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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 95 City Council Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 1978, 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

RALPH FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansohillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Saravato, Tomasso and Xavier—22.

Absent: Councilmen Henries and Turchetta—2.

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INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert L. Blais, R.I.A.R.N.G., and Co-Pastor, Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Providence.

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

COUNCILMAN ROBERT V. SALVATORE 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 RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 94 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 4, 1978 and Posted May 12, 1978, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor of the City Hall, is Approved as Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI Appoints MAJORITY LEADER LYNCH and MINORITY LEADER PEARLMAN to Escort His Honor MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR., to the Chamber of the Council where He Delivers the following Budget Message and Submits the Budget Ordinance:

May 16, 1978

The Honorable Providence City Council
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I present for your consideration and review the Providence municipal budget for the 1978-79 fiscal year. Please study it and act upon it as an exercise in shared responsibility.

Be mindful, however, that behind these barren figures is a city on the move — one in which we have made great progress combatting urban blight, revitalizing our downtown business center, upgrading our recreational and park facilities, developing and expanding our port, reducing crime, promoting tourism, preserving our cultural and architectural heritage, and rejuvenating our neighborhoods. And much of this innovative and productive activity is not reflected in this budget, because many current improvements are being financed by more than \$104 million in federal grants and private investment. We have aggressively sought and gained this massive aid to make possible an all-out municipal revitalization at a minimum cost to the local taxpayer. We can be justly proud of our success in generating so much non-tax revenue for city programs.

Despite our proficient grantsmanship and our ability to inspire business investment in our future — the day-to-day, essential city tasks must be financed through our operating budget. And

every year insidious inflation makes it more costly to improve or even to maintain our basic services in the areas of education, public safety, public works, recreation and social welfare. We have all experienced cost of living increases in our personal finances — such increases in the public sector are equally unavoidable.

Our budget provides for a 6.5% increase in expenditures — a figure less than the nationally projected rate of inflation. In dollars, expenses will go from \$108,255,373 (FY 1977-78) to \$115,032,899, a raise of \$6 3/4 million. However, when one considers that \$8,750,000 of this proposed budget consists of MANDATORY increases in wages and salaries (up \$5.5 million), pensions (up \$3 million) and employee fringe benefits (up \$250,000) dictated by union contracts and state and federal law, it becomes apparent that we have not only held the spending line but we have economized and trimmed approximately \$2 million from those areas over which we have control! If these economies had not been instituted we would be faced with an additional levy of \$1.60 per \$1,000 above the \$6.50 rate increase that this budget requires.

You will note, for example, substantial decreases in suggested appropriations for welfare and debt service. The former cut reflects a more precise and realistic anticipation of social service needs, while the latter is an encouraging indicator that the drain on our treasury caused by bonded indebtedness is subsiding.

On a positive note we can confidently assert that the long and steady shrinkage in our city's tax base — its total assessed valuation — has been arrested. We have turned liabilities — dilapidated commercial and industrial buildings and substantial housing — into assets. Many of our older buildings in the downtown are being converted into residential apartments, historic houses are being restored in large numbers, other

dwellings in our neighborhoods are being refurbished, new facilities are under construction, and once-empty structures, most notably the Biltmore Hotel a portion of the Union Station complex, are being readied for new uses.

The assessed values of these properties will increase dramatically along with land values around them. Soon, when the incentive abatements on these buildings expire, the city will reap the profits from its program of structural renovation and recycling. As our neighborhood revitalization projects proceed, similar tax benefits will occur in these areas as well. After being ravished by two decades of demolition and blight, Providence is on the road to recovery! At last, our tax base has been stabilized.

Another liability that can be turned to our advantage is the disproportionate amount of tax exempt properties in Providence — a figure that is increasing dramatically. Over one million dollars of real estate has been transferred to the exempt roll so far this year, and the trend shows no sign of subsiding. At present twenty-nine percent of our real estate values are tax exempt, and this figure does not include special personal exemptions granted to such groups as the blind, the elderly and our military veterans. The tendency of state and municipal legislatures to grant ADDITIONAL exempt credits each year compounds the problem.

A possible solution to this apparent dilemma may be the innovative Connecticut plan whereby core cities receive a grant from the state legislature in lieu of property taxes for those private tax-exempt institutions within their borders that serve a broad public function of benefit to the entire state — E.G. hospitals and colleges. Another possibility — less innovative but no less urgent — is to seek a similar legislative grant for state-owned property in Providence. Since all Rhode Islanders abundantly avail themselves of the many private and public tax-exempt facilities of their financial, educational, entertainment, governmental, and health services capital, the expectation of a state subsidy in lieu of taxes is both just and reasonable. I will study these ap-

proaches to the problem of tax exemption and make recommendations to the Council and the General Assembly prior to the start of the next legislative session.

In submitting this budget to the Honorable Council my only regret is our inability to hold the tax rate steady. But the delayed tax impact of our many renovation projects; the continuing phase-out of the tax on manufacturers' machinery and equipment; certain downward adjustments in our revaluation assessments; increases in the quantity and type of property subject to exemption; and the static yield of all receipts other than the property tax, combine with sharply rising costs and rates; higher taxes on Providence facilities located in other communities; mandated raises in salaries, pensions and fringe benefits; and ubiquitous inflation to necessitate an additional levy of \$6.50 — an increase still much less than that faced by some neighboring municipalities.

Before I conclude my message, I feel that a final admonition to this Honorable Council is necessary in view of its past performance (or lack of it) on our three preceding budgets. This Council held up the 1975-76 city budget for eight months and the 1976-77 budget for eleven months. Despite these exasperating and counterproductive delays, you passed each of the last three budgets virtually intact. These documents were proposals sent by the executive to a co-equal branch of government for intelligent and creative review. Your failure to make significant substantive changes or improvements indicated that either these proposed budgets were honest, straightforward, realistic and sound or that the Council shamefully abdicated its responsibility to the people of Providence by failing to make essential modifications and improvements.

I exhort you, in the interest of our taxpayers, to put your criticisms in the budget itself, not just in your political brochures! Be statesman-like! Don't boycott the budget again! It is our joint responsibility to the people — a fact no amount of obstructionism, internal juggling, or political rhetoric can obscure.

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I am hopeful that any alterations or commentary on the merits of this budget will be motivated by our joint concern for the best interests and financial well-being of our city and its taxpayers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

MAJORITY LEADER LYNCH and MINORITY LEADER PEARLMAN thereupon escort His Honor **MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.**, back to the Executive Chamber and the Council is declared at Ease.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

MAYOR CIANCI Presents:

An Ordinance Making Appropriation of One Hundred Fifteen Million, Thirty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$115,032,899.40) for the Support of the

City Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979, as Amended.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication from Council President Pro Tempore Ralph Fagnoli, dated May 2, 1978, Informing the City Clerk of His Appointments to

the Special Committee on the Municipal Observance of Memorial Day.

May 2, 1978

Mrs. Rose Mendonca
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mrs. Mendonca:

This is to advise that under the provisions of Resolution of the City Council No. 59, approved February 9, 1978, I hereby appoint the following to serve as Members of the Special Committee of the City Council for the purpose of planning and conducting a proper observance of Memorial Day, May 29, 1978, viz:

Councilman Philip F. Addison, Jr.

Councilman Thomas M. Glavin

Councilman Harry A. Johnson

Councilman James A. Petrosinelli, and

Councilman William G. Bradshaw

Sincerely,

RALPH FARGNOLI
Council President Pro Tempore

Received.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of Section 15-2 (a), Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled, "Penalties for Traffic Violations."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1977-30, Approved July 5, 1977, as Amended.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Chapter 1977-31, Approved July 5, 1977, as Further Amended.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amednment of Chapter 1974-38, Approved November 11, 1974, Entitled, "An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1973-52 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, Approved December 24, 1973, and

Entitled, "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for West Broadway NDP Urban Renewal Area (1)."

COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Referred to Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Prohibit Motor Vehicular Traffic Along Lennon Street, from Smith Street to Mount Pleasant Avenue, on Saturday, May 27, 1978.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit Motor Vehicle Traffic along Lennon Street, from Smith Street to Mount Pleasant Avenue, on Saturday, May 27, 1978 from 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 12:00 o'clock P.M.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "Four-Way Stop Signs" at the Intersections of Salter Street and Nelson Street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

COUNCILMAN FLYNN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Post "No Parking" Signs along Both Sides of Sherry Street, from Potters Avenue to Dexter Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking Anytime," Signs along both sides of Sherry Street from Potters Avenue to Dexter Street.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFIN for Himself and COUNCILMAN HENRIES, In Absentia:

Resolution Requesting a Legal Opinion from the Acting City Solicitor and the Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island as to Whether Polls Voted Upon by Committees of the City Council are in Violation of the Open Meeting Statutes of the State of Rhode Island.

