

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 36 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 3, 2000, 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 15 2000

APPROVED:

Michael R. Clement CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-
WOMAN CAROL A. ROMANO.

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

COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT
leads the members of the City Council and
the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance
to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated April 17, 2000,
Informing the Honorable Members of the City
Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and
1104 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of
1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Joseph
Agostinelli of 34 Enterprise Row, Providence,
Rhode Island, as a Member of the Civic Center
Authority for a term to expire in May, 2003.

Received.

Communication dated April 20, 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. Steven
Rosenbaum of 12 Rhode Island Avenue,
Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the
Board of Investment Commissioners for a term
to expire in January, 2003.

Received.

Communication dated April 20, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that he is this day reappointing Mr. Lionel Delaney of 15 Lyndhurst Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of The Providence Center Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 1, 2004.

Received.

Communication dated April 20, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that he is this day reappointing Mr. Charles Feldman of 20 Randall Street, Apartment 6F, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of The Providence Center Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 1, 2004.

Received.

Communication dated April 20, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that he is this day reappointing Ms. Linda M. Cohen of 95 President Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of The Providence Center Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 1, 2004.

Received.

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

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):

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.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

An Ordinance appropriating eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) and to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City of Providence in an amount not to exceed eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) to finance the payment of the City's portion of the judgment in the case of *Capital Properties, Inc., v. State of Rhode Island*.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN:

An Ordinance amending the Compensation Plan of the City of Providence and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1999-23, approved August 5, 1999, as amended.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

An Ordinance amending 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 1999-24, approved August 5, 1999, as amended.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE and COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment with Chapter 21, Section 19, No. 714, approved November 29, 1999, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled: "Capital Equipment Budget", as amended.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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

COUNCILMAN BUTLER:

An Ordinance limiting residential parking/standing of certain commercial vehicles.

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 in support of the Town of Barrington proclaiming April 2000 as "Alcohol Awareness Month".

Whereas, Alcohol involvement is the single greatest factor in motor vehicle deaths and injuries, and though only four percent of all crashes involve the use of alcohol, alcohol contributes to forty one percent of fatal crashes, and

Whereas, Approximately one million people are injured annually in alcohol related traffic accidents; and

Whereas, At .08 everyone is impaired to the point that critical driving skills such as reaction time, attention, tracking and comprehension are degraded; and

Whereas, Many states are now lowering the BAC defining impaired driving from .10 to .08; a BAC as low as .02 has been shown to affect driving ability and crash likelihood; and

Whereas, If every state adopted a .08 per se law, between 500 and 600 lives could be saved every year according to a recent study conducted by researchers at Boston University; and

Whereas, A .08 law serves as a general deterrent to drinking and driving, sends a message that the state is getting tougher on impaired driving and makes people think twice about getting behind the wheel after they've had too much to drink.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby proclaim April 2000 is Alcohol Awareness Month in the City of Providence and requests that Providence's legislative delegation vote in favor of the .08 legislation in their capacities in the General Assembly.

Resolution Requesting the City Council to establish a Mosquito Abatement District and Council.

Whereas, In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws Sections 23-7-7 "Establishment of Mosquito Abatement Districts and Local Councils", only those cities or towns formally established as mosquito abatement districts may conduct programs of mosquito control. Steps for formal establishment are as follows:

(1) Form a Mosquito Abatement District Council consisting of at least three individuals:

(a) The Chief Executive or Administrative Head of the City.

(b) The City Council President or some other designee.

(c) A third elected or appointed official designated by the first two members. In most cases, this person will be the Mosquito Control Program Director.

(2) Give Public Notice and allow Public Hearing of the proposed mosquito abatement program. A publicly posted agenda of the City Council or Financial Meeting at which the program is considered will satisfy this requirement.

(3) Notify the Rhode Island Mosquito Abatement Board through the Department of Environmental Management Mosquito Abatement Coordinator, Government Center, Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879, that the district has been formed, giving a description of district boundaries and list of district Mosquito Abatement Council Members.

(4) File Notice of the formation and boundaries of the proposed district with the Secretary of State, State House, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. In most cases, boundaries of the district will be the geographical limits of the town or city. Boundaries may also be the jurisdictional limits of a fire district or the geographical limits of contiguous cities, towns or subdivisions.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby request to establish a Mosquito Abatement District and Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:

Resolution Requesting the Providence School Department to adopt stricter state standards in its classroom practices (1997 Education law known as Article 31).

