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CITY COUNCIL
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 30 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 17, 2000, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Lombardi,
Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin,
DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Council-
men Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Mancini,
Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams
and Young—15.

Absent: None.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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APPROVED:

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Richard L. Clement CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by DEACON
WILLIAM TUTT of the Olney Street Baptist
Church.

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

COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG
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. 27 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held
December 16, 1999; and the Journal of
Proceedings No. 28 of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council held January 6, 2000,
and Posted February 4, 2000, on that
Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor
Level of City Hall, are approved as printed,
on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, sec-
onded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

C. C.

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated February 7, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 815 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Mark F. Harriman of 38 Pinehurst Avenue, Providence,

Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Investment Commissioners for a term to expire in January, 2002.

Received.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated February 10, 2000, Informing the City Clerk of his appointments of certain Members of the City Council to the Ethics and Public Integrity Division.

Received.

Received.

Communication dated February 10, 2000, Informing the City Clerk of His appointments of certain Members of the City Council to the Drug Summit Commission.

Received.

Communication dated February 10, 2000, Informing the City Clerk of His appointment of Council President John J. Lombardi to the Providence Historic District Commission, who will replace Councilman Terrence M. Hassett.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN ALLEN and COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence approved May 23, 1996 and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan and the attached restrictions for the Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project" for the acquisition of Lots 84, 85, 86 and 87, on Plats 68, 211, 217, 219 and 223 Douglas Avenue.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1977-5 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence, approved February 14, 1977 and entitled, "An Ordinance approving

and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Providence Renewal" for the acquisition of Lot 92 on Plat 25, as amended.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN:

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the City Council to place

a Six (6) Month Moratorium on any and all construction and demolition within certain districts along Westminster Street.

Whereas, The City Council finds that the West Broadway Neighborhood and especially the area of Westminster Street which extends from Interstate Highway 95 to Olneyville Square with is congested with a high volume of traffic, and

Whereas, The City Council finds that the high volume of traffic along Westminster Street poses a serious threat to public safety in that both pedestrians and the motoring public may become victims of serious bodily injury, and

Whereas, The City Council finds that the existing zoning and development provisions may be inadequate and/or inappropriate to provide for the safety of pedestrians and the motoring public along Westminster Street, and

Whereas, The City Council finds that in an effort to address the effects which current zoning and development provisions along Westminster Street may have on the safety of pedestrians and motorists, it has enlisted the West Broadway Neighborhood Association to develop and propose a plan to address the zoning, development and traffic issues in the Westminster Area, and

Whereas, The City Council finds that the West Broadway Neighborhood Association shall be assisted by the Department of Planning and Development in formulating their plan, and

Whereas, The City Council finds that the Department of Planning and Development upon review of the plan will make specific recommendations to the City Council including revisions to the City Plan and Zoning Ordinance,

Now therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council declares a moratorium on the issuance

of building permits for new construction, and demolition permits by the Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards, and a moratorium on the granting of relief from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance by the Zoning Board of Review, for a period of six months commencing on the passage of this resolution for the area described as follows:

Assessor's Plat 35 Lots: 20, 22, 52, 133, 135-139, 199, 200, 201, 203, 204, 321, 449, 470-473, 475, 476, 483, 492, 493, 518, 555 and 569

Assessor's Plat 32 Lots: 32, 38, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 59, 62, 65, 66, 67, 68, 84, 109, 190, 192, 194, 195, 196, 206, 232, 233, 278, 279, 294, 314, 350, 351, 357, 365, 366, 384, 389, 392, 393, 394, 399, 414, 420, 421, 430, 432, 435, 440, 444, 448, 450, 452, 453, 455, 460, 462, 472, 478, 495, 503, 506, 516, 527, 529, 531, 534, 543, 573 and 574

Assessor's Plat 29 Lots: 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 62, 486, 46, 59, 60, 61, 44, 43, 373, 479, 482, 178, 177, 176, 169, 168, 171, 137, 510, 511, 496, 502, 185, 193, 194, 504, 505, 501, 190, 133, 132, 131, 129, 134, 480, 488, 124, 123, 423, 122, 421, and 121, 520, 506, 529, 272 and 285

Assessor's Plat 25 Lots: 177, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 252, 254, 404, 412, 413, 414, 244, and 441

Assessor's Plat 24 Lots: 620 and 624

Be it further Resolved, That this moratorium shall not preclude the Director of Inspections and Standards from issuing permits for renovations of existing structures in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code.

Resolution Requesting the Providence Community Action Program and/or the Director of Public Works cause the removal of graffiti in various locations in the vicinity of the West Broadway Neighborhood Association.

Resolved, That the Providence Community Action Program and/or the Director of Public Works is requested cause the removal of graffiti in various locations in the vicinity of the West Broadway Neighborhood Association.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and
COUNCILMAN DeLUCA:**

Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor to provide alternative methods and procedures to abate taxes under the Providence City Charter, as opposed to the current system, under the Board of Tax Assessment and Review.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor is requested to provide alternative methods and procedures to abate taxes under the Providence City Charter, as opposed to the current system, under the Board of Tax Assessment and Review.

Resolution Requesting a Forensic Audit for the Last Five (5) Years on all property taxes abated by the Board of Tax Assessment and Review.

Resolved, That a Forensic Audit for the Last Five (5) Years is hereby requested on all property taxes abated by the Board of Tax Assessment and Review.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI,
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN
APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER,
COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCIL-
MAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN
DIRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT,
COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCIL-
MAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN
NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO,
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and
COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:**

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to A. Vincent Igliozi for a complete and speedy recovery.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Best Wishes to A. Vincent Igliozi for a complete and speedy recovery.

**COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dis-
pense with the reading of the foregoing
matters.**

**Collectively Passed, on motion of
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI,
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN
APONTE, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA,
COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCIL-
WOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN
WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN
YOUNG:**

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety to study the feasibility of installing cameras in all Providence Police Patrol Vehicles.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Safety is requested to study the feasibility of installing cameras in all Providence Police Patrol Vehicles.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests to be recorded as voting "No".

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Commission to review and investigate any and all aspects of the Providence Police Department.

Whereas, The President of the Providence City Council is hereby requested to empanel and create a Blue Ribbon Commission to review and investigate any and all aspects of the Providence Police Department; and

Whereas, The newly created Blue Ribbon Commission would meet in order that some concrete discussion would be made relative to the ongoing Police problems that we have here within the City of Providence; and

Whereas, These problems have overflowed into our neighborhoods; and

Whereas, With the creation of such a Blue Ribbon Commission it could address numerous problems that have been reported to the Providence Police; and

Whereas, The Blue Ribbon Commission is hereby requested to host and conduct many meetings with neighborhood groups and any other organizations or groups which could be helpful to the Blue Ribbon Commission.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the purpose and creation of said Commission is to study and advise the City Council on the practicability of implementing a plan of how to address this very serious problem we have here in the City of Providence.

Be it further Resolved, That any and all reports from the Blue Ribbon Commission shall be submitted to the City Council by filing said reports with the City Clerk in a timely fashion.

Be it further Resolved, That the said Commission shall consist of Thirteen (13) members to be appointed by the President of the City Council.

This Commission shall have the following membership:

US Attorney General or his or her designee;

RI Department of Federal Bureau of Investigation or his or her designee;

Colonel of RI State Police or his or her designee;

RI Attorney General Office or his or her designee;

President of the RI Council of Churches or his or her designee;

President of the N.A.A.C.P. or his or her designee;

Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union or his or her designee;

Executive Director of the National Committee for Community Justice or his or her designee;

President of the Roger Williams Law School or his or her designee;

Member of Providence Community Organization or his or her designee;

President of the Ministerial Alliance or his or her designee;

President of the Retired Police Officers Association or his or her designee;

President of the Providence Fraternal Order of Police or his or her designee.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves passage of the Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves to amend the Resolution by changing the last paragraph to read:

"Be it further Resolved, That the Commission shall consist of Fourteen (14) Members to be appointed by the President of the City Council.

This Commission shall have the following Membership:

Commissioner of Public Safety or his or her designee . . ."

COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO seconds the motion to amend.

COUNCILMAN APONTE requests to be recorded as voting "No" on the amendment.

The motion to Amend is Sustained.

Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN APONTE and COUNCILMAN DeLUCA request to be recorded as voting "No" on this Resolution.

The motion for Passage, as amended, is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee to conduct a complete review of the practice of requiring off-duty police officers to carry their weapons at all times.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee is requested to conduct a complete review of the practice of requiring off-duty police officers to carry their weapons at all times.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests to be recorded as voting "No".

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee to review training programs which would affect the inexperience of new police officers.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee is requested to review training programs which would affect the inexperience of new police officers.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests to be recorded as voting "No".

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee to review the Providence Police Department's policy on the use of weapons.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee is requested to review the Providence Police Department's policy on the use of weapons.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests to be recorded as voting "No".

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee to design and implement policies and procedures for orientation, continuing police education and retraining.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee is requested to design and implement policies and procedures for orientation, continuing police education and retraining.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests to be recorded as voting "No".

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee to formulate policies, procedures and training which will eradicate racial and social stereotyping, profiling and ensure that prejudice does not dictate behavior.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Safety/his or her designee is requested to formulate policies, procedures and training which will eradicate racial and social

stereotyping, profiling and ensure that prejudice does not dictate behavior.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests to be recorded as voting "No".

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Expressing Sorrow upon the tragic death of Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr., and suggesting necessary steps to bridge the unfortunate chasm that has developed between the Providence Police Department and the Providence Community.

Whereas, The tragic death of Sergeant Young can never be forgotten, but from this sad and unfortunate circumstance, we can create the changes necessary to repair the breach that has developed between the Providence Police Department and the Providence Community. We must work together to build a Providence Police Department that fully reflects the wonderful diversity that exists in our beautiful cosmopolitan city; and

Whereas, The City of Providence needs to formulate a comprehensive plan to achieve the aforementioned goals. The following items should become part of any serious plan:

1. The immediate implementation of a comprehensive Sensitivity Training Program for all current police officers, and all future candidates to the Providence Police Academy.

2. The immediate implementation of a comprehensive Civility Training Program for all current police officers, and all future candidates to the Providence Police Academy.

3. The immediate implementation of a comprehensive Affirmative Action Program to insure that the make-up of our police department fully reflects the cultural diversity of our city. For the next two Providence Police Training Academies, a goal should be set for having 75 percent of the membership of those academies be minorities. This plan should also insure that the doors to advancement, promotion, and opportunity, be open to our minority police officers.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Providence City Council respectfully requests the Commissioner of Public Safety to provide a status report to the Providence City Council President within thirty (30) days of his official receipt of this Resolution.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves passage of the Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT moves to amend the Resolution by adding the following sentence after the words "Providence Community"

"... and that the Providence School Board through the Superintendent of Schools be requested to establish an early learning curriculum that fosters prejudice prevention in the Providence School System . . ."

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI seconds this motion.

The motion to Amend is Sustained.

Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage, as amended, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN APONTE:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to Michael A. Freeman for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Best Wishes to Michael A. Freeman for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:

Resolution Requesting that the Rhode Island State Attorney General's Office initiate an outside independent investigation of the shooting death of Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr., in the hope that we will ensure an independent investigation that the community can have faith in.

Resolved, That the Rhode Island State Attorney General's Office is requested to initiate an outside independent investigation of the shooting death of Sergeant Cornel Young,

Jr., in the hope that we will ensure an independent investigation that the community can have faith in.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves passage of the Resolution, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT moves to amend the Resolution by adding after "Attorney General's Office", the words:

"... establish an independent investigative commission that shall be empowered to engage out of State Counsel to conduct an investigation and examination of all issues associated with the tragic death of Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr., upon the conclusion of the now ongoing State Grand Jury Investigation ..."

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI seconds this motion.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to Table the Amendment, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, DeLuca, Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Williams and Young—8.

Nays: Councilman Butler, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzo, Mancini and Councilwoman Romano—6.

Absent: Councilman Clarkin—1.

The motion to Table is Sustained. The Amendment Fails.

Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilman Jackson, Councilwomen Nolan, Williams and Young—10.

Nays: Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Mancini and Councilwoman Romano—4.

Absent: Councilman Clarkin—1.

The motion for Passage, as amended, is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO:

Resolution Requesting the Development of the Woonasquatucket River Greenway as a vehicle for increased recreation, transportation and an improved urban environment, and that His Honor, the Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, including deeds, relative to the conveyance of said parcels.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Requesting Sergeant Steven M. Shaw, Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr., and Park Ranger William Abrahamson be the recipients of the Municipal Medal for Bravery and Valor, posthumously, for extraordinary bravery and valor in the line of duty.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Bishop Robert E. Farrow and his wife Dolores on the birth of their grandchild.

Resolved, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Bishop Robert E. Farrow and his wife Dolores on the birth of their grandchild, Najah Faith Layne, born February 10, 2000.

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Bishop Robert E. Farrow's Daughter and Son-in-Law on the birth of their child.

Resolved, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Bishop Robert E. Farrow's Daughter and Son-in-Law on the birth of their child, Najah Faith Layne, born February 10, 2000.

COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO,

COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Resolved, That Sincere Best Wishes are hereby extended to Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN ROBERT M. CLARKIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

Resolution Ordering the abandonment of a portion of Cottage Street.

MAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

Referred Back to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCIL-

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 1999-22, approved August 5, 1999, of the Ordinances of the City of Providence making an appropriation of four hundred fourteen million, three hundred fifty two thousand, seven hundred thirty one dollars (\$414,352,731.00) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2000, as amended.

Read and Passed the First Time, as amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN

ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Nays: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time,
as amended, is Sustained.

Absent: Councilman Clarkin—1.

**Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be Approved, as amended:**

Resolution Requesting partial abatement of demolition and boarding liens for the property located at 552-554 Cranston Street, Assessor's Plat 31, Lot 74.

Whereas, Relief in the form of partial Demolition and Boarding Lien abatements is requested for the property located at 552-554 Cranston Street, listed as Lot 74, on Assessor's Plat 31, in the office of Tax Collector in the City of Providence, and

Whereas, A Boarding Lien on said property in the amount of \$96.00, in the Recorder of Deed's Office of the City of Providence (Book #2701, Page #243), was recorded on the 4th day of February 1993, to the owners DOM Investments, and Nancy Jarvin, and

Whereas, Demolition Lien Notice was given by the Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards on the 12th day of May 1994, to the owners DOM Investments, and Nancy Jarvin, noted in the amount of \$15,480.00 recorded in Book #2952, Page #031, and

Whereas, The total sum owed to the City of Providence on the original Boarding and Demolition Liens was \$15,576.00, and as of January 13, 2000, the total amount due was 8% interest per year, is approximately \$24,125.04, and

Whereas, The current owners of this property, the Whitney Group, Inc., P.O. Box 1384, located at 187 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02901, have proposed site work scheduled for this property, and

Whereas, The Whitney Group has engaged into and negotiated an agreement with a major franchise chain, which will construct a brand new structure on this site, and will employ approximately six to eight City of Providence residents, and

Whereas, In preparation of this agreement, the Whitney Group has a construction report that states this property's demolition occurred without all due diligence, including the burial of building and foundation material as well as uncovering cement flooring, and

Whereas, The best estimate for excavation, remediation and removal of buried debris to the Whitney Group, will increase the cost of the project significantly, and

Whereas, Because of reported faulty demolition, and the fact that this site is being considered for future economic growth in a blighted area of the West End, and the employment opportunities it will create, and

Whereas, In order to restore this location to its established potential, partial relief from the Boarding and Demolition Liens is requested.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the City of Providence abate these liens in the amount of \$7,788.00 of the original liens and abate any and all interest

Read and Passed, as amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Clarkin—1.

The motion for Passage, as amended, is Sustained.

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved:

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated January 7, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Howard Phengsomphone of 61 Russo Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2002, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

Approved.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated January 7, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Gary St. Peter of 248 Blackstone

Boulevard, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval. (Mr. St. Peter will replace the late Nicholas Lucarelli.)

Approved.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated January 24, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day seeking approval to appoint Victor Fera of One Regency Plaza, Apartment 1050, Providence, Rhode Island, as City Registrar of the City of Providence.

Approved.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing Communications.

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Denied:

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated January 7, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr. Marvin Holland of 4 Woodland Terrace, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence Off-Street Public Parking Commission for a term to expire in August, 2004, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing Communication.

Denied, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion to Deny is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Vice-Chairman
COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS and PENDING SUITS**

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Severally Approved for Cancellation:

Certificates from the City Assessor (8D) recommending the same be severally cancelled 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.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matter.

Severally Approved for Cancellation, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ALLEN**, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Clarkin—1.

The motion to Approve for Cancellation is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

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

An Ordinance regulating the storage of junked and salvaged motor vehicles, as amended.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing Ordinance.

Read and Passed the First Time, as amended, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ALLEN**, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS**, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilman Clarkin—1.

The motion for Passage the First Time, as amended, is Sustained.

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved:

Resolution Requesting the Providence Parks Department to place receptacles for cigarettes on the sidewalks, away from the entrance of the Fleet Skating Center and to include the smoking policy in the literature distributed by the Skating Center to its customers.

Resolved, That the Providence Parks Department is requested to place receptacles for cigarettes on the sidewalks, away from the entrance of the Fleet Skating Center and to include the smoking policy in the literature distributed by the Skating Center to its customers.

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Approved, as amended:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Ordinances draft an Ordinance permitting conditional on street parking in the City by application and permit fee and that the Council President create an On-Street Parking Study Commission.

Resolved, That the Committee on Ordinances draft an Ordinance permitting conditional on street parking in the City by application and permit fee and that the Council President create an On-Street Parking Study Commission to include the following members:

Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee;

Director of Inspection and Standards or his designee;

Director of Public Works or his designee;

Chief of the Fire Department or his designee;

City Solicitor or his designee;

Three (3) City Council members;

One (1) Real Estate Agent and

Two (2) Homeowners.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Report from Nancy L. Derrig, Superintendent of Parks, dated February 4, 2000 on the accomplishments of the Parks Department for the year 1999.

Received.

Report from KPMG relative to the City of Providence, General Purpose Financial State-

ments and Supplementary Financial Information for the year ended June 30, 1999.

Received.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI steps down from the Podium and COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE YOUNG retains the Chair.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE YOUNG IN THE CHAIR

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from R. Bruce LeBlanc, Jr., dated February 10, 2000, requesting a six month extension of the residency requirement until August 30, 2000.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE YOUNG Receives the Communication and Refers the same to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Receive and Refer is Sustained.

Communication from Eva C. Silver, dated November 26, 1999, requesting a six month extension of the residency requirement.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE YOUNG Receives the Communication and Refers the same to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Receive and Refer is Sustained.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
returns to the Podium and retains the Chair.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI IN THE CHAIR

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

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

Hector Diaz (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Francisco Munoz (Christopher E. Fay,
Esquire)

Rose Weaver (Paul S. Cantor, Esquire)

Lombard J. Gasbarro

Robert J. Melucci

Raymond J. Akinrmade (Dino A. Brosco,
Esquire)

Tonia Aglione and Gaetano Aglione (Joseph
A. Sciacca, Esquire)

Pamela A. Cardillo

Mark Gallagher (Peter P.D. Leach, Esquire)

George E. J. Clinton

Carole Ann Ginolfi

Dolores Levasseur

Alby Wood (Eva Marie Mancuso, Esquire)

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
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 LOMBARDI 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:

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vargas, in recognition of the celebration on the birth of their daughter, Stephany Marisol Vargas, born on January 22, 2000 at 3:44 A.M., weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Robin Elizabeth Farrow-Layne and Rudy Layne, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, Najah Faith Farrow-Layne, born on February 10, 2000, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz., 21 inches long.

Bishop Robert E. Farrow and Dolores Farrow, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Najah Faith Farrow-Layne, born on February 10, 2000, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz., 21 inches long.

Gilbert V. Indeglia, in recognition of the celebration of being appointed as a Superior Court Judge.

Gerald and Maureen Prior, in recognition of the celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary on February 6, 2000.

Imam Izak-El Mu'eed Pasha, in recognition of his contributions towards community development and helping to put the neighbor back in the hood.

Councilman Ronald W. Allen, in recognition of the celebration of his birthday on February 8, 2000.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memorium"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI 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:

Anna Santina Campanile

Joseph A. Picchione

Joseph A. Sindoni, Jr.

Pauline B. McLean

Isabella V. Manfredi

Matilda S. "Tillie" Coppolino

Maria Manfredi

Charlotte "Chickie" Addison Evans

Edwin A. English

Eugene "Rocky" Silva

Lorraine M. Bigelow

Mary R. Carty

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 9:40 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk