

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 484

Approved September 21, 1973

WHEREAS, the interest in Professional Hockey in the City of Providence is reaching new heights, as manifested by the "sell out" of admission tickets for the scheduled New York Rangers and Boston Bruins hockey game on August 5th next, and

WHEREAS, that interest in top flight Professional Hockey would indicate that a league, on that level, would be supported by hockey enthusiasts from Metropolitan Providence and other adjacent areas,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Providence Civic Center Authority is requested to reconsider assigning playing dates for the use of the Civic Center rink by the World Hockey Association.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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Robert J. Waples
Union Clerk

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MAYOR

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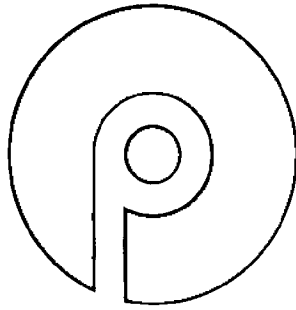
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October 29, 1973

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, R.I. 02903

Dear Mr. Vespia:

The Providence Civic Center Authority hereby acknowledges receipt of Resolution 484 of the City Council approved September 21, 1973 requesting said Authority to reconsider assigning playing dates for the use of the Civic Center rink by the Civic Center Authority at its meeting on October 16, 1973.

On February 14, 1972, the Authority entered into a contract with the Providence Hockey Club, Inc. which granted said Hockey Club for the term of said lease from October 1, 1972 to September 30, 1977 with a further option to renew said lease for an additional 5 years, the exclusive right and authority for the presentation of organized professional hockey games and exhibitions at the Providence Civic Center Arena.

It is the opinion of legal counsel that in view of the contract referred to, the Authority may not assign playing dates for the use of the Civic Center rink to any other professional ice hockey team without the consent of the Providence Hockey Club because to do so the Authority would be liable to suit for the breach of its contract with the Providence Hockey Club referred to herein.

As a result of the contractual commitment of the Authority to the Providence Hockey Club, we must therefore advise the Honorable City Council that the Providence Civic Center Authority cannot legally assign playing dates for the use of the Civic Center rink by the World Hockey Association.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Palmer
Secretary-Treasurer

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