Whereas, Article 31 was intended to motivate schools statewide to do a better job teaching and push students to reach higher academic standards, and to hold schools accountable if they don't deliver results, and

Whereas, Several board members, officials from the state Department of Education and state legislators who toured the local schools referred to Coventry as "a cutting-edge district"

with a lot of ideas to offer other communities, and

Whereas, Coventry was the first district the Board of Regents visited to see the law in action, because it's one of the only districts in the state that has started to achieve the legislation's goals. It appears that Coventry is at the forefront of many education initiatives, especially with the standards movement, they're bearing results, and

Whereas, The presentation about the school's new style of teacher conferences, which involve both students and parents. The state officials praised the schools for posting the math and language arts standards on the walls and displaying examples of exceptional student work. They also noted the level of professionalism among the faculty members, and

Whereas, The district's scores on the statewide New Standards Reference Exams in math and language arts, which all fourth, eighth and tenth graders take each year, have improved over the last couple of years, and

Whereas, Not all of the students are proficient yet, and the district has developed "safety-net programs," such as before-and after-school tutoring sessions to help them improve. We realize that there are still kids struggling with this model. Indeed, Coventry isn't perfect but it could be as good as it gets in terms of making Article 31 a reality. The district offers the regents a great example of the education legislation's success.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Providence City Council hereby requests the Providence School Department to adopt stricter state standards in its classroom practices (1997 Education law known as Article 31).

Resolution Requesting the Providence School Department to adopt the American Federation of Teachers proposal for a national test and rigorous new standards for those who want to become teachers.

Whereas, Preempting a growing national movement to impose tougher standards on teachers, the American Federation of Teachers, the nation's second-largest teachers union, will propose a national test and rigorous new standards for those who want to become teachers, and

Whereas, The proposal, a departure from traditional union opposition to increased teacher testing, comes amid heightened worries from educators, parents and politicians about the declining quality of the nation's teaching force and those entering it, and

Whereas, About a third of all teachers lack a major or minor in subjects they teach, meaning that about four million children every year learn math from someone who may not have taken a math class since high school. While most states have teacher tests, most require only the equivalent of a high school education to pass, in part because unions have blocked efforts to set the bar higher, and

Whereas, Some two million teachers are due to be hired or replaced nationwide over the next decade, with many states struggling to find enough qualified people to lead their classrooms, and

Whereas, The union said it wanted to take advantage of that opportunity and was making its recommendations after two years of studying teacher preparation programs. The proposal would not affect current members, and

Whereas, Unions have long said that tests are a poor measure of the gifts that make a good teacher. But ultimately, tests and tougher standards can give the teaching profession the same rigor, and the same status, that board and bar exams give doctors and lawyers. With schools in almost every state subjecting students to tougher tests, it only makes sense to demand the same of teachers, and

Whereas, While the union proposal comes late to the bid for better teachers, it also adds a crucial voice to the lawmakers and parents who have called for reforms. Any attempt to adopt such a national program will be bucking a long tradition of strong local control over education, and

Whereas, Rhode Island does give teachers a certification exam, but because of an amendment passed by the General Assembly in 1991, teachers who fail it can teach anyway. The union argues that teachers should pass a competency test if they expect to be treated like professionals, and

Whereas, Under the 1991 amendment, any teacher who fails the exam undergoes an annual job evaluation by the local school district for three years. However, that teacher does not have to pass the exam at the end of three years, and

Whereas, The amendment, sponsored by former State Representative Harold Metts, of Providence, was designed to ensure that minorities were not excluded from the teaching profession because of language or cultural barriers. At the time, leaders of the minority community charged that the National Teacher Exam discriminated against minorities because some of the questions required cultural knowledge that had nothing to do with mastery of a specific subject, and

Whereas, A recent survey by the State Department of Education showed that during the 1998-99 school year, 90 teachers out of approximately 8,500 statewide had not passed the exam.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Providence City Council do hereby support the American Federation of Teachers proposal for a national test and rigorous new standards for those who want to become teachers.

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.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cause the taxes to be abated at 506 Cranston Street (Assessor's Plat 31, Lot 5), Providence, Rhode Island, for the years 1993 through 1997. (Properties were owned by the Providence Redevelopment Agency at that time).

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cause the taxes to be abated at 35 Union Avenue (Assessor's Plat 37, Lot 24), Providence, Rhode Island, for the years of 1993 through 1997, as this is a non-profit organization.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the City of Providence to enter into a lease with Capital City Community Centers for the property located at 1085 Chalkstone Avenue for use as a Senior Center.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on City Property.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN MANCINI and COUNCILMAN HASSETT:

Resolution Requesting the Deputy Superintendent of the Providence Public Schools to reimburse the City of Providence for moving and living expenses.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street on Saturday, May 6, 2000 between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Rhode Island School of Design's Annual Spring Alumni Sale.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street between College Street and Waterman Street on Saturday, May 6, 2000 between the hours of 5:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m., to accommodate the Rhode Island School of Design's Annual Spring Alumni Sale.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along George Street between Magee and Brown Streets on Saturday, April 15, 2000 between the hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m., for a concert to be held on the main green to accommodate Brown University's Annual Spring Weekend, and also cause the installation of "No Parking/Tow Zone" signs along the south side of Waterman Street between Prospect and Brown Streets beginning at 11:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2000.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along George Street between Magee and Brown Streets on Saturday, April 15, 2000 between the hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. to 6:00 o'clock p.m., for a concert to be held on the main green to accommodate Brown University's Annual Spring Weekend, and also cause the installation of "no parking/tow zone" signs along the south side of Waterman Street between Prospect and Brown Streets beginning at 11:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2000.

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.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "two hour parking" sign on Brook Street in front of the Carolyn F. Brassil Park.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

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

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Robert F. McMahon upon receiving the Miguel Medal from the San Miguel School.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend their Sincere Congratulations to Robert F. McMahon upon receiving the Miguel Medal from the San Miguel School.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI and COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to Providence Firefighter Kevin Young for a complete and speedy recovery from injuries sustained during an emergency wherein he was injured battling a fire in our city.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend their Sincere Best Wishes to Providence Firefighter Kevin Young for a complete and speedy recovery from injuries sustained during an emergency

wherein he was injured battling a fire in our city.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT:

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Dan and Delhi Streets to 27,500 lumens.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Dan and Delhi Streets to 27,500 lumens.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Malbone Street, Sweetbriar Street, Dome Street, Sparrow Street and Dickens Street to 27,500 lumens.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Malbone Street, Sweetbriar Street, Dome Street, Sparrow Street and Dickens Street to 27,500 lumens.

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.

Resolution Requesting the Providence Redevelopment Agency to acquire that property located at 200 Douglas Avenue, (Assessor's Plat 68, Lot 71), as part of the Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting that 471 Smith Street be included in the Smith Hill Revitalization Project.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT moves to amend the Resolution to change the address to 441 Smith Street.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT and COUNCILMAN BUTLER:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to Austin Donilan for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby extend their Sincere

Best Wishes to Austin Donilan for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON and COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing His Honor, the Mayor, to take any and all action and to execute, file and deliver a Lease Purchase Maintenance Agreement and any and all agreements, notes and other documents in such form as he may deem necessary or desirable to implement the Lease Purchase and Maintenance of the Ornamental Street Lighting System.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on City Property.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cause the taxes to be abated on that property located at 242-248 Broad Street (Assessor's Plat 29, Lot 359), for the years 1997, 1998 and up to and including October 1999, at which said time said property was owned by the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

intersection of Taylor and Public Streets. (Stop sign to be placed on Taylor Street).

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "stop" sign at the

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally adopted:

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1999-23, approved August 5, 1999, as amended.

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

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Clarkin, De-

Luca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzo, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Nays: Councilman Butler—1.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

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 1994-24, approved August 5, 1999, as amended.

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

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Clar-kin, De-

Luca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Iglizzo, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—12.

Nays: Councilman Butler and Councilwoman Nolan—2.

Absent: None.

Not Voting: Councilman Hassett—1.

The motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

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

An Ordinance establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for Miss Fannie's Soul Food Kitchen, 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, Clar-

kin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzo, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—15.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved:

Resolution Requesting the City Assessor to cause the abatement of taxes along thirty nine (39) various properties owned by the

Providence Neighborhood Housing Corporation, a not-for-profit organization, for various amounts and years, as they are deemed to be

uncollectable, in the amount of of seventy seven thousand eight hundred forty six dollars and sixty two cents (\$77,846.62).

Whereas, The Providence Neighborhood Housing Corporation is a not for profit corporation exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and thus eligible for exemption from property taxes for properties that it owns in the State of Rhode Island under the General Laws, and

Whereas, Such Corporation is the successor to the Providence Plan Housing Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation which was also eligible for said exemption, and

Whereas, Said corporation is or was the owner of thirty nine (39) properties in the City of Providence, a list of which has been submitted to the City Clerk and is attached to and made part of this Resolution, and

Whereas, These various properties have been assessed for taxes during the years in which they were owned by said corporation(s) and were eligible for exemption in the total amount of seventy seven throusand eight hundred forty six dollars and sixty two cents (\$77,846.62) as outlined in the attached list.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Assessor is directed to abate the taxes owed on said properties in the amounts and for the years as outlined on the attached list as such taxes are deemed uncollectable.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

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.

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

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the 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 or valor in the line of duty.

Resolved, That the 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 or valor in the line of duty.

Read and Passed, by a unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN

WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

Resolution Requesting to abate the taxes on that property located at 1390 Westminster Street (Assessor's Plat 32, Lot 194), for the period of January 6, 1999 through December 31, 1999 in the amount of six thousand one hundred seventy three dollars and eighteen cents (\$6,173.18) (including interest).

Resolved, That the taxes on that property located at 1390 Westminster Street (Assessor's Plat 32, Lot 194), are hereby abated for the period of January 6, 1999 through December 31, 1999 in the amount of six thousand one hundred seventy three dollars and eighteen cents (\$6,173.18) (including interest).

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCIL-

WOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Communication from Samuel Timothy Booker, Probationary Teacher, dated February 28, 2000, requesting an extension of the residency requirement.

February 28, 2000

Councilman Luis A. Aponte
Chairman of the Residency Commission
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Aponte:

I was appointed in September of 1999 by the Providence School Department as a probationary teacher of social studies in the seventh grade. I am aware of Providence's residency rule and have received a layoff letter explaining that my teaching contract will end on the last day of 1999-2000 school year. I am requesting an extension that will allow my employment to continue to June 30, 2000.

My rationale for this request is multi-faceted. The primary reason in requesting an extension is to maintain the educational flow of my students without interruption. As you know this multicultural student population or any other, needs consistency to best serve them in their learning progress. Also since my wife, who is

an assistant principal, has been "grandfathered in" and therefore, is not required to move into the city, it seems unreasonable for me to entertain this option **at least for now**. Another reason is that relocation at this time would cause an interruption in our own children's schooling as we may be forced to remove them from their school setting and transfer them into Providence. The final reason is that during my search for comparable housing in Providence, I noticed that the costs for relocation would present an undue financial burden on my family. **Please be assured that I will continue to pursue sufficient housing in Providence in anticipation for the next school year in order to best serve the children.**

Sincerely

SAMUEL TIMOTHY BOOKER

The Communication is Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN requests to be recorded as voting "No" on this matter.

The motion for Approval is Sustained.

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

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

Certificates from the City Assessor (9D and 10D) 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.

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

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Clarkin, De-

Luca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—14.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER requests to recuse himself on this matter.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES**

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

Resolution Advancing the responsibility of businesses and business owners to provide home delivery of services to all residential addresses located within its normal delivery range.

Whereas, Many businesses located within the city provide home delivery of their products or services to their customers; and

Whereas, The city has become aware that certain businesses have refused to provide home

delivery to particular locations within the city; and

Whereas, Such delivery is refused even in those instances where the customer or client resides within the normal delivery range of those businesses; and

Whereas, A normal delivery range shall mean a circular geographic area, with its center at the location from which the delivery services is provided, and with a radius defined by an imaginary line drawn between the center and the most distant point to which the person or business entity provides home delivery services; and

Whereas, Such a practice is strongly to be discouraged; and

Whereas, The city has concern that such practice is discriminatory and biased,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the city strongly urges each and every business, which establishes delivery service as an incident to that business to provide such service to all residents within that normal delivery range.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Gary Gizzarelli

Sean Gamboa-Vazquez (Robert G. Tukey, Esquire)

Nationwide a/s/o Mark Jennings

Helena Coffey

Toniann C. DeFusco

USAA a/s/o John Wardle

Paul Masse Pontiac Cadillac, GMC Truck

Kofi Abrampah

Thomas Canil (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Ronald Angelo (Leslie A. Castrovallari, Esquire)

Estate of Cornel Young, Jr., by his Administratrix Leisa Young (Robert B. Mann, 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:

Richard S. Tamburini, in recognition of being honored as the recipient of the 39th Annual Verrazzano Day Award.

Patrolman Brian Thornton, in recognition of having been selected as a finalist in the “Real-Life Spirit of G.I. Joe Contest”.

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:

Dr. John J. Coughlin

Helen M. Partington

Joseph Micheletti

Margaret M. Doyle

Marguerite C. Moakler

James R. Clarkin

Louise M. Donley

Donald "Leo" Perry

John M. Vieira, Sr.

Beatrice Piccirilli

Joseph Silva

Francis W. Spear

Rose Amitrano

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 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Richard R. Clement

City Clerk