

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
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CITY COUNCIL  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 80 City Council Regular Meeting, December 4, 1997, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

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PRESIDING  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Fagnoli,  
Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca,  
Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen  
Hassett, Igliazzi, Lombardi, Mancini, Coun-  
cilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins,  
Councilwomen Romano, Williams and  
Young—14.

Absent: Councilman Jackson—1.

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND APPROVED

*Michael R. Clement* CLERK  
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## INVOCATION

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

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI 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 Journals of Proceedings No. 77 of the  
Regular Meeting of the City Council held  
October 23, 1997; No. 78 of the Regular  
Meeting of the City Council held November  
6, 1997, and Posted December 1, 1997, are  
severally Approved as Printed, on motion of  
COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by  
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

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## CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Certificate of Election from the Board of Canvassers certifying to the election of Councilman John J. Igliazzi, a Member of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, for the term 1997-1999.

Received.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR

Communication dated October 24, 1997, Informing the Honorable City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 415 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Anthony J. Solomon of 65 Modena Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, a member of the Salary Review Commission for a term to expire in January, 1999. Mr. Solomon will replace Mr. Ronald Allen whose term has expired.

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

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

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## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The following Ordinance was in City Council November 20, 1997, Read and Passed the First Time and is returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24 No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended.

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**Section 1.** The Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24 No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended shall be further amended as follows:

A. Amend Appendix A, by adding a new Use Code Number and Use Code as follows:

**33.5 Outdoor Skating Rink, owned by the City of Providence Board of Park Commissioners.**

Outdoor Skating Rink, owned by the City of Providence Board of Park Commissioners (but may be privately operated); with accessory structures for sale/rental of skating related equipment, changing and shower facilities, function room for skating events, and including restaurant for sale of food and beverages in support of skating events. Any restaurant shall be incidental to and subordinate to the permitted Outdoor Skating Rink and shall not be permitted in the absence of such skating rink.

B. Amend Section 303, Table of Use Regulations, by inserting the following new use code and use between Use Code 33.4 and 34:

Use Code — 33.5

Use — Outdoor Skating Rink, Public ownership<sup>3</sup>

R-1 R-2 R-3 R-G R-M C-1 C-2 C-4 D-1 D-2

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Use Code — 33.5

Use — Outdoor Skating Rink, Public ownership<sup>3</sup>

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C. Amend Article III, Section 303 — Use Regulations, by adding the following footnote #3 attached to proposed Use Code 33.5:

3. Subject to Section 502 of this Ordinance for any use located within the Downcity Overlay District.

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

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

**Ayes:** Council President Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozzi, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—14.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Councilman Jackson—1.

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

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI (By Request):**

An Ordinance establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for Smith/Keen Partners.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

An Ordinance establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for Union Station Associates.

**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 approval for certain expenditures of funds from the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

hereby designate the Blackstone and Woonasquatucket Rivers as one of the American Heritage River Systems.

*Whereas*, The President of the United States will designate 10 American Heritage Rivers in the United States for their importance in the history of the United States and their potential to enhance the historic, cultural, recreational, agricultural, economic, public health and environmental values of these rivers;

*Whereas*, The Woonasquatucket and Blackstone Rivers are the oldest industrial rivers in the United States and contributed to the strong industrial growth and development of the United States;

Resolution of the City Council Requesting that President William Jefferson Clinton does

*Whereas*, The reclamation of the Woonasquatucket and Blackstone Rivers for their historic,

cultural, recreational, agricultural, economic, public health and environmental potential will benefit all the citizens of Rhode Island and Massachusetts;

*Whereas*, The City of Providence, the State of Rhode Island and the Federal Government collaborated on the successful renewal of the Woonasquatucket River in Waterplace Park in downtown Providence;

*Whereas*, The City of Providence has committed \$3 million to the restoration of the Woonasquatucket River watershed in the neighborhoods along the river corridor, and the State of Rhode Island has committed resources to the revitalization of the Blackstone and the Woonasquatucket watersheds;

*Whereas*, The Woonasquatucket River is an important asset for the residents of the Enterprise Community Neighborhoods of Smith Hill and Olneyville in Providence;

*Whereas*, Residents of Providence, Johnston, North Providence, Smithfield and North Smithfield live in the Woonasquatucket River Watershed;

*Whereas*, Senator John H. Chafee, Senator Jack Reed, Congressman Patrick Kennedy and Congressman Robert Weygand support the designation of the Blackstone and Woonasquatucket Rivers as an American Heritage River System;

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, The City Council of Providence, Rhode Island hereby requests President William Jefferson Clinton to designate the Blackstone and Woonasquatucket Rivers as an American Heritage River System.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO and COUNCILMAN DeLUCA:**

Resolution Requesting the Department of Planning and Development to prepare a Revitalization Plan for Manton Avenue in its entirety.

**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 DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI and COUNCILMAN ALLEN:**

Resolution Requesting the Department of Planning and Development to prepare a Revitalization Plan for Messer Street and Bridgham Street in their entirety.

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Stop" sign on Dome Street at Malbone Street.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Stop" sign on Camden Avenue at Chad Brown Street.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN HASSETT:**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the lighting to 27,500 lumen on the following streets: Goddard Street; Orms Street (from that point at Douglas Avenue to Valley Street) and Valley Street (from that point at Valley Street and Orms Street to Pleasant Valley Parkway).

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the lighting to 27,500 lumen on the following streets: Goddard Street; Orms Street (from that point at Douglas Avenue

to Valley Street) and Valley Street (from that point at Valley Street and Orms Street to Pleasant Valley Parkway).

**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN:**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the lighting to 27,500 lumens on the following streets: Melrose Street between Atlantic Avenue and Sackett Street; Sumter Street; Lenox Avenue; Gallatin Street; Warrington Street and Sackett Street.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the lighting to 27,500 lumens on the following streets: Melrose Street between Atlantic Avenue and Sackett Street; Sumter Street; Lenox Avenue; Gallatin Street; Warrington Street and Sackett Street.

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Department of Public Works to fill in the potholes on Arlington Avenue between Lloyd Avenue and Angell Street.

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Works is requested to fill in the potholes on Arlington Avenue between Lloyd Avenue and Angell Street.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "One-Way" sign on Angell Street at Arlington Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to replace the "One-Way" sign on Angell Street at Arlington Avenue.

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS moves to amend the Resolution to read "to replace the One Way sign", seconded by COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO.**

**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves that the Resolution be passed, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion for Passage, as amended is Sustained.**

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Resolution Requesting the Department of Public Works to pave Thayer Street at the mouth of the bus tunnel.

*Resolved*, That the Department of Public Works is requested to pave Thayer Street at the mouth of the bus tunnel.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to increase the lighting on Burnett Street to 27,500 lumens.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to increase the lighting on Burnett Street to 27,500 lumens.

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

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, the First Time, as amended, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage, as amended is Sustained.

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An Ordinance establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for the Fletcher Building, as amended.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves that the Ordinance be Passed, the First Time, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves that this matter be Passed the First Time, and Referred Back to the Committee on Finance, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, and is put to vote and passed, by the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: Councilmen DeLuca and Lombardi—2.

Absent: None.

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

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

Resolution Authorizing the Providence School Department to grant a 6 month extension to the residency requirement to Mary Ellen Raposa, a Providence Public School Teacher.

**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves that the Resolution be Referred Back to the Committee on Finance, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

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Resolution Authorizing the City Collector to cause the taxes to be canceled or abated, in whole, on that property located on Assessor's Plat 45 Lot 535, 49-51 Comstock Avenue, same being in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$4,594.45) or any taxes accrued including 1997 taxes, in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws Section 44-7-23, as requested by the Providence Redevelopment Agency, said parcel being subject to Eminent Domain Proceedings.

*Whereas, The Providence Redevelopment Agency hereby certifies that the following lot consisted of uninhabited boarded up or otherwise uninhabitable buildings and that subject parcel was subject to Eminent Domain proceedings by the Providence Redevelopment Agency, and:*

*Whereas, On September 11, 1997 by Resolution #9356 of the Providence Redevelopment Agency did authorize Eminent Domain proceedings of Assessor's Plat 45 Lot 535, 49-51 Comstock Avenue.*

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council does hereby cancel or abate, in whole, the taxes assessed upon the above mentioned property, in accordance with Rhode Island General Law Section 44-7-23, in the amount of \$4,594.45 or any taxes accrued including 1997 taxes.*

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

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

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: None.**

**The motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication dated November 20, 1997 from Laurence K. Flynn, Executive Secretary, Board of Canvassers, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that as of November 20, 1997, the Board of Canvassers certified John J. Igliazzi as being elected to the City Council from Ward Seven.

**Received.**

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Communication dated November 21, 1997 from Lloyd W. Granoff, Chairman of the Providence Public Buildings Authority, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council of the PPBA audit for the year ending June 30, 1997.

**Received.**

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 9E and 10E) 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:**

J.N.E. Inc./James Lacera, Pres.

Juan J. Gomez

Edward Valentino

Gilbert J. Allen

Christopher J. Almon

Elizabeth Hector

Rebecca L. Yuettnner

Janet Russo

William D. Ferrante

Lori J. Langevin

Carolyn Ryan

General Accidence Ins. a/s/o Faith Knowles

Martha Castrillon and Maria Rios, p.p.a.  
Jorge Rios

Kristina L. Custer

Kristina L. Custer

Norma Domenech

Maria Santos

Laura Santos

Melba Almonte

Artur Fridman

Monique Santoro

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARNOLI**  
**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 FARNOLI 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:

Mary Geremia, in recognition of the celebration of her 85th Birthday, born on January 1, 1912.

Angelina N. Mattos-Roundtree, in recognition of the celebration of her 75th Birthday and her

tireless advocacy for the people of Providence and whose flowers have made Providence a more beautiful place.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Decharme, in recognition of the celebration of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Shola Akinwande, in recognition of the celebration of their marriage.

Angela and Joseph Burgio, in recognition of the celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary, married on November 23, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred DiCenso, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on October 11, 1947.

Patrolman William M. Dwyer, Jr., Outstanding Police Officer of the Year, in recognition of being the recipient of the "Rhea Archambault Award".

Patrolman Edward S. Bogda, First Honorable Mention, in recognition of being the recipient of the "Rhea Archambault Award".

Patrolman Timothy E. O'Hara, Second Honorable Mention, in recognition of being the recipient of the "Rhea Archambault Award".

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

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In 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:

Luiz M. Soares

Marinda Capilli

Edward "Red" Fielding

Angelina L. Sousa

Lloyd Sharp

Jose S. Correia

Michael F. Burns

Carolyn Joyce Donawa

George S. Araujo

Thomas F. Gomes

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

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

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:15 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1997 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk

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