Whereas, Committees of the City Council, at various times, have requested through the Chairperson, to have the members polled for various matters pending, and

Whereas, Most often the matters voted upon are of great importance, and through the telephone polls, the necessary discussion and review are being averted, and the public is not present in accordance with the Statutes pertaining to Open Meetings,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That Acting City Solicitor Ronald H. Glantz and Attorney General of the State of Rhode Island, Julius Michaelson, are hereby requested to render a legal opinion to the City Council as to whether or not Polls voted upon by Committees of the City Council are in Violation of Section 42-46-1, Chapter 46 of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW:

Resolution Requesting a Study to Determine the Feasibility of Combining, on a Gradual Basis, the Tax Funded Health Care Facilities with Local Hospital Clinics.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Resolution Commending Lincoln C. Almond, United States District Attorney for His Fine Services and Work for the Community.

Whereas, Lincoln C. Almond, United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island has served, in that capacity, with integrity and impartiality, during his tenure of office, and

Whereas, As such, he has gained the confidence and respect of all who have come before the Federal Court, either as plaintiffs or defendants,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the commendation of this City Council are hereby extended to Lincoln C. Almond, United States District Attorney for the State of Rhode Island for services rendered and for his concern for the betterment of our Community.

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE:

Resolution of Congratulations Upon the Observance of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Marenaro of Providence.

Resolved, That it is with sincere congratulations and continued blessings that the Members of this City Council acknowledge the recent celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Marenaro of 60 Smart Street, Providence, upon the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, and

Be it further Resolved, That Almighty God continue to bestow his choicest of blessings upon Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Marenaro.

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

Resolution Requesting the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to Inform the Elected Officials of the City of Providence When Applications Under Section 8, Low Income Housing, are Requested for Areas within the City, So they shall be Notified of the Site and Intended Projects.

Whereas, The Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation has jurisdiction over the funding of low-income housing under Section 8 Low Income Housing, and

Whereas, The elected officials of the City of Providence are unaware of the applications requested or granted, relative to the intended project or number of units to be involved, therefore they do not have input,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That Ralph A. Pari, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation is requested to notify the Elected Officials in the areas involved when applications are submitted for Low Income Housing, under Section 8 Low Income Housing, as to the site and intended project within a reasonable time prior to approval of application.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Recreation Cause the Removal of Loud Speakers Located at the LaFazia Softball Field, Neutaconkanut Hill Park and that Games Not be Allowed to Commence Later than 10:30 o'clock P.M.

Whereas, Loud Speakers are located at LaFazia Softball Field, Neutaconkanut Hill Park, which are in violation of Section 16-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and

Whereas, Games begin late in the evening and infringe upon the peace and quiet of the residents within the area,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Recreation is requested to cause the Removal of the loud speakers from LaFazia Softball Field at Neutaconkanut Hill Park and that games be prohibited from commencing later than 10:30 o'clock P.M.

Resolution Requesting the Superintendent of the Park Department to Enforce Those Laws Pertaining to Motorized Vehicles in All Public Parks and Most Specifically, in Neutaconkanut Hill Park.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Park Department is requested to enforce Section 18-4, Article I of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Riding and Driving in Parks," more specifically, in Neutaconkanut Hill Park.

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO and COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO:

Resolution Requesting the Acting City Solicitor to Expedite a Legal Opinion Requested by the Committee on Ordinances, Relative to Whether Said Committee has Jurisdiction to Approve "An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 544 of 1951, as Heretofore Amended, by Changing from an R-3 General Residence Zone to an R-1 One Family Zone, Lots 9, 10, 79, 78, 2, 37, 31, 39, 32, 81, 30, 12 and 11, as Set Out and Delineated on the City Assessor's Plat 111; Said Lots being Situated along the Westerly Side of Plainfield Street."

Resolved, That the Acting City Solicitor is hereby requested to expedite a legal opinion in accordance with the request of the Committee on Ordinances, as to whether said Committee has the jurisdiction to approve "An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 544 of 1951, as heretofore Amended, by changing from an R-3 General Residence Zone to an R-1 One Family Zone, Lots 9, 10, 79, 78, 2, 37, 31, 39, 32, 81, 30, 12 and 11, as Set Out and Delineated on the City Assessor's Plat 111; said Lots being situated along the westerly side of Plainfield Street."

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO and COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Board of Park Commissioners Grant to Saint Bartholomew's Church, the Use of Neutaconkanut Park for Their Annual Feast and Festival, Scheduled to be Held August 24 to August 27, 1978.

Resolved, That the Board of Park Commissioners is requested to grant the use of Neutaconkanut Park to Saint Bartholomew's Church from August 24 to August 27, 1978, for their Annual Feast and Festival.

COUNCILMAN TOMASSO and COUNCILMAN LYNCH:

Resolution Extending the Congratulations of the City Council to Judge Robert F. Arrigan and William G. Gilroy, Esquire Upon Their Appointment to the State Workers' Compensation Commission.

Whereas, His Excellency J. Joseph Garrahy, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations has administered the Oath of Office, as Commissioners of the Workers' Compensation Commission, to Robert F. Arrigan former Judge of the Providence Municipal Court and to William G. Gilroy former executive counsel to former Governor Frank Licht, and Judge of Probate of the Town of Glocester, and

Whereas, As additional Members of that Commission, each will bring many years of legal experience, judicial temperment and the respect of the Members of the Bar to our State,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council of Providence does hereby extend to Commissioner Robert F. Arrigan and Commissioner William G. Gilroy its sincere congratulations upon the occasion of their respective appointments and qualifications as Members of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Resolution Requesting the Members of the City Council to Take Every Affirmative Action Possible to Save the Carlisle Park Ballfield and Recreational Facilities.

Whereas, The Honorable Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Providence have voted to eliminate a substantial part of Carlisle Park, also known as Joseph Williams Field, to provide parking for the zoo in Roger Williams Park, and

Whereas, Carlisle Park is the only neighborhood park between the railroad track and free-way to the Cranston-Providence City Lines, and

Whereas, Carlisle Park presently has a regulation size baseball field with a full size diamond, a basketball court and a tot park, and

Whereas, The initial plan of the Board of Park Commissioners anticipates the elimination of the basketball courts, a constriction of the tot park, and the taking of a part of the present ball field, and

Whereas, Roger Williams Park consists of an area in excess of four hundred acres, and

Whereas, There are a number of viable alternatives to locating the parking lot in Carlisle Park, by providing needed parking within the present boundaries of Roger Williams Park, and

Whereas, The residents of the area immediately surrounding Carlisle Park are virtually unanimous in opposition to the plan approved by the Board of Park Commissioners, and

Whereas, Carlisle Park is used by little league, Babe Ruth and CYO Baseball teams, both from within and without the immediate area, and

Whereas, The Board of Park Commissioners has planned for the eventual elimination of all recreational facilities presently provided at Carlisle Field, and

Whereas, The City of Providence is currently

expending millions of dollars throughout the City to develop new recreational facilities or to rehabilitate existing facilities, and

Whereas, The plans approved by the Board of Park Commissioners impose a substantial hardship on those who use Carlisle Park by depriving them of an existing facility, and

Whereas, The placement of a parking lot in Carlisle Field will substantially diminish property values in the area, and

Whereas, The creation of a parking lot in Carlisle Field will cause the users to cross Elmwood Avenue to visit the Roger Williams Park Zoo, thereby creating a hazard to life and limb,

Now Therefore be it Resolved, That the Providence City Council:

(1) Inform the Board of Park Commissioners that it opposes the plan to create a parking lot in Carlisle Field, now or in the foreseeable future,

(2) Request the Board of Park Commissioners to provide to the City Council a list of any and all alternative parking lot sites considered before selecting Carlisle Field,

(3) Request the Board of Park Commissioners to detail the reasons for not selecting such alternative parking lot sites,

(4) Request the Board of Park Commissioners to attend any and all public hearings arranged by or through the City Council or the City Clerk, and

(5) Request that the Board of Park Commissioners direct the Superintendent of Parks and those members of his staff who designed and/or recommended the parking lot at Carlisle Field or any alternative site to be present at any and all public hearings arranged by or through the City Council or the City Clerk.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER and COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL:

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Works to Cause a Stand to be Erected in Front of City Hall, to Review the Parade in Observance of Portuguese Day in the State of Rhode Island on Saturday, June 10, 1978.

