

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



IN CITY COUNCIL  
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APPROVED: AS AMENDED.  
*Vincent Vespe*  
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**CITY COUNCIL  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 24 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 1975 8:00 P.M. (EDT)

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**PRESIDING  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
ROBERT J. HAXTON**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—21.

**Absent:** Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli and Johnson—5.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN  
WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW.

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

COUNCILMAN JAMES A. PETROSINELLI  
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. 23 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Thursday, October 2, 1975, and Posted October 14, 1975, 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 GARAN.

## APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

In Accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 1342, Approved August 5, 1960, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in writing, that He has on October 14, 1975 Re-appointed Mrs. Antoinetta F. Downing, of 144 Power Street, Providence, Rhode Island as a Member and the Chairwoman of the Historic District Commission for the Ensuing Term of Three Years Ending September 1, 1978.

**Received.**

In Accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 1342, Approved August 5, 1960, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in writing, that He has on October 14, 1975 Appointed Mrs. Virginia Henderson, 282 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island as a Member of the Historic District Commission for the Ensuing Term Ending September 1, 1977.

**Received.**

## SCHEDULE OF BILLS

### FROM ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

Street Lighting Bill for the Month of September in the Amount of \$80,387.77.

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

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Stravato and Xavier—11.

Noes: Councilmen Bradshaw, Garan and Salvatore—3.

Not Voting: Councilmen Flynn, Gorodetsky, Henries and Merola—4.

Absent: Councilmen Ahern, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli, Johnson, Tomasso and Turchetta—8.

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1974-19, Approved June 19, 1974 by Appropriating the Sum of Fifty Five Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$55,423.00) for the City's Share of the Application for Federal Grant for the Mayor's Crime Commission.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):**

An Ordinance Requiring Operators of Self Service Multi-Decked Parking Garages to Pro-

vide Roving Security Guards During Periods when the Same are Operational.

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

**COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY and COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO (By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1974-19, Approved June 19, 1974 by Appropriating the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for Boy Scouts of America.

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and the Members of the City Council:**

Resolution Congratulating Councilman John P. Garan Upon the Occasion of His Admission to the Rhode Island Bar, for the Practice of Law.

Whereas, Our esteemed and well-regarded colleague, Councilman John P. Garan, has recently been admitted to the practice of Law, before the Rhode Island Bar, and

Whereas, The Oath of Office administered to

him before the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island, culminated a protracted effort, on his part to become a Member of the honorable profession of the practice of Law,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the congratulations of the Members of this City Council are hereby extended to John P. Garan, Esquire, Councilman from the City of Providence, upon the occasion of his admission to the Rhode Island Bar of Law, and additionally, every best wish for his success as an Officer of the Court.

**Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMEN ADDISON, AHERN, ALMAGNO, BARDSHAW, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN FLYNN, GORODETSKY, HENRIES, MANSOLILLO, McKIERNAN, MEROLA, PEARLMAN, PETROSINELLI, SALVATORE, STRAVATO, TOMASSO, TURCHETTA and XAVIER.**

**COUNCILMAN LYNCH for COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI In Absentia:**

Resolution In Appreciation for Forty Years of Public Service to The Honorable John O. Pastore, United States Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Upon the Occasion of His Announced Voluntary Retirement.

*Whereas*, The Honorable John O. Pastore, Senior United States Senator, from the State of Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations, has recently informed the citizens of our State that he desires to retire from public service, upon the termination of his present term of Office on January of 1977, and

*Whereas*, For nearly one half century of his remarkable life experiences, he has been in public service first as a civic and cultural leader and then as an elected State Official, namely Member of the General Assembly; Lieutenant Governor and Governor and as a United States Senator, the latter for one quarter of a century, and

*Whereas*, In recording the benefits that have accrued to those he served during that long period of public service, it would require many pages of documentary evidence and have redundancy, since his public and private conduct are models of behavior and of universal knowledge which captivated the respect of the local com-

munity, national attention, and many foreign countries and personalities,

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved*, That in United States Senator John O. Pastore's personal decision not to succeed himself in that office and in respect to his desire to spend his semi-retirement with his devoted wife, Elena, and his fine son, daughters, and grandchildren, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. and each Member of the City Council do hereby express their most sincere appreciation for his devoted and unstinting public service to his community and country, and offer their prayers to Almighty God, that he be spared, that he may fulfill his desire to enjoy the pursuit of selective activities in his honored profession as an Attorney at Law and as a devoted husband and father, and

*Be it Further Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this Resolution by the Honorable City Council and its approval by His Honor the Mayor the City Clerk is directed to cause a duly engrossed copy of the same to be transmitted to the Honorable John O. Pastore, Senior United States Senator from the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, that he may be known of the high degree of respect in which the leaders of the Municipal Government of the City of his birth have for him.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, ALMAGNO, GARAN, MANSOLILLO and STRAVATO.**

**COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI for COUNCILMAN CROWLEY In Absentia (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Investigate the Traffic Pattern of Yorktown Place, where Certain Abutting Property has been Damaged, as a Result of Motor Vehicle Use of the Same for Loading and Unloading Cargo.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to investigate the traffic pattern of Yorktown Place, where certain abutting property has been damaged, as a result of motor vehicles using the same for loading and unloading cargo.

**Read and Passed**, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN AHERN, GARAN and PETROSINELLI**.

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**COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY (By Request):**

**Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Study the Feasibility of Effecting Traffic Control at the Intersection of Steeple Street with Canal Street.**

*Whereas*, At the intersection of Steeple Street with Canal Street there appears to be a hazardous Traffic condition, both for motorists and pedestrians,

*Now, Therefore be it Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause a feasibility study to be undertaken as for the purpose of effecting some type of traffic control at the intersection of Steeple Street with Canal Street.

**Read and Passed**, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN GARAN and GORODETSKY**.

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**COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN ADDISON and COUNCILMAN GARAN (By Request):**

**Resolution Granting Consent of the City of Providence to the Acquisition, by the Providence Redevelopment Agency in Connection with the**

**West Broadway NDP Project, Land and Buildings on Lot 214, City Assessor's Plat 37.**

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

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**Resolution Accepting Gifts of Monies for Specified Burial Lots in North Burial Ground.**

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**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO:**

**Resolution Requesting the Governor to Authorize, if Legally Permitted, an Allocation from Net Proceeds of Revenue from the Sale of Lottery Tickets, an Amount of Money Equal to the Amount of Grant which the State Reduced from the City of Providence's Educational Grant.**

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**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO, COUNCILMAN HENRIES, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN LYNCH:**

**Resolution Requesting the City Assessor to Ascertain the Eligibility of Talbot House, Inc., to Qualify for Any Tax Exempt Status.**

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

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO, COUNCILMAN  
HENRIES and COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN:**

Resolution Renaming Stewart Street, from Westminster Street to Broad Street, as "Fricker Street."

Referred to the Committee on Naming of Buildings, Expressways, Bridges, Edifices and Other City Constructions, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN GARAN and TOMASSO.

**COUNCILMAN MEROLA and COUNCILMAN  
TURCHETTA:**

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause the Replacement of "Louis Luciano Patalano Memorial Plaque," which Designated the Intersection of Broadway and Knight Street in His Memory.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the replacement of "Louis Luciano Patalano Memorial Plaque," which designated the intersection of Broadway and Knight Street in His Memory.

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of a Traffic Control Signal Light along Elmgrove Avenue, Southerly and in Close Proximity to the Providence Hebrew Day School.

*Whereas*, The Providence Hebrew Day School, located along Elmgrove Avenue, is in close proximity to heavily motor vehicle traveled Brown University Stadium; Marvel Gymnasium and the

Jewish Community Center, which are attended by students, starting with pre-teenaged groups, and

*Whereas*, Travel over and across this portion of Elmgrove Avenue, particularly from the vicinity of Wayland Square, is a Thorough-Fare which has a slight curve and therefore the school site does not come into view until it approaches the immediate vicinity of the said school,

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a Traffic Control Signal Light along Elmgrove Avenue, southerly and in close proximity to the Providence Hebrew Day School.

**COUNCILMAN STRAVATO (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Erection of "Four Ton Capacity Motor Vehicle Limit," along Union Avenue from the Intersection of Route 10 to Plainfield Street.

*Whereas*, The heavy travel of commercial motor vehicles along Union Avenue, from the intersection of Route 10 to Plainfield Street, is a constant source of aggravation for the residents of this particular section, and

*Whereas*, It appears that routes, other than along the said Union Avenue, from the intersection of Route 10 to Plainfield Street, could be designated or encouraged for such thru traffic,

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the erection of "Four Ton Capacity Motor Vehicle Limit," Signs along Union Avenue, from the intersection of Route 10 to Plainfield Street, in the interest of the peace and tranquility of the residents along said section.

**COUNCILMAN TOMASSO (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause Warrington Street to be Repaved.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works

is requested to cause Warrington Street to be Repaved.

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

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR., Chairman

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE

Transmits the following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Adopted:

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Recreation Not to Terminate the Recreational Facility Located within the Fox Point Elementary School.

*Whereas*, The Director of the Department of Recreation has informed Councilman Edward W. Xavier that it is proposed to terminate the recreational facility located in the Fox Point Elementary School, and

*Whereas*, This facility services a much needed recreational purpose, particularly, of the people of the First Ward area who would be deprived of an indoor recreational facility, especially during the impending indoor season,

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Director of the Department of Recreation is requested to reconsider his reported decision to close such recreational facility and to continue the same as such.

Resolution Granting Accompanying Petition of "Al" Raymond, Sr., 177 Bridgham Street, et als, Requesting Submission of a Proposal for Illumination of Bucklin Park Football Field to Alleviate the Necessity of Ceasing Football Practice at Dusk.

*Resolved*, That in accordance with the accompanying petition of "Al" Raymond, Sr., 177 Bridgham Street and eighty-one (81) signators, the same is hereby granted and the Director of Recreation is hereby requested to cause adequate illumination of Bucklin Park Football Field to alleviate the necessity of ceasing football practice at dusk, on this Field, which makes it necessary for the practicing teams to travel to Hopkins Park, which is some distance away.

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



**COUNCILMAN RALPH FARGNOLI, Chairman****COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING**

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

Report of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, dated September 12, 1975, Informing the City Council of Its Proposed Sale of Real Property within the West Broadway NDP, A2-1, Year II.

In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 10, Chapter 1971-24 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved May 10, 1971, as amended by Chapter 69-47 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved November 28, 1969, and Title 45, Chapters 31-33 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956,

1. The Agency proposes the sale of Parcel 4 consisting of 4,000 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the attached map within the West Broadway NDP Year II for the disposition price of \$600.00 to Edward A. Ricci of 106 Gesler Street, Providence, Rhode Island. The parcel will be developed for residential off-street parking re-use in accordance with plans approved by the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

2. The Agency proposes the sale of Parcel 28A consisting of 1,600 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the attached map within the West Broadway NDP Year II for the disposition price of \$240.00 to Frederick and Tina Regan of 60 Bainbridge Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island. The parcel will be developed for a residential landscaped area re-use in accordance with plans approved by the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

**Received.**

**FROM CITY CLERK**

Report of All Monies Received in the Department of City Clerk, Transmitted to and Credited by the City Collector for the Fiscal Quarter, June 30, 1975 to and Including September 30, 1975.

**Received.**

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**FROM PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.**

Report Relative to the Financial Statements for the Period Ending June 30, 1975 of the Providence Civic Center Authority.

**Received.**

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**FROM CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF THE  
BUREAU OF LICENSES**

Report Submitting a Detailed Statement of All Monies Received on Behalf of the Bureau of Licenses During the Quarter Ended September 27, 1975.

**Received.**

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## PETITION

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN (By Request):**

Petition of Arthur W. Bergel, 71 Vassar Avenue, Providence, for Appointment as an Auctioneer.

Referred to the Committee on Licenses, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN GARAN**.

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

**Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages.**

Alice Banna

Kenneth T. Boocock

Thomas J. Campopiano and Maryann Campopiano

Marvin R. Canal

Mazry Cecconi

Barbara Ann Cole

Gertrude C. Connors, p.p.a. Ann Marie Connors

Vincent Filippone

Boysie Foye

Alfred Francis

General Accident Group as subrogee of William R. Warburton

Emily Goulding

James J. Healey

James J. Healey, p.p.a. Donna Healey

Harold S. Horwich

Cheryl L. Means

Linda Noddings

Hilda Papa

Sally Redden

Paul E. Stroessner

The Travelers Insurance Co. as subrogee of Raymond P. Young, Jr.

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

## PERSONAL PRIVILEGES

**COUNCILMAN STRAVATO** requests and is granted the Privilege of the Floor to Speak on the Area Police Stations, as follows:

There are seven area stations, I am going to talk about six, since the Central Station is considered one of the seven. At these stations they are supposed to keep Citizens Activity Sheets, an original and a copy, the original goes down to the Central Station and the other remains at the area station. Just a while back, I was refused to look at these sheets because Col. McQueeney was going to do a study on them. What happens at these stations, a lot of sheets are not filled out and others are not completed and not signed by the Sergeant. Col. McQueeney says these stations are averaging six calls per twenty-four hour shifts. I don't know how he came up with a record of six calls per 24 hour shift when he doesn't have enough information in his office.

In seventy days of operation in one of these area stations which in my opinion is a high crime area, they averaged three calls per twenty-four hour shift.

They hired twenty-one Para-police to man these stations but what the Mayor failed to tell the people was that X number of policemen remained at the stations, to cover the shifts. It takes 27 men to man the area stations, twenty-one is not enough. There is not enough manpower for twenty-four hour shifts, that is why he is closing the stations from 12 to 8 A.M. These men are getting One Hundred Fifty Dollars per week and in my opinion, these men can be put to better use, by putting them in youth programs or other areas where they could be of more use.

A woman can be mugged or robbed a block away and nothing is done about it.

The other night I observed a man on the beat in an establishment for more than an hour. This has been done since the beginning of time and will always be done. A man called the Central

Police Station on a complaint of a broken windshield and was told to drive down to the area station to register a complaint, rather than send a man out from the Central Station.

Any city or town can set their own crime rate by what they choose to feed into the computer.

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN** requests and is granted the Privilege of the Floor and states, as follows:

Mr. President, Our crime rate has got to be one of the lowest in the Nation since our Mayor has been in Office.

I am not saying that this program is not subject to criticism, but since the beginning, it was an experimental program. We have had some good results, but I want to say, I resent very much having a long discussion on the floor of the Council on this matter. It is unfair to the Councilmen.

Mr. Stravato can put this in a Resolution and it can be referred to Committee and let the Committee take care of it at its meeting.

At this point, **COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON** presents **MR. ERNEST CORVESE**, who is his guest on the Rostrum for the purpose of making a presentation to the City Council, as follows:

October 16, 1975

Council President Mr. Haxton:

And all you representatives of the people at the Honorable City Council.

First I want to thank God in heaven for making it possible for me to be here tonight, to express verbally my sincere thanks to all of you for your consideration of me for my recent accident.

I did not think that I would ever see this Council Chamber again.

Councilmen Lynch, Merola, Turchetta, Garan, and all of you members of this Council I want to know that this resolution that you have accepted, will be in my possession as the most honorable gift of my life.

So, now I want to thank all of you with all my heart, and may God give you health, happiness and prosperity for the rest of your lives.

Again I want to say, Thank You and God Bless You.

ERNEST CORVESE

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN, GARAN, MANSOLILLO, MEROLA and TURCHETTA, the City Council Adjourns at 8:45 o'clock P.M. (EDT), to meet again on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1975 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST).

*Vincent Vapira*

City Clerk