

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 20 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 1995, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

IN CITY COUNCIL
[NOV] 2, 1995

APPROVED:

Michael A. Clement CLERK

Present: Council President Pro Tempore Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Glavin, Igliozzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Williams—12.

Absent: Council President Petrosinelli, Councilman Mancini and Councilwoman Young—3.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILWOMAN RITA WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILMAN DAVID G. IGLIOZZI leads the members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM THE CITY CONTROLLER:

Street Lighting Bill from Narragansett Electric Company for the month of August, 1995, in the Amount of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars, Eleven Cents (\$129,486.11).

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore

Fagnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Glavin, Igliazzi, Jackson, Lombardi and Councilwomen Williams—10.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council President Pertrosinelli, Councilman Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—5.

The motion for Approval, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS and COUNCILMAN ALLEN:

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1983-4 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, approved February 18, 1983 and entitled: "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Silver Lake Revitalization Project" for additional acquisition, the extension of the project boundary

and the revision of the regulations and controls in the Silver Lake Revitalization Project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of Four-Way "Stop" Signs at the intersection of Unit Street and Cloud Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to trim and/or remove the tree located in front of 231 Amherst Street.

Resolved, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to trim and/or remove the tree located in front of 231 Amherst Street.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to replace the sidewalk located in front of 231 Amherst Street.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to replace the sidewalk located in front of 231 Amherst Street.

COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI:

Resolution extending sincere congratulations to John T. Campanini, Jr., City Forester for his selection to present a paper on Urban Forestry at the National Urban Forest Conference held in New York City on September 12th-16th, 1995.

Whereas, John T. Campanini, Jr., has been selected by his peers from across the country to present a paper on Urban Forestry at the National Urban Forestry Conference held in New York City on September 12-16, 1995, and

Whereas, John will be representing the City of Providence and the Parks Department, his talk will be on the success of the tree program created through the Neighborhood Planning Program funded by the City Council and the Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Tree Endowment.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Mayor and the City Council extend sincere congratulations to John T. Campanini, Jr., City Forester for his selection to present a paper on Urban Forestry at the National Urban Forest Conference in New York City.

Resolution recognizing the month of October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

Whereas, Citizens who have Down Syndrome are active citizens who contribute much to the overall quality of life in this great city, and

Whereas, These people who suffer from this grave illness are human beings and should be treated accordingly and with greater public awareness and acceptance of these people will increase their access to community housing, employment, education, social and recreation opportunities, and

Whereas, Our own Parks Department have some kids with a mild case of Down Syndrome and are very good workers who have learned about the different aspects of horticulturing at Roger Williams Park under the supervision of staff and the Superintendent of Parks, and

Whereas, The Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island, on behalf of the National Down Syndrome Congress, has worked to secure this resolution, and

Whereas, It is the goal of the City of Providence to instill positive perception of people with Down Syndrome.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Providence hereby designate October, 1995 as *National Down Syndrome Awareness Month* and challenge the citizens of our community to look beyond a person's particular disability and focus instead upon a person's diverse abilities.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of Personal Expression and states:

"Madame Chairwoman, I would just like to recognize that we have with us tonight a constit-

uent of mine, Representative David Cicilline and he is admiring our wonderful Council Chambers here and I request that the City Sergeant escort him to the podium so that he can get another look from another seat. Thank you very much."

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of Four-Way "Stop" Signs at the intersection of River Avenue and Regent Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI and COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO:

Resolution reporting receipt of certain gifts of moneys by the Board of Park Commissioners for the preservation and care of specified burial lots in North Burial Ground.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street, from College Street to Waterman Street on Tuesday, September 12, 1995, between the hours of 2:00 o'clock P.M. and 11:00 o'clock P.M. for a Student Orientation Block Party/Rhode Island School of Design.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street, from College Street to Waterman Street on Tuesday, September 12, 1995, between the hours of 2:00 o'clock P.M. and 11:00 o'clock P.M. for a Student Orientation Block Party/Rhode Island School of Design.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI**.

The motion for Passage, Unanimously is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Mount Hope Avenue, from Hope Street to Locust Street on Sunday, September 17, 1995, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. for a "20th Annual Block Party".

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Mount Hope Avenue, from Hope Street to Locust Street on Sunday, September 17, 1995, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. for a "20th Annual Block Party".

COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the trees to be trimmed along 68 Virginia Lane.

Resolved, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the trees to be trimmed along 68 Virginia Lane.

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the Street Lighting along Mystic Street, from Prairie Avenue to the dead end.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the Street Lighting along Mystic Street, from Prairie Avenue to the dead end.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Oxford Street, from Prairie Avenue to Gordon Avenue and Croylan Road, from Sayles Street to Oxford Street, on Saturday, September 23, 1995 and Sunday, September 24, 1995, during various hours, in celebration of the Saint Michael's Church Festival.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Oxford Street, from Prairie Avenue to Gordon Avenue and Croylan Road, from Sayles Street to Oxford Street, on Saturday, September 23, 1995 and Sunday, September 24, 1995, during various hours, in celebration of the Saint Michael's Church Festival.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of temporary "Do Not Park" Signs along Orchard Avenue, from Butler Avenue to Wayland Avenue on both sides, for the observance of Holy Days at Temple Beth El on Monday, September 25, 1995 and Wednesday, October 4, 1995.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of temporary "Do Not Park" Signs along Orchard Avenue, from Butler Avenue to Wayland Avenue on both sides, for the observance of Holy Days at Temple Beth El on Monday, September 25, 1995 and Wednesday, October 4, 1995.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the Street Lighting along Tanner Street, same being a high crime area.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the Street Lighting along Tanner Street, same being a high crime area.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of Personal Expression and states:

"Madam President, I wish to communicate to the Council a concern of mine. Earlier this evening with your packet, you received copies of the notices which were distributed anonymously in Ward 2. One at the end of August after which a meeting was held at the Wayland Manor with the President of the Firefighter's Union and a small number of residents. I had no knowledge of the meeting and found out through a friend of mine who attended the meeting, his first question to them was "why isn't Councilwoman Williams here?"

I hope that you will read that first notice because it is very disturbing to me and very insulting and it was at a difficult time in my life, as you know.

So, as soon as I was able to, I arranged for a neighborhood meeting to discuss the concerns of the residents regarding the possibility of the closing of the Humboldt Fire Station. Tuesday night at the neighborhood meeting I arranged, the firefighters were the first ones there handing out literature at the door and showing a video in the meeting room before I arrived. They had not called me, even in courtesy had not called me, to ask me if they could come to my meeting. They were just there!

I have to say that they weren't a disturbance, but they certainly enjoyed the fact that the residents were sufficiently disturbed by the news of the Humboldt Avenue Fire Station closing, that they didn't need to say anything.

We on the Council who are trying to contain costs, are trying to downsize to save money, and this is what most of my constituents want, and have encouraged me to do. I guess I underestimated the importance of the Fire Station presence

at the Humboldt location for the residents of the immediate area. I am sure that the same thing would happen in any of your wards.

Despite the fact that statistically, the incidents of fires in my area is low, my constituents do not feel that they should be punished for that fact. They pointed out to me that many of the structures on the East Side are wooden and old and that quick response is essential. They were also concerned about the response time in a medical emergency since the fire engine is the first vehicle to arrive until the rescue arrives.

Ward 2 also pays the highest taxes in the City and many feel that there should be adequate protection for them and their property. I cannot disagree with any of the comments made at my neighborhood meeting. Therefore, I am requesting your support to keep the Humboldt Fire Station open and continue to provide service in the form of either an engine or a rescue truck. I will be having a meeting shortly with the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Fire Chief to discuss the reorganization and downsizing of the Fire Department. I would suggest that the full Council might be interested in hearing the details of the downsizing so that the City residents will be knowledgeable about the changes.

We need to provide fire safety in a reasonable manner but we also need to improve fire prevention and the enforcement of fire building codes so that the whole City has fewer fires. I must say, that I appreciate that my constituents let me know how they feel and I hope that their fears can be allayed by having the presence of fire apparatus at that location.

I thank you for your support and for the support that I have already received especially from Councilman Jackson for coming to the meeting and to Councilman Allen who offered support after the meeting and even this evening, I thank

you, I thank all of you because you have been very supportive.

I hope that we can keep this because the cost is not keeping the building open, we know that. The cost is in the personnel and I do think that we need to have that station there, particularly in weather that is very bad when there is a possibility that the North Main Street Station

might not be able to get up the hill so we need to keep that station open. But, we need to downsize in a way that will keep perhaps the Rescue going up there, the Journal Bulletin reporter suggested that in his reporting of the meeting, and I certainly hope that comes to fruition. I hope that I have your support, thank you."

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

FROM THE CITY CLERK:

Report dated September 14, 1995, informing the Honorable Members of the City Council of all moneys received, transmitted and credited by the City Collector for the fiscal quarter, April 1, 1995 to and including June 30, 1995.

Received.

Report dated September 14, 1995, Informing the Honorable City Council of all moneys received, credited to and returnable to the City Collector for fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

Received.

FROM THE CITY ASSESSOR:

Certificates (Nos. 3Z, 4Z, 5Z, 6Z and 7Z) 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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Jonathan and Elizabeth Harris, Erik and Hanna Farrar, Roberto Echazarria and the Armory Revival C., dated September 5, 1995 requesting permission to abandon Gilbert Street at its intersection with Bridgham Street, running through to Hammond Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

Petition of William and Mary Ann Schwartz, 100 Lancashire Street, Providence, Rhode Island, dated September 8, 1995, requesting permission to extend Lancashire Street through to Glasgow Street to Cornwall Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

Petition of John Homan, Bank of Boston, requesting permission to construct a handicapped ramp at the Bank of Boston branch office located along 280 Atwells Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

Petition of Robert I. Stolzman, Attorney for Koffler Realty Associates, Limited Partnership to allow permitted uses of Code 57, relative to (retail trade-community wide establishments of more than 2,500 square feet GFA).

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI refers the Petition to the Committee on Ordinances.

The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz;

Theresa M. Brennan

Elias Kalogirou

Catherine Volina

Amica Ins. Co., a/s/o Thomas A. Dettore

Urbano Prignano

Manuel V. Correira

Etta Gendron

Catherine Grieco

Loretta A. Thomas

Jose Viera

Susan O. Echmalian

Jane Szurek

Jean M. Wilcox

Barbara B. Holmes

Saul M. Oylan

Christopher Grieco

Tom Bates

Kerri Lyn Corry

Angie Camacho

Raymond DelRicco

Mark DePrete

Frank J. Forte

Georgina A. Calcagno

James E. Souza

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI severally refers the Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

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The motion to Refer, is Unanimously Sustained.

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PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

"In Congratulations"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSINELLI and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Sherri C. Roundtree, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from Temple University.

Citations Extending Congratulations.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their sincere congratulations to the families of the following:

Vincent A. Reilly, in recognition of the celebration of his 80th Birthday, born on September 28, 1915.

Andrew J. Annaldo, in recognition of the celebration of his 40th birthday, born on September 20, 1955.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Masi, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their twins on August 11, 1995, Daniel Peter Masi, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and Ariana Rose Masi, weighing 4 lbs. 15 oz.

The motion for Passage, is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memoriam"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSINELLI
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:

Sisto A. Mosco

Joseph A. Ciliento

Emma Bossone

Salomon J. Englehart

Eva Scanlon

Florence E. "Elizabeth" Cartwright

Rev. Pasquale Rotondi

Vincent A. Patience

Jay C. Isom

Archie Fain

Michael P. Villegas

Helen T. Feeney

John E. Hie

Bernard W. "Bernie" Perry

John Sheehan, Jr.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,
by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by
COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, the City Council adjourns at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1995 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk