

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 55 City Council Regular Meeting, January 16, 1997, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

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**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**EVELYN V. FARGNOLI**

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 6 1997

APPROVED:

*Michael S. Clement* CLERK

**ROLL CALL**

**Present: Council President Fagnoli,  
Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Glavin, Igliozi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Romano and Williams—12.**

**Absent: Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—3.**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILMAN THOMAS M. GLAVIN 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. 52 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 21, 1996, No. 53 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 4, 1996 and No. 54 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 19, 1996 are Severally Approved as Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated December 26, 1996, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Roosevelt Benton of 226 Gallatin Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2000 and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Communication Received and Appointment Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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

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Communication dated December 26, 1996, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Ms. Susan R. DeRita of 100 Isabella Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2000 and respectfully submits the same for approval. Ms. DeRita will be replacing Ms. Lisa Powers whose term has expired.

**Communication Received and Appointment Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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

Communication dated December 12, 1996, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1108 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Leslie A. Gardner of 93 Power Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Redevelopment Agency for a term to expire in July, 2001.

**Received.**

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Communication dated December 26, 1996, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. S.K. "Chhem" Sip of 80 Pocasset Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2000 and respectfully submits the same for approval. Mr. Sip will be replacing Ms. Bianca Gray whose term has expired.

**Communication Received and Appointment Referred to the Committee on Finance.**

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

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated January 3, 1997, Informing the City Clerk that she is this day appointing various Council Members to the Special Committee on Recreation.

Received. \_\_\_\_\_

## ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council December 19, 1996, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 1996-29, as approved July 23, 1996, entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing a Classification Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1995-30, approved December 28, 1995 as amended" relative to various City Departments, as amended.

*Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section I:* Chapter 1996-29 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as approved July 23, 1996 entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employess and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1995-30, approved December 28, 1995" relative to the Personnel Department, Section 15

Delete 1

Secretary Personnel

Add 1

Administrative Asst Personnel

*Section II:* This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

An Ordinance Amending Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 1994-52, No. 798 adopted on December 27, 1994.

*Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:*

That Chapter 1994-52, No. 798, approved December 27, 1994, also known as *Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan*, (hereinafter referred to as "plan") is hereby amended, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Sec. 45-22.2-12. The following sections shall be considered to be a single action to amend to the Plan.

*Section 1 — Amendment #1*, adopted by the City Plan Commission on June 19, 1996 (Smith Street), attached and made part of this Ordinance.

*Section 2* — Amendment #2, adopted by the City Plan Commission on June 19, 1996 (Technical Amendments), attached and made part of this Ordinance.

*Section 3* — To adopt the Adult Entertainment Plan as Plan #3 of the Comprehensive Plan Series of *Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan*, attached and made part of this Ordinance.

*Section 4* — This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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An Ordinance to amend the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Special Vacant Lot Project, Chapter 1986-53, No. 561, approved October 23, 1986.

*Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Whereas*, The City Council created a Special Vacant Lot Program in 1986, and

*Whereas*, The City has since adopted a Comprehensive Plan entitled *Providence 2000*, and

*Whereas*, The State of Rhode Island has revised its enabling legislation affecting land use controls and requires compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, and

*Whereas*, The need to acquire and dispose of vacant and abandoned buildings is as great as the need to acquire and dispose of vacant lots.

*Now, therefore, be it Ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. Chapter 1986-28 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, No. 318, "An Ordinance authorizing the Providence Redevelopment Agency to create a special project area for the purpose of acquiring and disposing of vacant land within the city and providing for a systematic foreclosure of city liens on vacant land, as

amended," adopted on June 12, 1986 is hereby repealed.

2. Chapter 1986-53 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, No. 561 "An Ordinance approving and adopting the official redevelopment plan for the special vacant lot project," approved on October 23, 1986 and as amended by Chapter 1989-26, No. 577 and adopted on December 11, 1989 is hereby amended by deleting all sections therein and replacing them as follows:

(a) There is hereby adopted "The City of Providence Vacant and Abandoned Properties Plan Program — 1996."

(b) The Plan entitled "The City of Providence Vacant and Abandoned Properties Plan and Program — 1996" shall be adopted as a part of this Ordinance, in compliance with *Providence 2000 — The Comprehensive Plan*.

(c) Nothing in this Ordinance shall negate or otherwise invalidate any action taken by the City of Providence and the Providence Redevelopment Agency in acquiring and/or disposing of land under the Special Vacant Lot Program of 1986.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1982-15 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence approved March 26, 1982, and entitled: "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Hartford Avenue Renewal Project" for the deletion of Lot 83 on Plat 107 and Lot 275 on Plat 114 from the Acquisition List.

*Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:*

1. That Chapter 1982-15 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence approved March 26, 1982 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and

adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Hartford Avenue Renewal Project" as amended by the following Ordinances of the City of Providence: Chapter 1986-21, approved April 24, 1986, Chapter 1991-28, approved October 10, 1991 and Chapter 1995-11, approved June 9, 1995, be and the same is hereby further amended as follows:

A. To the list of designated properties for the acquisition in section 2, entitled, "Proposed Acquisition" under Chapter E, entitled "Renewal Plan Proposals" contained and set forth on Page 24 of that certain booklet entitled, "Hartford Avenue Renewal Project, Official Redevelopment Plan for 1981", which is part of the aforementioned Ordinance, the following list of the properties shall be deleted:

<i>Plat/Lot</i>	<i>Address</i>
107/83	65 Laurel Hill Avenue
114/275	613 Hartford Avenue

B. Certain maps of the aforementioned Official Redevelopment Plan herein after identified are deleted

1. Map No. 4 "Proposed Acquisition", dated March, 1995.

2. Map No 5. "Disposition Map", dated March, 1995.

C. Insert the following maps in its stead:

1. Map No. 4 "Proposed Acquisition", dated October, 1996.

2. Map No. 5 "Disposition Map", dated October, 1996.

2. That said Chapter 1982-15 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence as adopted and as heretofore amended, be and the same is hereby ratified and affirmed in all other respects.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on its passage and shall be filed with the City Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy thereof to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

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

**Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Glavin, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mannicini, Councilwomen Romano and Williams—12.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—3.**

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

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI (By Request):**

**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.**

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

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

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**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA (By Request):**

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

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

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

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An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1994, as amended by amending Providence Zoning District Maps Numbered 34, 94 and 95 of the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning District Designation of certain lots from R-2 to R-1.

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

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:**

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

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

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

*Whereas*, Said Committee as established is

inconsistent with the Rules of the City Council adopted on January 2, 1995; and

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

*Whereas*, The City Council believes the tracking and monitoring of State legislation and testimony on state legislation affecting the City of Providence is important to the future deliberations of the City Council and the Welfare of the citizens of Providence,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That pursuant to Rule 20(c) of the rules of the City Council a

*Special Committee on State Legislation* is hereby created;

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

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

*Be it further Resolved*, That the term of said Special Committee shall expire upon the final adjournment of the January, 1997 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly.

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**COUNCILMAN CLARKIN and COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI:**

Resolution Extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Benjamin Delgado for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Benjamin Delgado for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

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Resolution Extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Theresa Greene for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent illness.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Theresa

Greene for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent illness.

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Resolution Extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Anita Carey for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Anita Carey for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

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**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to replace the "No Parking" Signs along Unit Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to replace the "No Parking" Signs along Unit Street.

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Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Department of Public Parks to Trim the Tree located at the corner of Ridgeway Avenue and Manton Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Department of Public Parks is requested to Trim the Tree located at the corner of Ridgeway Avenue and Manton Avenue.

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Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the Street Lighting on Pole Nos. 82, 84, 86, 88, 90 and 92 located along



Manton Avenue and Pole Nos. 183, 184, 195 and 185, located along Atwells Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the Street Lighting on Pole Nos. 82, 84, 86, 88, 90 and 92 located along Manton Avenue and Pole Nos. 183, 184, 195 and 185, located along Atwells Avenue.

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**COUNCILMAN GLAVIN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 7, located between 81 and 83 Robin Street.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 7, located between 81 and 83 Robin Street.

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**COUNCILMAN GLAVIN:**

Resolution Congratulating the New England Patriots upon winning the American Football Conference Championship over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

*Whereas*, That Providence City Council do hereby extend sincere congratulations to owner Bob Kraft, Coach Bill Parcells and the entire New England Patriots Football Team for their outstanding victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars on January 12, 1997, thereby winning the American Football Conference Championship.

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That the membership of the Providence City Council expresses our best wishes for their continued success and good fortune in the upcoming Super Bowl XXXI.

Resolution that the Members of the Providence City Council due hereby express to owner Bob Kraft and the entire Patriots organization their sincere desire to explore the possibility of the City of Providence becoming the host city for the construction of a state of the art Football Stadium.

*Whereas*, The City of Providence is a major metropolitan community located in the heart of New England, and

*Whereas*, During the past decade the City of Providence has been transformed into a truly renaissance city, and

*Whereas*, The City of Providence already is home of such renowned sporting and cultural facilities such as the Providence Civic Center, Providence Performing Arts Center and Trinity Repertory Company, and

*Whereas*, The City of Providence is also the home of the much acclaimed Rhode Island Convention Center and the soon to be constructed Providence Place Mall, and

*Whereas*, The citizens of Providence and indeed the State of Rhode Island consider ourselves among the most loyal of New England Patriots fans,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Members of the Providence City Council due hereby express to owner Bob Kraft and the entire Patriots organization their sincere desire to immediately explore the possibility of the City of Providence becoming the host city for the construction of a state of the art Football Stadium which we hope will become the new home of the New England Patriots Football Team.

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**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:**

Resolution Creating a Special Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, January 20, 1997.

*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 planning and conducting a proper observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, January 20, 1997.

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Resolution Creating a Special Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 1997.

*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 planning and conducting a proper observance of Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 1997.

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Resolution Creating a Special Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, 1997.

*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 planning and conducting a proper observance of the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, 1997.

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Resolution Creating a Special Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of the 221st Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1997.

*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 planning and conducting a proper observance of the 221st Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1997.

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Resolution Creating a Special Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of the Municipal Observance of Labor Day, September 1, 1997.

*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 planning and conducting a proper observance of the Municipal Observance of Labor Day, September 1, 1997.

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Resolution Creating a Special Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of the 505th Anniversary of the Discovery of America by the Italian Navigator, Cristofaro Colombo, October 12, 1997.

*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 planning and conducting a proper observance of the 505th Anniversary of the Discovery of America by the Italian Navigator, Cristofaro Colombo, October 12, 1997.

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Resolution Creating a Special Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1997.

*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 planning and conducting a proper observance of Armistice Day, November 11, 1997.*

Resolution Creating a Special Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of Christmas Day, December 25, 1997.

*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 planning and conducting a proper observance of Christmas Day, December 25, 1997.*

#### **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI:**

Resolution Extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Albert DelMastro, Jr., for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

*Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Albert DelMastro, Jr., for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.*

#### **COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical

Inspector to increase the lumen on Poles 145 and 147 on North Main Street.

*Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to increase the lumen on Poles 145 and 147 on North Main Street.*

#### **COUNCILMAN MANCINI and COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking" Signs along Messina Street on the left hand side from Douglas Avenue.

*Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking" Signs along Messina Street on the left hand side from Douglas Avenue.*

#### **COUNCILMAN MANCINI and COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI:**

Resolution Congratulating Susan R. DeRita upon being appointed to the Providence School Board.

*Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere congratulations to Susan R. DeRita upon being appointed to the Providence School Board.*

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

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

**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing the City Collector to cause the taxes to be abated on that property located along 252-261 Lenox Avenue in the amount of Seventeen Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars, Ninety-Five Cents (\$17,823.95) as requested by the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

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

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

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

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to execute a deed transferring certain parcels of land to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

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

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

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**COUNCILMAN ROLLINS:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to replace and cause the installation of Stop Signs at various locations within the Tenth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to replace and cause the installation of Stop Signs at various locations within the Tenth Ward.

Sayles Street and Searle Street

Oxford Street and Miner Street

Oxford Street and French Street

Oxford Street and Searle Street

Mystic Street and Harriet Street

Mystic Street and Miner Street

Tennyson Lane and Ashmont Street

Ocean Street and Ashmont Street

Ocean Street and Briggs Street

Ocean Street and Thurbers Avenue

Burnside Street and Thurbers Avenue

Rugby Street and Gallup Street

Rugby Street and Colfax Street

Rugby Street and Autumn Street

Rachel Street and Autumn Street

Rachel Street and Thurbers Avenue

Cahill Street and Wyatt Street

Eddy Street and Briggs Street

Eddy Street and Ashmont Street

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to replace and cause the installation of Street Signs at various locations within the Tenth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to replace and cause the installation of Street Signs at various locations within the Tenth Ward.

Prairie Avenue at Prairie Avenue and Sayles Street

Prairie Avenue at Prairie Avenue and Harriet Street

Harriet Street at Sayles Street and Harriet Street

Sayles Street at Sayles Street and Harriet Street

Louisa Street at Sayles Street and Louisa Street

French Street at Sayles Street and French Street

Cahill Street at Sayles Street and Cahill Street

Prairie Avenue at Prairie Avenue and Oxford Street

Oxford Street at Prairie Avenue and Oxford Street

Miner Street at Oxford Street and Miner Street

Prairie Avenue at Prairie Avenue and Mystic Street

Mystic Street at Harriet Street and Mystic Street

Harriet Street at Harriet Street and Mystic Street

Mystic Street at Miner Street and Mystic Street

Prairie Avenue at Prairie Avenue and Colfax Street

Thurbers Avenue at Thurbers Avenue and Burnside Street

Burnside Street at Thurbers Avenue and Burnside Street

Thurbers Avenue at Thurbers Avenue and Ocean Street.

Ocean Street at Thurbers Avenue and Ocean Street

Thurbers Avenue at Thurbers Avenue and Rugby Street

Thurbers Avenue at Thurbers Avenue and Rachel Street

Rachel Street at Thurbers Avenue and Rachel Street

Briggs Street at Eddy Street and Briggs Street

Eddy Street at Eddy Street and Briggs Street

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Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to repair the potholes at various locations within the Tenth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to repair the potholes at various locations within the Tenth Ward.

Louisa Street — near intersection with Sayles Street towards Potters Avenue

Ocean Street — near intersection with Oxford Street

Middle of Cahill Street and Ashmont Street intersection

Cahill Street — between Briggs Street and Wyatt Street

Thurbers Avenue — near Prairie Avenue toward Burnside Street

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#### COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Dead End" Sign on Udell Street at its intersection with Langdon Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "Dead End" Sign on Udell Street at its intersection with Langdon Street.

Street on Thursday, April 17, 1997, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. in celebration of the Earth Day Fair.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Claverick Street on Thursday, April 17, 1997, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. in celebration of the Earth Day Fair.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Claverick

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

### CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

Resolution Creating a Special Committee on Collective Bargaining Agreements.

*Whereas*, The City Council finds that it is necessary for the City Council to monitor the progress of negotiations between the City and its collective bargaining units in order to responsibly perform its duties; and

*Whereas*, Rule 20(c) of the Rules of the City Council provides that this City Council shall create all special committees by resolution,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That pursuant to Rule 20(c) of the Rules of the City Council, a Special Committee on Collective Bargaining Agreements is hereby established,

*Be it further Resolved*, That said Committee

shall be appointed by the President of the City Council for a term to expire upon the completion of its duties in accordance with Rule 20(c) of the Rules of the City Council.

*Be it further Resolved*, That said Committee shall not be authorized to negotiate labor contracts or make recommendations to the City Council.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

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

**Transmits the following with recommenda-  
tion the same be Severally Approved for  
Cancellation:**

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 11A and 12A) Recommending the same be severally canceled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Fargnoli, Councilmen Allen, DeLuca, Councilwoman**

**DiRuzzo, Councilmen Glavin, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins, Councilwomen Romano and Williams—13.**

**Noes: None.**

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**PERSONAL EXPRESSION**

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

"There was an article about tearing down of houses throughout the wards and it spoke very adamantly about this \$50 million dollar bond issue and Madam President, I apologize because maybe these comments should have been raised on item 14 on the docket. But, there seems to be a perception that this \$50 million dollars is absolute. And I am going to ask this Council tonight to consider some alternative kinds of funding as opposed to borrowing \$50 million dollars. We are retiring a debt that cost the City \$5 million dollars a year and as a result of that the Mayor has proposed that we borrow \$50

million dollars for a major capital improvement program and we don't have any categories here in front of us. I think it doesn't make too much sense to borrow \$50 million dollars of which we're going to realize about \$45 million when you take out what it costs to borrow the money. And then to add insult to injury the taxpayer are going to have to pay this debt off to the tune of, based on this docket here, \$181 million dollars. It seems that it would make better sense for us to take the \$5 million dollars, set-up a capital improvement program that spends what we have coming in. We shouldn't go out and borrow \$50 million and have the taxpayers have to pay for it for 25 years. That is just not good business, it's not good politics. We should take in the \$5 million dollars and allocate that \$5 million dollars on a yearly

basis. What that does is, a) release the tax burden of the taxpayers of the City of Providence and secondly, it gives us a capital improvement program for the next 20 years that we don't have to out and raise taxes on. So as we contempt this issue, Madam President and Members of this Honorable Body, I would hope that we could keep that option on that table and realize that there are many ways to skin a cat and \$5 million dollars a year and no expense to the taxpayers is a lot better than \$45 million dollar which we would obtain and we'd have to pay for for 25 years at the tune of \$181 million dollars. Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Council."

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

"I was delighted to see the 100 houses listed, but I was not delighted to see that only 5 of them were in my neighborhood and of those 5 two of them are being developed by a non-profit agency. So that leaves three. I also noticed that \$1.2 million dollars that was quoted to us at a Finance Committee meeting has now gone to \$2.2 million dollars. So some how over night we've had a big rise in how much it is going to cost us to take down houses. I recommend that we cautiously, very cautiously go forward. You know I am a speed reader, I just read through the whole proposal. I got it all down here and I'm sure we are going to make quite a few changes. Thank you."

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

"Just a couple of things, I got my invitation to a Christmas party just now. Secondly, I want to make a motion on the floor that Councilwoman DiRuzzo be the first cheerleader. She has

expressed an interest for the Providence Patriots. So she is going to be my endorsement. She wants to be the lead cheerleader. I heard her say it. I heard her whisper in David's ears. Unless she is whispering something else, I don't know. On a serious note, I'm sure we all received and it's in your packet, on January 14th from 9:00 to 11:00 where most of us don't have to work in the morning, I went to the Inn at the Crossing to attend the future elections in Rhode Island. I just want to start with a negative note and I don't mean a negative note, but there was no one there from the Providence Board of Canvassers. It was just myself and Senator Kells from Providence along with the people from all over the State. But what I provided to you was a letter that I received, I'm sure you all have, basically taking Rhode Island voting out of the dark ages and a copy of LHS Associates, Inc. official demonstration ballot. And there was several very important and very pertinent questions that were brought to the forum and I could only say this, let me warn you, let me warn the Board of Canvassers . . . You may not have it, Charles, but you could have a copy later. There are going to be problems in two years, they talked about the kinds of things that were registered. There is really specific pen or pencil. They said that any of that would work. They said the only thing that won't work is red. They talked about what happens in the event of someone, say John Smith is running against Jane Doe for Council in the same ward and someone makes an error of voting for both and the computer would spit out the sheet right away as soon as it is put in. What happens in the event of a blackout, there is a generator inside the box. There's a strong box, so to speak, or a safe underneath and what happens is once it registers, it flips down into the box. The tabulation would come up immediately. So by 9:01, they press a couple of buttons and out comes the results. What's the back up system in case there's a problem? Very simple, they can reconstruct the election, by simply going to the sheets. You also have the important thing called a chip, so when there's a problem basically what's going to happen is the warden is going to take that chip down to the Board of Canvassers, push it into the machine, plug it in and that's how it's



going to tabulate. But it's an amazing thing. But, change, the people are always — retisent and concerned about change. So my advise and it is simply my humble advise, please, Councilwoman DiRuzzo brought this up in speaking to me, we should probably have our own demonstration. Right here if need be. I mean we are the major city with the entire Board of Canvassers because there is going to be a mirror of questions. Some of the other obviously questions and I really don't want to belabor it because I mean if you have any questions, I'll try and answer them. I may not have the proper answer, but remember you can program these any way you want. So there is a lot of different things you can do. But they talked about absentee ballots and basically this is going to be mailed to the house with instructions. Secondly, a supervise vote. And I asked the questions 'I have the question for you. Both my hands are broken the night before, I can't write. What happens?' It's basically like taking an IQ test or a SAT test that's what it is. What would happen is you can either have someone supervise it for you in a little cubical which is about this big or you get a bipartisan team to do it. Basically, what the gentlemen was stating was you apply the election laws for that particular state. Now, they said this exists in between 30 and 40 states right now. I guess Kansas and a couple of other states just adopted it. But there is going to a mirror of problem and the major thing is going to be

the intimidation factor. People will be intimidated by this. Because it is going to be all in cubicals around the room, at least that's the way it was set-up. If any body has any questions for me, I'll try and answer for them. But obviously I think the best thing to do is at some point have the Secretary of State set-up something for us. You really, really should go to it because I can tell you now there is going to be a lot of questions and a lot of concerns. Especially, the first time out of the box."

Councilman DeLuca asks at this time "What if you make a mistake."

"I can answer that Councilman. The computer will spit out the ballot right away and will inform the warden or whoever that there is an error and they will give you a new one to fill out. The other thing is that suppose the individual does not want to change their mind, the computer will pick up the other seats and register those and just kick that vote out for that particular seat. Remember, it's all how you program it. That's the key."

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI at this time instructs the City Clerk to write a letter to this company and ask for a demonstration at City Hall.**

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication dated January 10, 1997 from His Honor the Mayor Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 17-27 of the Code of Ordinances he is this day transmitting and requesting ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City of Providence and the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of

Local Union 1033 L.I.U.N.A., with an effective term of July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997.

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

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

Report from Paul Pinault, Executive Director  
of the Narragansett Bay Commission of their  
Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years  
1997-2001.

Received.

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## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

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

Calvitto's Pizza & Bakery, Inc.

Paul J. Luther

Royale Apartments

Nationwide Ins. a/s/o Equity Mortgage &  
Investment Co.

Nationwide Ins. a/s/o George and Patricia  
Bruno

John F. Rocha

Scott Glasser

Eddy's Furniture Refinishing

Elizabeth E. DiScullio

Valerie L. Boezi

Mary Navarro p.p.a. Guadalupe Navarro

Lucille Laura Alves

Robert P. Venturini

Donna Caracciolo

Philip M. Soder

Nellie Gillen

Spiros Fotopoulos

Mama Theresa's Sicilian Pizza

Virginia M. Burdick

Dicon Corporation, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Smith

Leonard J. DiLeone

Sandra P. Ginsberg

Julio Opuendo Roldan

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Casali, Sr.

Mary Geremia

Ralph E. Carter

Raymond Renzi

Anna G. Ruggieri

Lisa Marie Santos

Elizabeth Conneely

Diane E. Cararina

Helen E. Albanese

Knightsville Super Service, Inc.

Elizabeth J. Dorcus

Letita A. Conca

Dennis-Marcel Hamel

Arthur Cesino

Yelena Otman

Janice L. DelVecchio

Mary Navarro

Virginia J. Tourtellot

Donna Tammello

Mary J. Thomas

Laura J. Brice

Sandra Medeiros

Eugene E. Fontaine

Manuel J. Rodriguez

Alisha A. Campagnone

Dorothy Jackson

Richard Viafora

Matthew L. Salcone

Madeline G. Apicerno

Hong Kong Buffet, Inc.

A&T Casali Liquors, Inc.

Joseph J. Santurri

Alfred A. DeCubellis, Jr.

Gino Saccoccio

Farm Family Ins. a/s/o Dionisio Tabora, Jr.

Jane Britton

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

**The motion to Refer is Unanimously 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 families of the following:*

Peter Marinucci in recognition of the Celebration of His 50th Birthday, born on January 20, 1947.

Frank and Thelma Corrente in recognition of the Celebration on the birth of their Grandson, Nicholas Corrente, born on December 15, 1996.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Paolantonio in recognition of the Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on October 19, 1946.

Hope Murray in recognition of the Celebration of her 70th Birthday.

Susan R. DeRita in recognition of being appointed to the Providence School Board.

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

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### *"In Memoriam"*

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

##### **Resolutions Extending Sympathy.**

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

Margaret C. "Marge" Snow

Mary Nobile

Anna D'Agostino

Marion Gurjian

Joyce Breton

Michael J. Manfredi, III

Assunta "Sue" Cipriano

Antonio Florio

Agata Leonardo

Amedeo De Robbio

Angelina A. "Lena" Balasco

John Colannino

Sabatino S. DiGregorio

Delphine Duffy

Anthony Cabral

Ernest P. "Nash" Soares

Angelina M. Capobianco

Josephine "Joan" Piccoli

Brian J. Isom

Vivian H. Bailey

John J. O'Connor

E. Kathryn "Kay" Walker

Joseph Vessella, Jr.

Joseph R. Gonsalves

Severally Read and Collectively Passed,  
by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by  
COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously  
Sustained.

## RECONSIDERATION

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves that item  
number 46 be reconsidered and the motion  
is seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA moves the  
amendment to read "Be it Further Resolved,  
That said Committee shall not be authorized  
to negotiate labor contracts or make recom-  
mendations to the City Council."

The motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN  
GLAVIN.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI moves the reso-  
lution be passed as Amended.

The motion is seconded by COUNCILWO-  
MAN WILLIAMS.

The motion to pass as Amended is Unanim-  
ously Sustained.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on  
motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, sec-  
onded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it  
is voted to adjourn at 8:45 o'clock P.M.  
(E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 6, 1997 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.  
(E.S.T.).

*Richard R. Clement*

City Clerk