Whereas, Saturday, June 10, 1978 shall be observed as "Portuguese Day" within the State of Rhode Island, and

Whereas, In honor of this occasion, a Parade will be held in commemoration, in Downtown Providence,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Department of Public Works is requested to erect a reviewing stand in front of City Hall for review of the Parade in observance of Portuguese Day, Saturday, June 10, 1978.

Resolution Requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to Allow the Construction of a Boat Ramp at India Point Park.

Whereas, The State of Rhode Island has been granted federal funds to aid in the further development of India Point Park, and

Whereas, The construction of a boat ramp at that location would be an asset to the Fire Department for use by the Rescue Squad and to the residents of the area,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Board of Park Commissioners is hereby requested to allow the construction of a Boat Ramp at India Point Park for the benefit of the Community.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Severally Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Section 17-75 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled, "Commission for Relief of Injured Employees — Organized, Function," Relating to Membership and Authority of Said Commission.

Referred Back to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN ADDISON, LYNCH and BRADSHAW.

An Ordinance Abating Taxes on Rehabilitated Property.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, FLYNN, GARAN, GORODETSKY, PEARLMAN and TOMASSO, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—22.

Absent: Councilmen Henries and Turchetta—2.

Resolution Requesting the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, Re-evaluate the Tax Exemption Procedures Pertaining to Educational Institutions.

Whereas, The General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island has, from time to time, exempted from taxation, certain Educational Institutions, and

Whereas, The same tax exemptions are affecting the financial status of the various Cities and Towns in the State of Rhode Island by depriving the same from financial assistance conducting their respective Governmental functions,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the General Assembly is hereby requested at its January Session, 1978, to re-evaluate its policy of exempting from taxation all Educational Institutions so that the same will not burden Cities and Towns in which they are located with the cost of Governmental Services which are borne entirely by Taxpayers in the said Cities and Towns in the State of Rhode Island.

Resolution Requesting that All Ordinances and Resolutions Submitted to the City Council, Requiring the Expenditures of Funds, Have Attached Thereto, a Statement Outlining the Annual Cost to Implement Same.

Resolved, That all Ordinances and Resolutions submitted to the City Council requiring the expenditures of funds, have attached thereto, a statement outlining the annual cost to the City to implement the provisions of said Ordinance and/or Resolutions.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

The following is Transmitted with Recommendation the Same be Received:

Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, with Accountants Reports Thereon, from Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Certified Public Accountants, for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1977.

Received, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH** seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment of that Portion of Trinity Parkway from a Point Approximately Near Number 77 Cathedral Avenue to Its Easterly Termination.

Referred Back to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO**.

Resolution Establishing Capron Street, in an Easterly Direction from Julian Street to Chaffee Street, as a One-Way Street.

Resolved, That Capron Street, in an easterly direction from Julian Street to Chaffee Street, is established as a One-Way Street.

Resolution that the Director of the Department of Public Works is Requested to Cause All Catch Basins within the Eighth Ward to be Flushed, Weather Permitting, on a Monthly Basis by the Water Jet Ejector Process.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Public Works is requested to cause All Catch Basins within the City of Providence to be flushed, weather permitting, on a monthly basis, by the Water Jet Ejector Process.

Resolution Establishing Stevens Street, in an Easterly Direction, being an Extension of Hewes Street, as a One-Way Street.

Resolved, That Stevens Street, in an easterly direction, being an extension of Hewes Street, is hereby established as a One-Way Street.

Resolution Establishing Ralph Street, in a Southerly Direction from Plainfield Street to Dorchester Avenue, as a One-Way Street.

Whereas, The State Director of Transportation has suggested, in the interest of the safety and welfare of motorists and pedestrians, who have reason to travel along and to cross Ralph Street, between Plainfield Street and Dorchester Avenue, that the same be established as a One-Way Street,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That Ralph Street, in a Southerly direction from Plainfield Street to Dorchester Avenue, is established as a One-Way Street.

Resolution that Weeden Street from Federal Street to Atwells Avenue is Hereby Established as a One-Way Street.

Resolved, That Weeden Street, from Federal Street to Atwells Avenue, is established as a One-Way Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Invoke "No Thru Trucking Except for Local Deliveries" Regulations along Veazie Street, from Douglas Avenue to Woodward Road.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to invoke, "No Thru Trucking," except for local deliveries regulations along Veazie Street, from Douglas Avenue to Woodward Road.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "No Thru Trucking" Signs to be Erected along Dove Street, at Its Intersection with John Street and Transit Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is request-

ed to cause the installation of "No Thru Trucking" Signs, to be Erected along Dove Street, at its intersection with John Street and Transit Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "No Parking to Corner" Signs along Peter Street, at Its Intersection with Ledge Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking to Corner" Signs along Ledge Street, at its intersection with Peter Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Invoke "No Parking to Corner" Regulation Signs along Both Sides of Opper Street at Paul Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to invoke "No Parking to Corner" Regulation signs along both sides of Opper Street at Paul Street.

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW moves that "Resolution that the Director of the Department of Public Works is Requested to Cause All Catch Basins within the Eighth Ward to be Flushed, Weather Permitting, on a Monthly Basis by the Water Jet Ejector Process" be Amended by Deleting the words "Eighth Ward" and inserting in lieu thereof, "City of Providence."

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMEN GORODETSKY and MANSOLILLO.

The Resolution is Thereupon Read and Passed, as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN

LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN MANSO-LILLO and GORODETSKY.

COUNCILMEN FLYNN and GARAN desire to be recorded as voting "No."

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Not Passed:

Resolution Establishing Gentian Avenue, in a Southerly Direction from Admiral Street to Smith Street, as a One-Way Street.

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI moves that "Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "No Parking to Corner" Signs along Peter Street, at its Intersection with Ledge Street be Amended by Deleting the words "Peter Street, at its Intersection with Ledge Street" and inserting in lieu thereof, "Ledge Street, at its Intersection with Peter Street."

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Invoke "No Parking This Side" Regulation along the Easterly Side of Pocasset Avenue from Laurel Hill Avenue to the City of Providence — City of Cranston Line.

Severally Read and Collectively Not Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH, is Put to Vote and Passed.

The Resolution is Thereupon Read and Passed, as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and PETROSINELLI.

The following Is Returned with Recommendation the Same be Severally Denied:

Petition of Henry J. DeBaradis, et ux and et als, to Establish Galileo Avenue, in a Northerly Direction from Chalkstone Avenue to Rialto Street and Victoria Street, in a Southerly Direction from Galileo Avenue to Chalkstone Avenue, as One-Way Streets.

The foregoing Resolutions are thereupon Severally Read and Collectively Passed with the exception of "Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "No Parking to Corner" Signs along Ledge Street, at its Intersection with Peter Street" and "Resolution that the Director of the Department of Public Works is requested to Cause All Catch Basins within the City of Providence to be Flushed, Weather Permitting, on a Monthly Basis by the Water Jet Ejector Process," which are Passed as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and MANSOLILLO.

Petition from John W. Mastrobuono, et als, Cranston, Rhode Island, to Abandon as a Public Highway that Portion of Crout Street between Trainor Street and the Westerly Boundary of Lot No. 424 on Assessor's Plat 28.

Severally Denied, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN HARRY A. JOHNSON, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

**Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:**

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Convey to Alfred Calcagni & Son, Inc., Thirteen (13) Parcels of Land within the Forestry Circle, Bounded by Stamford Avenue, Spooner Street, Netop Drive and Thurston Street, for the Sum of \$13,000.00.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute a deed of conveyance to Alfred Calcagni & Son, Inc., 1221 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, Rhode Island 02919, of that certain tract or parcel of land consisting of Thirteen (13) Single Family House Lots; the land being further identified as City Subdivision Plan No. 063950, entitled "Forestry Circle and Subdivision of Lot No. 137, on City Assessor's Plat 90," in consideration of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00); the deed of conveyance shall incorporate all provisions stated in the sales agreement and in addition, the buyer shall:

(a) Provide all necessary site improvements including roads and utilities to complete said development in accordance with the applicable standards of the City of Providence and the aforesubscribed subdivision plan;

(b) Commence necessary improvements within Six Months of date of deed of conveyance and complete said improvements within Twenty-Four Months;

(c) Construct Thirteen (13) Single Family Homes of a size and quality that will cause them to sell for not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00); and

(d) Proceeds from this sale shall be transferred to the City of Providence Parks Department in accordance with the terms of sale of Park Lands.

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor, with the Recommendation of the Committee on City Property, to Accept from the Saint Anthony's Church Corporation of Rhode Island, that Certain Lot or Parcel of Land with All the Buildings and Improvements Thereon, Situated on the Northerly Side of Plainfield Street.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor is authorized, with the recommendation of the City Council to accept from the St. Anthony's Church Corporation of Rhode Island, that certain lot or parcel of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated on the northerly side of Plainfield Street, in the City and County of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Plainfield Street at the southwesterly corner of land now or lately of John E. Gallo et ux, said point of beginning the southeasterly corner hereof; thence northerly bounding easterly on said Gallo land in part, in part on land now or lately of Ernest S. Iannuccilli et al, and in part on land now or lately of Mary S. Quattrucci et al, and in part on land now or lately of Mary S. Quattrucci et al, in all one hundred forty-nine and 88/100 (149.88) feet to a corner; thence westerly bounding northerly on said Quattrucci land in part, in part on land now or lately of Adele W. Marinosci, in part on land now or lately of David N. Bock, Sr., et ux, and in part on other land of this Grantor in all one hundred fifty-one and 60/100 (151.60) feet to a corner; thence southerly bounding easterly on other land of this grantor one hundred fifty-one and 27/100 (151.27) feet to a point in the northerly line of said Plainfield Street, which point is one hundred fifty and 90/100 (150.90) feet westerly from the point of beginning; thence easterly bounding southerly on

said Plainfield Street one hundred fifty and 90/100 (150.90) feet to said Gallo land at the point of beginning.

The said land and building are to be accepted from the St. Anthony's Church Corporation of Rhode Island for use as a proposed site for a community development facility. Said acceptance of property will be purchased with funds from the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Allow the Purchase and Conversion Into a Park of the Former Saint Bartholomew's Church.

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor is authorized, with the recommendation of the City Council of the City of Providence to allow the purchase and conversion into a park of the former Saint Bartholomew's Church, which is located in the Tax Assessor's Office as Plat 109, Lots 104, 105 and 107.

Said approval of the project will be completed with federal funds available through the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by

COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fagnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—21.

Absent: Councilmen Ahern, Henries and Turchetta—3.

COUNCILMAN GARAN desires to be recorded as "Not Voting" relative to "Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor, with the Recommendation of the Committee on City Property, to Accept from Saint Anthony's Church Corporation of Rhode Island, that Certain Lot or Parcel of Land with All the Buildings and Improvements thereon, Situated on the Northerly Side of Plainfield Street."

Recapitulation of Vote:

Ayes: 20.

Not Voting: 1.

Absent: 3.

**COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. STRAVATO, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS**

**Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Severally Approved for Cancellation:**

Certificates from the City Assessor Recommending the following be Severally Cancelled, Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7, of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, as Amended:

70-A, pages 1 to 5 and 8 to 14, and
71-A, pages 1 to 6.

The Several Numbers, as Above Noted, Represent Pages and Are Collectively Inclusive.

Severally Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gerodetsky, Griffin, John-

son, Lynch, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—20.

Not Voting: Councilman Tomasso—1.

Absent: Councilmen Ahern, Henries and Turchetta—3.

REPORTS

FROM THE PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Report, dated May 10, 1978, Informing the Honorable City Council of Its Proposed Sale of Real Property within the West Broadway NDP, A2-1.

The Agency proposes the sale of Parcels 3-12b, 3-13, 3-14c and 3-15 consisting of 190,249 sq. ft. of land, more or less, and delineated on the attached maps within the West Broadway NDP A2-1 for the disposition price of approximately \$98,500.00 to R.I.A. Associates of 10 Meadow View Blvd., No. Providence, Rhode Island. The parcels will be developed with commercial and elderly residential construction in accordance with plans approved by the Agency.

Referred to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

FROM THE ACTING CITY CONTROLLER:

Monthly Statement for the Month of March, 1978.

Received.

PETITION

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):

comodate the Aged and Physically Handicapped Patrons at Said Location.

Petition of DiSala Associates, Architects and Agents for Mall Land Company, Owner, for Permission to Encroach Upon that Public Sidewalk Located at 150 Washington Street, Providence, for the Purpose of Constructing a Ramp to Ac-

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Rose Iannone

Allstate Insurance Co., as subrogee of A. H. Robert

Louis M. Kornstein

Gloria Prigmano

George Boyd

Robert Savitsky

Paul J. Cartier

Peter Simone

Willie F. Chapman

David Tancredi

B. A. Dario Company

Severally Referred to Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Victor DaRocha

Marie Egan

MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON it is Voted to Suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council in Order to Allow the Introduction of the following Matters Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

RECESS

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and MANSOLILLO, it is Voted that the City Council be in Recess at 10:05 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to Reconvene at the Call of the Chair.

RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI Reconvenes the Council at 10:20 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) and directs the Clerk to Call the Roll to Ascertain if there is a Quorum Present.

Present: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Brad-

shaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—20.

Absent: Councilmen Ahern, Cola, Henries and Turchetta—4.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):

An Ordinance Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 1978 Taxes in the Sum of Seventy-Four Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$74,200,000.00) Being Based on One Hun-

dred Percent (100%) of the 1978-1979 Fiscal Year Tax Collection.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN and COUNCILMAN AHERN:

Resolution Paying Tribute to Reverend Thomas Donn Twitchell Immediate Past Administrator of the United Presbyterian Church, Smith Hill, Providence.

Whereas, Reverend Thomas Donn Twitchell, erstwhile Administrator of the United Presbyterian Church, Providence during the period 1969 to 1978, has accepted a new challenge, and

Whereas, An indefatigable worker for the cause of human dignity, the good Reverend has accepted the formation of his concept of "New Life Enterprises," and

Whereas, A young man of thirty-eight years, he has compiled an enviable record of social accomplishments, as Member of the Urban Ministries Division of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches; former Moderator of the Providence Presbytery; a prime mover of Community Growth in the Smith Hill area; a Charter Member of the Association for Christian Professionals; and

Whereas, In addition to leading his congrega-

tion in Smith Hill, he was the Founder and the First President of the Capitol Hill Interaction Council,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That in acknowledging the spiritual guidance and community service tendered by the Reverend Thomas Donn Twitchell, while he served as Administrator of the United Presbyterian Church, on Smith Hill in Providence, sincere appreciation for his religious and spiritual contributions are hereby extended to him, with the fervent hope and prayers that he continue to guide his followers in a new endeavor "New Life Enterprises," and

Be it further Resolved, That upon the adoption of this Resolution by the City Council and its approval by His Honor the Mayor, the City Clerk shall forward a duly certified copy of it to its sponsors Councilman Thomas M. Glavin and Councilman Timothy J. Ahern, that a proper presentation may be made of the same to the good Reverend.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER, Chairman COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:

Resolution Requesting the City Council Authorize the Committee on Employee Relations to Engage Legal Counsel to Represent Said Committee in Its Investigations in Accordance with Authority of Resolution No. 229, Approved April 29, 1978, Pertaining to the Purchase of Stolen Automobiles.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves that the Resolution be Passed, this motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW requests the Vote be by Roll Call.

The Roll is Called as follows:

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fagnoli and Councilmen Addison, Councilwoman Brassil,

Councilmen Cirelli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—16.

Noes: Councilmen Bradshaw, Gorodetsky and Pearlman—3.

Not Voting: Councilman Almagno—1.

Absent: Councilmen Ahern, Cola, Henries and Turchetta—4.

The Resolution is thereupon Read and Not Passed.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN:

Resolution Requesting the City Council Through Its Appropriate Committee to Study and Investigate Rhode Island School of Design Having Sanctioned and Approved Pornography.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN seconded by COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, ALMAGNO, FLYNN, JOHNSON and MANSOLILLO, the City Council adjourns at 10:57 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1978, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk

