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No. 107 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 17, 1998, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

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PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 21 1999

APPROVED:

*Michael S. Clement*  
CLERK

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG 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 December 3, 1998, 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 Margaret DeFelice of 608 Pleasant Valley Parkway, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses for a term expiring in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

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

The motion to Receive and Refer is Sustained.

Communication dated December 3, 1998, 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. Andrew Annaldo of 2 Beloit Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Licenses

for a term expiring in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

The motion to Receive and Refer is Sustained.

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

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1977-15 of the Ordinance 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 Lots 642 and 587 on Plat 33, 79 and 91 Ridge Street, respectively.

**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):**

An Ordinance to adopt the Manchester Street Power Plant Tax Increment Project Plan, as amended.

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

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the removal and replacement of two dead trees located at 195 Isabella Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the removal and replacement of two dead trees located at 195 Isabella Avenue.

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Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the removal of all existing tree stumps in the Fifth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the removal of all existing tree stumps in the Fifth Ward.

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Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the removal of the tree located along 17 Jastram Street.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the removal of the tree located along 17 Jastram Street.

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to study the feasibility of continuing the sidewalk replacement and street resurfacing programs in a revolving program to benefit all neighborhoods.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to study the feasibility of continuing the sidewalk replacement and street resurfacing programs in a revolving program to benefit all neighborhoods.

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### COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street between Waterman Street and College Hill beginning on Friday, June 18, 1999 at 12:00 o'clock Noon and ending on Sunday, June 20, 1999 at 12:00 o'clock Noon to accommodate the Univeristy Club 100th Anniversary.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street between Waterman Street and College Hill beginning on Friday, June 18, 1999 at 12:00 o'clock Noon and ending on Sunday, June 20, 1999 at 12:00 o'clock Noon to accommodate the Univeristy Club 100th Anniversary.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA:**

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Ordinances draft an Ordinance permitting conditional on street parking in the City by application and permit fee.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Ordinances to amend Section 604 of the Code of Ordinances relating to free standing signs.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the street lights located along Gray, Lucy and Brinkley Streets and also along Freedom Road.

*Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the street lights located along Gray, Lucy and Brinkley Streets and also along Freedom Road.*

Resolution Requesting the City Collector to include the plat and lot numbers, and also the street address when advertising property for tax sales.

*Resolved, That the City Collector is requested to include the plat and lot numbers, and also the street address when advertising property for tax sales.*

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of the missing street sign on Owen Street.

*Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the replacement of the missing street sign on Owen Street.*

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

Resolution Requesting the City Council to hire a permanent private investigator to investigate City employee misconduct.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:**

Resolution Requesting the creation of a Special Committee for the purpose of conducting the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, to expire in December, 2002.

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of the City Council consisting of five (5) Members to be appointed by the President, thereof, is hereby created for the purpose of conducting a proper observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, for a term expiring in December, 2002.

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**COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street from Angell Street and Thomas Street to North Main Street on Sunday, December 13, 1998 between the hours of 2:30 o'clock P.M. to 6:30 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the Providence Preservation Society for a Holiday Stroll.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street from Angell Street and Thomas Street to North Main Street on Sunday,

December 13, 1998 between the hours of 2:30 o'clock P.M. to 6:30 o'clock P.M. to accommodate the Providence Preservation Society for a Holiday Stroll.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to name the park located at Grove and Bell Streets "Franciscan Park".

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Providence Police Department to provide for the Edmund W. Flynn School, Annex, a wooden horse with "Do Not Enter" signs, to be used only during school hours by crossing guards, at the corners of Prairie Avenue and Robinson Street on Robinson Street.

*Resolved*, That the Providence Police Department is requested to provide for the

Edmund W. Flynn School, Annex, a wooden horse with "Do Not Enter" signs, to be used only during school hours by crossing guards, at the corners of Prairie Avenue and Robinson Street on Robinson Street.

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

**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 Adopted:**

An Ordinance creating a Pedestrian Mall on a portion of Fulton Street.

**Read and Passed, the First Time, 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, Ig-**

**liozi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: None.**

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

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

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for an aerial easement.

*Whereas*, The State of Rhode Island intends to construct a motor vehicle entrance ramp to the Providence Place Mall, which is now under construction; and

*Whereas*, Such construction will alleviate traffic congestion and promote the public convenience; and

*Whereas*, Such construction, as planned, requires the grant to certain aerial rights above Harris Avenue to the State of Rhode Island,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That His Honor, the Mayor, is authorized to negotiate such a transfer and execute all documents reasonably necessary to effect the same upon such terms and conditions as he may deem appropriate.

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Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the installation of certain traffic control devices.

*Whereas*, The State of Rhode Island intends to erect traffic control devices in the Downtown Area, more specifically in the Capital Center District and the Promenade Area District (See Attachment "A"); and

*Whereas*, Said devices would alleviate traffic congestion and promote the public convenience; and

*Whereas*, All traffic control devices are to be constructed by the state at state expense,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That His Honor, the Mayor, is authorized to negotiate the necessary documents to effect the construction of said devices; provided, however, that His Honor shall undertake reasonable efforts to have the state retain responsibility for the maintenance of the same. Provided, further, however, that any traffic control devices to be accepted by the city shall be constructed in accordance with city specifications. Provided, further His Honor, the Mayor, may effect such other terms and conditions as he may deem appropriate and not inconsistent with the purposes of this resolution.

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Resolution Authorizing certain encroachments on the public way.

*Whereas*, Jamil Hindi has petitioned the City Council for permission to encroach into the public way; and

*Whereas*, Said encroachment is necessary to accommodate the construction of an enclosure of an existing stairwell located at 566 South Main Street; and

*Whereas*, Passage of the within resolution would ratify construction previously undertaken at the above-cited location; and

*Whereas*, Cynthia Simmons appeared at a meeting of the Council Committee on Public Works and voiced her support of the petition.

It is found that said Cynthia Simmons, owner of the subject realty, by said appearance and by obtaining a building permit for said construction, has impliedly joined in the petition; and

*Whereas*, After study of Petitioner's request, the City, acting through its appropriate authorities, has determined that the proposed encroachment is not adverse to the public interest,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Petitioner is granted permission to encroach upon the public way for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an enclosure at or near the entrance to the building located at 566 South Main Street. Provided, however, that said grant is specifically conditioned upon:

1. All construction with relation to the said ramps is to have been completed in accordance with plans and specifications submitted by the Petitioner to the city Department of Inspection & Standards as those plans may have been modified and/or approved by said department and the Council Committee on Public Works. (Copies of the subject plans are attached hereto).

2. The Petitioner shall supply and retain in effect a certificate of insurance in an amount of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$ 100,000.00) protecting the City of Providence and its successors and assigns, its agents, servants, officers and employees as additional-named insureds against claims for the construction, maintenance and/or existence of said ramp and wall encroachments. Said insurance shall be acceptable to the Department of Law.

3. The Petitioner shall execute an indemnification and hold harmless agreement satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. The Petitioner shall grant to the appropriate public utility(ies) and/or governmental agency(ies), by pertinent document, any easements, licenses, or the like, so as to maintain public services.

5. A certified copy of the within Resolution shall be recorded in the Office of Land Evidence of the City of Providence.

6. Any rights or obligations granted hereunder shall be deemed to run with the land and shall operate against any and all successors in interest and/or title.

7. Any rights or obligations granted hereunder shall remain in full force and effect for so long as the encroachment permitted hereby does not cease to be utilized for the purposes for which it was granted.

8. Such other reasonable conditions as the Mayor and/or the Department of Law may impose hereunder.

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Resolution Rescinding Resolution Number 274, approved May 20, 1997.

*Whereas*, The City Council has previously enacted Resolution No. 274 approved May 20, 1997 (copy attached) abandoning portions of an unnamed gangway between Touro and Commodore Streets in the City; and

*Whereas*, The conditions of that abandonment — specifically certain agreements among abutters and the tender to the City of certain monies — have not been met within a reasonable time; and

*Whereas*, The City Council has been petitioned by certain abutters to rescind the above-referenced Resolution,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That Resolution No. 274 approved May 20, 1997 is rescinded and declared a nullity.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “Stop” sign on Edgemere Avenue and Richland Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a “Stop” sign on Edgemere Avenue and Richland Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of “25 Miles Per Hour” signs along Unit Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of “25 Miles Per Hour” signs along Unit Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “Four-Way Stop” sign at the corner of Ponagansett Avenue and Dresser Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a “Four-Way Stop” sign at the corner of Ponagansett Avenue and Dresser Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “No Parking” sign at the corner of Hope and Eighth Streets.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a “No Parking” sign at the corner of Hope and Eighth Streets.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “Curb Your Dog” sign at the rotary on Lorimer Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a “Curb Your Dog” sign at the rotary on Lorimer Avenue.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “Stop” sign at the intersection of Longwood and Isabella Avenues.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a “Stop” sign at the intersection of Longwood and Isabella Avenues.

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a three-way "Stop" sign at the intersection of Laurel Hill Avenue and Dorchester Avenue.

*Resolved,* That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a three-way "Stop" sign at the intersection of Laurel Hill Avenue and Dorchester Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Dumping" signs at the corner of Flower and Dresser Streets.

*Resolved,* That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No

Dumping" signs at the corner of Flower and Dresser Streets.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Thru Truck" signs along Gention Avenue.

*Resolved,* That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Thru Truck" signs along Gention Avenue.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

**Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Adopted:**

An Ordinance amending Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 1994-52, No. 798, adopted on December 27, 1994. (Huntington Avenue, Noyes Avenue, Potters Avenue and Calhoun Avenue).

**Read and Passed, the First Time, 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, Iglizzo, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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

**Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a Memorial Plaque at the intersection of Orms and Duke Streets in Memory of Edward B. Wiley.

*Resolved,* That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a Memorial Plaque at the intersection of Orms

and Duke Streets in Memory of Edward B. Wiley.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN, Chairwoman  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:**

Communication from Councilman John J. Iglizzo, Esq., dated November 16, 1998, Informing the Honorable Members of the Providence City Council of possible candidates to be considered for the Truancy Board.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI nominates the following members to be named to the Truancy Board:

David M. Sanzaro

Captain Guido A. Laorenza

Lt. George S. Farrell

Rickie Wilson

Michel Dutra

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG seconds the nominations.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI asks if there are any further nominations.

There being no further nominations, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, moves that nominations be closed and to cast one ballot for the names of:

David M. Sanzaro

Captain Guido A. Laorenza

Lt. George S. Farrell

Rickie Wilson

Michel Dutra

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Receives and Approves the Nominations.

The motion to Receive and Approve is Sustained.

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

Resolution Authorizing the assignment/sale of tax liens, certificates and/or delinquent taxes, as amended.

Whereas, Pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended, the tax collector of any municipality is authorized to file tax liens to secure unpaid taxes on real estate; and

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 44-5-61 of the Rhode Island General Laws, any Rhode Island municipality may, by resolution of its legislative body, assign tax liens for consideration in accordance with the terms and conditions acceptable to such municipalities; and

Whereas, The City of Providence ("the City") has, over the past years, created liens on real estate for failure of owners of such real estate to pay taxes which presently remain uncollected and total in excess of \$9,000,000; and

Whereas, The City has determined that its ability to realize the economic benefit of these delinquent tax liens would be enhanced by its participation in a structured financing program; and

Whereas, The City administration, in consultation with its Financial Advisor and counsel, has determined that it would be in the best interest of the City to sell tax liens through an open bidding process.

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that:*

*Section 1.* The City is hereby authorized and directed to solicit bids through the Board of Contract and Supply and complete the assignment and sale of any and all delinquent tax liens of all years prior thereto to the extent authorized by law subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the City, including, but not limited to the following:

A. The City's Finance Director and Tax Collector shall analyze and prepare for the City all necessary information to permit the City to receive bids on its pool of delinquent tax liens.

B. Any fees incurred by the City shall be paid only from the successful sale of the tax liens.

C. In the bid specifications, the owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of the property and fencing of the property, where reasonable.

D. The purchaser of said delinquent tax liens is permitted to further assign and resell the tax lien certificates (in whole or in part) to any third party or parties subject to applicable law, pursuant to the financing documents, and any and all restrictions imposed by the City. The City acknowledges that it shall recognize the validity of any such third party assignment and resell to any party that indirectly derives its title to any tax lien certificate from the purchaser.

E. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the City any and all documents, certificates, and agreements necessary to effectuate and consummate the assignment sale.

*Section 2.* Said Assignment Sale is absolute and irrevocable and the City shall retain no interest, reversionary or otherwise, in said tax lien certificates to be assigned and sold.

*Section 3.* The City shall receive as consideration for the Assignment Sale moneys and a promissory note (evidencing the retention of a subordinate economic interest).

*Section 4.* This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

**Read and Passed, 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 Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

Council President Fargnoli, this is your last Council meeting before your retirement from the City Council and I couldn't let tonight go by without expressing my gratitude for your leadership over the last several years. Evelyn has been a member of the City Council since her husband Ralph's death, I don't know how many years, 16 or 20. It's 17 years. Evelyn fought for here neighborhood like no one else. Every time we went into a meeting, if I heard sidewalk one more time, I would have screamed, but she made sure that her neighborhood got what it needed. Every year, year after year after year. She always treated me with fairness and she was gracious even when attacked verbally on this very floor. She was always a lady, but most of all, I thank you Evelyn for introducing me to golf. I will always be grateful for that. I wish you the best. Go out and enjoy your grandchildren, play a lot of golf and I will miss you very much.

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

You beat me to it Patty. I had prepared a little speech, but I am not going to read it. I would be remiss if I were not to rise tonight to recognize the fact that this will be the last meeting that you, Evelyn, will reside over the City Council to end a distinguished career of 17 years of service to the people in your

neighborhood, the ward you represented, Ward 5, and to the citizens of the entire City of Providence. I would like recognize the fact that I was so pleased when I was Chairwoman of the Providence School Committee and you were a member of the Charter Commission at the time, which was many years ago, and you made that decision to run for City Council to replace your late husband Ralph. He used to drive me crazy when he used to call me when he was President of this City Council and I was Chairwoman of the Providence School Committee to make sure that I was doing the right things for all of the kids in the City. You should be proud of the service that you have given to this City. Proud of the service that you have rendered to your constituents. You have always been a fine lady. I followed you after my mentor, who was Carolyn Brassil, she was the first woman to serve on the City Council, you were the second and I became the third, and we have those others who are presently on the Council, Councilwoman Young, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilwoman Williams, Councilwoman Romano, who have followed in your footsteps, a very able footsteps. I was pleased then. I am not happy that you are leaving, but I am proud of you and I was proud to follow you onto this City Council because you are one fine lady, and like Councilwoman Nolan said earlier, you have been a very kind, gentle and able leader. You have been very good to me and I am sure that the other members will echo that as well. You have not really shirked any of your duties in all of the years that you have served on this council and you have been very considerate of the people of this city. I too will miss your constant pleas before the Committee on the Urban Redevelopment on behalf of your constituents, and the fact that your area does

not qualify, remember that Councilman-elect Butler, for funds from the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) money, but you were there, you were consistent, you fought for your people and I am sure there will be many that will miss your service here, and that is not to say that Councilman-elect Butler will not do a fine job as well. In closing, I want to wish you the very best of luck in health and joy that you will now enjoy with your family, your children, your grandchildren, and I am sure you will be visiting New Jersey a lot more now, you will have a lot more time on your hands. You can sit back in the Caribbean some day and savor all the wonderful things you did for this city because you have become a part of history. I want to wish you God-speed and God Bless You forever.

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**COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests the honor of the floor:**

Evelyn I have to take some of the credit for this because I was the ward Chairperson when John Murphy left the Council and Carolyn Brassil, I was one of the people who talked her into running. She has got me by a couple of years, not many, I can just about keep up with the guys, honest to god. You would think she was out there racing. I am going to miss you. We promised that we would go out and eat sometime, we didn't bring you any flowers tonight, you and I, no one else, just me and Evelyn are going out because I like the pretty ladies for myself.

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**COUNCILMAN HASSETT requests the honor of the floor:**

Council President Fargnoli, I probably have known you most of my adult life. I am told sometimes I get my training in the Fifth Ward, so they sent me to the Twelfth Ward to re-build, but I can remember the days putting the Lynch/Fargnoli stickers on cars when you weren't supposed to. All the parties in the back yard on Lesley Drive for Joe Garrahay, which we looked forward to every year. During the blizzard of '78, I worked with Ralph trying to move cars, help with the burden because there was no one else around. You have done an outstanding job, the first woman as the Council President and I feel very saddened that you are leaving the Council, but I will say this, that it's not — with you in the first 15 months of my tenure on the City Council, but I never thought the days of running around in the back of your yard at that political functions that I would have the opportunity and the honor to serve with you. God-speed.

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**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI requests the honor of the floor:**

All I can say is that it has been an honor to serve with you and it has been a pleasure to serve with you, and I thank you for your guidance and your help. All I can say is God-speed, God Bless. Enjoy your retirement. Enjoy your kids, your grandkids, enjoy the things that mean the most. God Bless You. Have a Happy Holiday.

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**COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG Requests the honor of the floor.**

Council President, I will forever remember your wise advice that you continue to give me, and one of them, and I hope to live up to this, you used to tell me you get more with honey than you do with vinegar. She has told me that many, many times. I haven't always applied it, but I was listening Evelyn. I promise to you that I will try to apply it as we move into the new millennium more than I did before. It certainly has been an honor and a privilege to work with you and to serve under you, and to learn from you. You have always been a lovely, gracious woman, a great leader and I think your low-key approach, you have always been very effective for your neighborhood, and that is very important. I intend to get the sidewalks like you have and the trees like you have in Mt. Pleasant in the Eleventh Ward if it's the last thing I do. God Bless You Evelyn.

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**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI requests the honor of the floor:**

Madam President, I have had the honor and distinction and privilege of serving with you for the past 14 plus years, sometimes it seems eternal. Let me say this, I will not allow you to go on a date with Robert Clarkin, I will be your chaperon because I simply don't trust him. But seriously, one of the true marks of the trailblazer, and I think if you look it up in the Funk and Wagnels and you look up that work you will see Evelyn Fagnoli, and what that means is leadership and you were the first

woman to be elected City Council President, and that certainly speaks volumes of the type of person that you are. You are kind, you are considerate, you are objective, you are stoic, you are an individual that cares, and you have always tried to make a decision based on the facts as presented. And that is the mark of a true leader. You tried to build consensus, you try and put people together and that is what it is all about. It is very difficult, especially when you are talking about trying to put together 15 individuals that have to represent 160,000 to 165,000 people. We all have our personalities, we all have our quirks. Sometimes they are not too good, sometimes they are okay. That's what it is all about. This isn't the end. This is the beginning of something good, and that is to spend quality time with your children and grandchildren and some of the other loves of your life. Golf. I know that is very important to you. Your business. Let me say this. Wherever we end up come January 4th, I can assure this, there is a phone number that I won't forget and that is 351-5110, or 861-4844. We will tap into your knowledge, we will tap into your wisdom, because that is very important. We need that to carry us into the new millennium. I am sure that I am not going to be the only one that will be calling you. I am sure there will be other people on this council, and I am sure other people in city government. With that, I just want to say Madam President, Good Luck and God Speed, because I am sure you will be successful in whatever your endeavors are after this. Thank you.

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## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN, Chairwoman  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

and

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

**Jointly transmit the following with recommendation the same be Approved:**

Resolution relative to the LaSalle Square Property and the Public Safety Facility.

*Whereas*, It has been brought to the attention of the City Council that the existing Public Safety Facility, located at LaSalle Square, is in need of major renovations and repairs, and

*Whereas*, It is the intention of the City Council to assess the feasibility of constructing a new Public Safety facility, and

*Whereas*, An analysis of alternative site locations was conducted in 1992 through the Providence Public Building Authority, and

*Whereas*, It has been determined that the existing Public Safety site is a prime location for commercial development opportunities, and

*Whereas*, The City Council on June 19, 1997, passed a resolution in support of the development of a new Public Safety Building, and

*Whereas*, The Providence Redevelopment Agency has the expertise and experience to solicit development proposals and coordinate the development activities of the City of Providence,

*Whereas*, The Providence Redevelopment Agency was directed, by the City Council to solicit proposals for the development of a Public Safety Facility, consistent with the PBA analysis, which included proposals for an adaptive commercial use for the existing Public Safety site;

*Whereas*, The Providence Redevelopment Agency has submitted all proposals for the development of a Public Safety facility to the City Council Committee for Finance, and the Committee for Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, Whereas, Upon submitting said proposals, the Providence Redevelopment Agency presented an analysis of the proposals as well as their recommendations;

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Joint Committee of Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning and Finance reports and recommends the following be approved by the entire City Council:

A) The best use for the LaSalle Square property is a hotel, specifically the Embassy Suites as proposed by REI/Wasserman; and

B) REI/Wasserman is hereby designated as the developer; and

C) There is a need for a new Public Safety facility; and

D) In order to provide the existing location for redevelopment purposes, namely a hotel, an interim site shall be utilized for public safety facilities;

E) The Police Department, Fire Department, Housing Court and Municipal Court must approve the design of the proposed interim site and proposed new public safety facility prior to execution of documents;

F) The Police Department, Fire Department and any other appropriate city department shall implement a plan to move the public safety departments into both the interim facility and permanent public safety facility;

G) The developer must continue good-faith discussions with adjacent property owners;

H) The developer must provide documentation of leases for additional parking for the hotel; and

I) It shall be the goal of the developers to award to Minority Business Enterprises and Woman Business Enterprises in excess of the

10% of the dollar value of the construction cost of the facility as promulgated in R.I.G.L. § 37-14.1.

*Now therefore*, It shall be further resolved that documents shall be submitted to consider:

1) A tax stabilization plan for the proposed hotel;

2) Transfer of the LaSalle Square site to the Providence Redevelopment Agency;

3) A lease between the City and the Providence Redevelopment Agency for the proposed Public Safety facility;

4) Condemnation proceedings for the proposed Public Safety facility; and

5) Any and all related acquisition, construction and financial documents.

**Read and Passed, 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: None.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**Jointly transmit the following with recommendation the same be Approved, as amended:**

Resolution Requesting approval for certain expenditures of funds from the Neighborhood Improvement 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*, \$25,633,485.00 million has been appropriated by Council Resolution No. 375 dated June 30, 1997, Council Resolution No. 474 dated August 22, 1997, Council Resolution No. 610 dated October 19, 1997, Council Resolution Numbers 702 & 703 dated December 19, 1997, Council Resolution No. 163 dated March 16, 1998, Council Resolution Nos. 258 & 259 dated April 24, 1998 Council Resolution No. 357 dated June 26, 1998 and Council Resolution No. 555 dated September 28, 1998 for various projects;

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

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That the following expenditures of funds are approved:

*I. Neighborhood Improvement Projects:*

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| A. Ward 1:   |           |
| 1. Family Services, Inc. —<br>Building Renovations           | \$61,000  |
| B. Ward 2 Park Improvements:                                 |           |
| 1. Sessions Street Park<br>(additional funds)                | \$20,000  |
| 2. Hope High School<br>Tennis Courts                         | \$143,000 |
| C. Ward 4:   |           |
| 1. Windmill Street School & Annex<br>(exterior repairs)      | \$60,000  |
| 2. DaVinci Center<br>(building renovations)                  | \$75,000  |
| D. Ward 7:   |           |
| 1. Elimination of Blight<br>Program Fund                     | \$150,000 |
| 2. Neutaconkanut Park —<br>Park Improvements                 | \$125,000 |
| E. Ward 9:   |           |
| 1. Edgewood Boulevard<br>(construct cul-de-sac)              | \$89,000  |
| 2. Miller Avenue Traffic Calming                             | \$3,600   |
| 3. Tim O'Neil Fields   | \$4,000   |
| F. Ward 14:  |           |
| 1. DaVinci Center<br>(building renovations)                  | \$75,000. |
| G. Ward 15:  |           |
| 1. West Broadway Incentive Corp. —<br>Revolving Loan Program | \$25,000  |

**II. Special Projects:**

*Woonasquatucket Greenway* — \$1.429 million. Funds are being allocated for the design and construction of improvements for the Greenway. Improvements will include work at the Lincoln Lace site, Riverside Mills site, Olneyville Square river front, San Soucci Drive, gateway areas, as described in the Woonasquatucket Greenway Plan, August 1997, dredging of the Woonasquatucket River and other Greenway related improvements.

**Read and Passed, 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 Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 5C through 10C, inclusively) 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.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

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

Bruce C. Landis

MetLife Auto & Home a/s/o Jacques Darius

Richard P. Hyde (John S. Simonian, Esq.)

Mary Jane Cerrito

Joyce Costa (Arthur Ricci, III, Esq.)

Judith A. Mallinson (Howard C. Johanson, Esq.)

Nancy J. O'Toole

Donna J. Pilkington

Kemper a/s/o Robert Latimer

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. a/s/o Richard Gagnon (Gerald P. McOsker, Esq.)

Anna Maria DiSerio

Manuel Urizar (Linda M. Sanchez, Esq.)

Jacob Rosenwieg

Harry Tavanian

Daniel Ziobrowski

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

*"In Congratulations"*

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI 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:

John and Mary Rivera, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on October 2, 1948.

Josephine Migliaccio-D'Ambra, in recognition of the celebration of her 100th Birthday on December 23, 1998.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Memorium"

**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:

Angelo D'Orsi

Elizabeth Ann Storti

Olympia "Libby" Pagliaro

Angela C. Candelmo

Carmella Raso-DeChristofaro

Evelyn M. Vallese

Greta M. Jacquard

Robert L. "Argentina" Colardo

Julia "Julie" Gamba

Filomena "Cookie Lady" DiBona

Pasquale "Pat" Grosso

Stanka Bailey

Harry Schlossberg

Assunta DeFalco

Esterina Centracchio

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:40 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) Sine Die.

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk