whatever reasons that may be, he just cannot control them, and I am not sure if he really

wants to. At one time we thought we would give him enough time. Five years, and you know what happened? We went backwards. It's gotten worse, not better. Worse than it was five years ago. The drug problem all over my neighborhood. You stop it in one place and it crops up some place else. Why can't we stop drugs. Don't tell me you can't stop it. I refuse to believe that. Stop the drugs. Finally, the mistreatment that I understand is going on in the Police Department by our Chief of Police who has temper tantrums, who yells, disrespects his staff. There is an assortment of things. There are a lot of good men and women there. They deserve better than that. They deserve strong leadership that can discipline somebody when they need to be, but that can be fair also. So we are not just talking about the city, we are talking about police personnel who want to do a good job, who cannot for a lot of reasons. The politics of the Police Department. Without police reform and accountability, the people of Providence, the business community, the Police Department and the City of Providence in general, are doomed. We are doomed to inferior police service delivery. Who wants to come to this city when you have the problems we are having in here. We can't even protect our own. The mistreatment of poor people will continue and we will have a city that is an embarrassment to this country, where people are afraid, and where the community is in constant conflict with the Police Department. I say to you today that if we don't do it now, if not now, then when? And if not us, then who?"

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN ILGIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILMAN HASSETT, moves to disapprove the foregoing Resolution, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglionzi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan and Romano—7.

Nays: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Clarkin, DeLuca, Jackson, Councilwoman Williams and Young—8.

Absent: None.

The motion to Disapprove Fails.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Kim Clements-Lindsey upon her graduation from the Community College of Rhode Island with an Associate Degree in the Nursing Program.

Resolved, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Kim Clements-Lindsey upon her graduation from the Community College of Rhode Island with an Associate Degree in the Nursing Program.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN ROBERT M. CLARKIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "one hour parking" restrictions on the odd numbered section of Orms Street from Esten Street to Smith Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "one hour parking" restrictions on the odd numbered section of Orms Street from Esten Street to Smith Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "slow children" signs at the intersection of Fallon and Chalkstone Avenues and Fallon Avenue and Pleasant Valley Parkway.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "slow children" signs at the intersection of Fallon and Chalkstone Avenues and Fallon Avenue and Pleasant Valley Parkway.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "three way stop" signs along Samoset Avenue and Manomet Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "three way stop" signs along Samoset Avenue and Manomet Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "stop" sign on Junction Street and Bridgham Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "stop" sign on Junction Street and Bridgham Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "stop" sign on Fales Street and Bridgham Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "stop" sign on Fales Street and Bridgham Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to make a portion of Dudley Street a one-way from Friendship Street to West Clifford Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to make a portion of Dudley Street a one-way from Friendship Street to West Clifford Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs at the corner of Virginia Avenue and Washington Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs at the corner of Virginia Avenue and Washington Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking to Corner" signs along every corner at the intersections of Humboldt Avenue and Wayland Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking to Corner" signs along every corner at the intersections of Humboldt Avenue and Wayland Avenue.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to take any and all action to execute, file and deliver a Lease Purchase Maintenance Agreement and any and all agreements, notes and other documents in such form as he may deem necessary or desirable to implement the Lease Purchase and Maintenance of the Ornamental Street Lighting System.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves passage of the Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves to jointly Refer the Resolution to the Committee on City Property and the Committee on Finance, seconded by

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, and is put to vote by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglio-
zzi, Councilwomen Romano and Williams—8.

Nays: Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan and Young—7.

Absent: None.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be Adopted:

An Ordinance in amendment with Chapter 21, Section 19, No. 714, approved November 29, 1999, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled: "Capital Equipment Budget," as amended.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo,

Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be Adopted, as amended:

An Ordinance appropriating eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) and to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Providence in an amount not to exceed eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) to finance the payment of the City's portion of the judgment in the case of *Capital Properties, Inc., v. State of Rhode Island*, as amended.

Read and Passed the First Time and Referred back to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time and to Refer is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL AND PLANNING**

**Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be severally Approved:**

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinance 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 Lot 45 on Plat 33, 3 Harvard Avenue.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinance

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 Lot 260 on Plat 52, 181-183 Gallatin Street.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinance 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 Lot 372 on Plat 52, 184-186 Hamilton Street.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Ninth (9th) Ward Redevelopment Project.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, second-

ed by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinance 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 the acquisition of Lots 84, 85, 86 and 87, on Plats 68, 211, 217, 219 and 223 Douglas Avenue.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

"First of all I would be remiss if I didn't thank the forty some odd people who worked with me on the Ninth Ward Redevelopment Committee for over two years till we got to a point where we could finally pass this out to the neighborhood satisfaction. On a more somber note, last week a child was murdered in my neighborhood. Fifteen years old. Her name was Jennifer Riviera. I still don't understand why this child was not protected and I want to know why. I am not here to point fingers at the Police Department or the Attorney General's Office, but when I spoke to the mother, she told me twice that the family had asked for protection the day before. The police and the Attorney General say no, they didn't ask for protection. I only know that if the police and the Attorney General were dealing with a 14 or 15 year old and not with the parent, there is something seriously wrong with this practice. I certainly wouldn't allow my 15 year old child to deal with

the Attorney General's Office or the Police Department without my being right there speaking for her. At the wake and at the funeral for Jennifer, I was overcome by the suffering of the very young people, her friends who were there. I will be honest, I don't want to hear that there were six or seven young people in the protection program and the majority were minorities. I don't care about that. I care about Jennifer Riviera. I want an answer as to why this beautiful young girl was murdered on a street where there have been four or five other murders over the past few years, many of them still unsolved. When you are dealing with the Latino community, and in that household only the children speak English, we need to make sure the parents understand the danger, and we need to have interpreters present. Also, if the parents don't want protection, get them to sign a release form. It is that simple. I am not going to stop. I am going to pursue this until I have answers as to why this beautiful young girl was left unprotected and was killed in front of her house. Thank you ladies and gentlemen."

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

**COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL AND PLANNING**

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clar-kin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson,

Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be severally Approved:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to re-name Mancini Drive to Buttonhole Drive.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to re-name Mancini Drive to Buttonhole Drive.

Resolved, That the Board of Park Commissioners are requested to re-name the Salisbury Street Park to the "Annie Morris Park" in recognition of her years of care and dedication to the children of the park.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dis-
pense with the reading of the foregoing
matters, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN
WILLIAMS.

Resolution Requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to re-name the Salisbury Street Park to the "Annie Morris Park" in recognition of her years of care and dedication to the children of the park.

Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Michael T. Kopko, Network Engineer, dated May 16, 2000, requesting an extension of the Residency Requirement.

Communication from Geraldine Lallo, dance teacher at Roger Williams Middle School, dated May 15, 2000, requesting an exemption of the Residency Requirement, according to Section 1210 of the Home Rule Charter.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Communications to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Communication from John T. Myers, City Archivist, dated May 25, 2000, Informing the City Clerk that he is this day appointing Mrs. Aisha Abdullah-Odiase of 8 Quince Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as the Assistant Archivist for the City of Providence.

Received.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of John F. Palmieri, Director, Department of Planning and Development, on behalf of itself and the Times² Academy, requests permission to abandon the remaining portion of Vesta Street.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matter.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petition of Ralph Beckman, President 116 Chestnut Street Condominium Association requesting permission to close Bassett Street from Chestnut Street to Ship Street for a period of ten (10) years until I-195 is relocated, to enhance security for both persons and property due to weekly vandalism to the properties coupled with occasional violence.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matter.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petition of Mark Ginalski, President, M.G. Marin, Inc., requesting permission to lease, for outdoor storage purposes, the land designated as Assessor's Plat 56 and Lot 288 (0 Harborside Boulevard).

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matter.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petition of Joanne Hoffman, Head of School for the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends and Moses Brown School, requesting permission to install a new driveway and to increase on-campus parking capability to extend from the Hope Street/Thayer/Barnes Streets intersection easterly across the campus to intersect with Lloyd Avenue at a point located approximately 300 feet west of Weymouth Street.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matter.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 13D and 14D) 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, as amended.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Denise M. Forcina

Sandra LaBelle

Barbara Kaurin

Travelers Property Casualty a/s/o Theresa Walczak

Travelers Property Casualty a/s/o Ann Bissonnette

Travelers Property Casualty a/s/o JF Cullen
Realty

Cheila Cicione

Gian-Christian Paril

Richard E. Furgal

Joshua M. Nadeau

Elizabeth M. Brown

Felix Akinjisola

Barbara Vallese

Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. a/s/o Elaine
M. Conca

Leas A. Cerullo

Premier Insurance Co. a/s/o Kristen Wappel

John A. Francis

Pamela Abreu (Henry S. Monti, Esq.)

Jacqueline Gudmand (Steven H. Orabone,
Esq.)

Patricia A. Quirk

Luis Roca

Rafael Lozada

Regina Gibbs

Marisa A. Barone p.p.a. Lucio B. Barone

Charles I. Anam

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dis-
pense with the reading of the foregoing
matters.**

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"I just wanted to rise and congratulate our
colleague, Councilwoman Williams and her
husband who are celebrating their 16th
Wedding Anniversary."

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Congratulations"

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

Citations Extending Congratulations.

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

The Windmill Street School 5th Grade Class, in recognition of their graduation celebrated on June 16, 2000.

The Esek Hopkins Middle School 8th Grade Class, in recognition of their graduation celebrated on June 16, 2000.

The Saint Ann's School 8th Grade Class, in recognition of their graduation celebrated on June 19, 2000.

Kim Clements-Lindsey, on recognition of her graduation from the Community College of Rhode Island with an Associate Degree in the Nursing Program.

Mr. and Mrs. David DeAngelis, in recognition on the birth of their daughters, Victoria and Angelina DeAngelis.

Charles Gaffney, in recognition of his retirement from the North Providence School System after 35 years of dedicated service.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gonicberg, in recognition of the celebration of their wedding on June 11, 2000.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN requests to invoke the Suspension of Rules and take up item number 37 at this time.

On motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to Suspend the Rules of the City Council and take up item number 37 at this time.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

“In Memorium”

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI 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:

Jennifer Rivera

Adele W. Kasle

Louise R. Lupo

Edward A. Norigian

Frank Mace

Lillian Mourachian

Anna C. Pesaturo

Ida Lamantia

Agnes Barrs

Mary A. Sackal

Charles Cimino

Matthew L. Rooney

Gordon Leonard Belsey

James C. Murphy, Jr.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 9:35 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Richard R. Clement

City Clerk