

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



IN CITY COUNCIL  
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APPROVED:

*Ernest Casper*  
CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

No. 56 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 16, 1976 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**ROBERT J. HAXTON**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fargnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, and Xavier—23.

Absent: Councilmen Addison, Mansolillo and Turchetta—3.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by REVEREND FATHER FRANCIS RALPH, O.P., Assistant Pastor, Saint Pius Roman Catholic Church, Providence.

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

COUNCILMAN VINCENT J. CIRELLI leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pedge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 55 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 2, 1976 and Posted December 14, 1976 on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor of the City Hall, is Approved as Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

## SCHEDULE OF BILLS

### FROM ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

Street Lighting Bill for November, 1976, in the amount of \$80,095.13.

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN AHERN and GARAN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Henries, Johnson, Lynch,

McKiernan, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—20.

Noes: None.

Not Voting: Councilmen Gorodetsky, Merola and Tomasso—3.

Absent: Councilmen Addison, Mansolillo and Turchetta—3.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN, it is Voted that the Council be in Recess at 8:38 o'clock P.M. (EST) to Reconvene at the Call of the Chair.

## RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON Reconvenes the Council at 8:55 o'clock P.M. (EST) and directs the Clerk to Call the Roll to Ascertain if there is a Quorum Present:

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Farg-

noli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—23.

Absent: Councilmen Addison Mansolillo and Turchetta—3.

## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

**The Following Ordinance was in City Council, December 2, 1976, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:**

An Ordinance providing for the Acceptance by the City of Providence, as a Public Facility, the Unaccepted Portion of Pleasant Valley Parkway.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves the Ordinance be Amended by deleting in the Title thereof the word "Facility" and to insert in lieu thereof the word "Park"; and in Section 1, Line 3, the word "Facility" be deleted and the following be inserted in lieu thereof "Park and no change, im-

provement or modification thereof may be made without the approval of the Board of Park Commissioners."

This Motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN, is Put to Vote and Passed.

The Ordinance is thereupon Read and Passed, the First Time, as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN, AHERN, COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN GARAN, COUNCILMAN PETROSONELLI, and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, (By Request):**

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1976-38, Approved November 27, 1976, by Appropriating a Sum Not to Exceed Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00), to the Commissioner of Public Safety, for the Purpose of Increasing the Number of Crossing Guards.

**COUNCILMAN CIRELLI (By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending the Compensation

Plan for the City of Providence, Chapter 1976-36, Approved October 29, 1976, for the Water Administration Department (16-01) Deputy Chief Engineer (Water).

**COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO, and COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):**

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1976-38, Approved November 27, 1976, by Appropriating a Sum Not to Exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), to Permit the City to Co-

Sponsor and Host the New England Wheelchair Games on May 20, 21, and 22, 1977, in the City of Providence.

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

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):**

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1976-38 Approved November 27, 1976, by Appropriating a Sum Not to Exceed One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Dollars (\$174,000.00), to Public Works Sewage Disposal 05-06 (Chemicals-231).

**COUNCILMAN MEROLA:**

An Ordinance Requiring Demolition Companies, Engaged to Raze City of Providence Owned Structures, to Reimburse the said City for Use of Fire Equipment and Personnel, Utilized in Extinguishing Fires at the Demolition Site.

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

**COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:**

An Ordinance Providing Tax Relief for Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years or Older.

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN FLYNN:**

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause All Catch Basins along Dexter Street, from Potters Avenue to Ford Street to be Cleaned.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department

of Public Works is requested to cause all Catch Basins installed along Dexter Street, from Potters Avenue to Ford Street, to be cleaned.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN FLYNN (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Naming of Buildings, Expressways, Bridges, Edifices and Other City Constructions to Conduct a Public Hearing relative to the feasibility of changing the name of Carter Street to President Carter Street, in Honor of the next President of the United States of America.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARNOLI, COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN MEROLA:**

Resolution Congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ferri upon the Occasion of the Celebration of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Resolved, That the congratulations and best wishes for continued good health and God's Blessings are hereby extended to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ferri of Providence, upon the happy occasion of their recent celebration of Fifty Years of married life.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARNOLI:**

Resolution Congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Alessandro of 31 Badger Road, Providence, upon the Celebration of Their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Resolved, That the congratulations of the Members of the City Council are hereby extended to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Alessandro of 31 Badger Road, Providence, who have recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCILMEN FARNOLI and MEROLA.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARNOLI (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Committee on Employee Relations to Ascertain Whether or Not John A. Manocchio, Former Superintendent of Weights and Measures is Entitled to Remuneration for Accrued Sick Leave.

Referred to the Committee on Employee Relations, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "25 Miles Per Hour" Speed Limit Signs along Moorland Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "25 Miles Per Hour" Speed Limit Signs along Moorland Avenue.

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

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public

Works to Conduct a Public Hearing on the Feasibility of Recommending to the Traffic Engineer the Relocation of Existing Public Transportation Bus Stop at the Northeasterly Corner of Washington Street, at Mathewson Street, to the Northwesterly Corner of Washington Street, at Mathewson Street.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Works is requested to conduct a Public Hearing on the feasibility of recommending to the Traffic Engineer the relocation of existing Public Transportation Bus Stop at the northeasterly corner of Washington Street, at Mathewson Street, to the northwesterly corner of Washington Street, at Mathewson Street.

**COUNCILMAN MEROLA:**

Resolution Congratulating Mr. and Mrs. William Scarmuzelli, 47 Wood Street, Upon the Recent Celebration of Their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

*Resolved*, That congratulations are hereby extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Scarmuzelli, 47 Wood Street, Providence, upon the recent celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed**, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL**, **COUNCILMEN GARAN, MEROLA and Xavier**.

**COUNCILMAN MEROLA for Himself, and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA, In Absentia. (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Instalation of "No Left Turn" Sign along Battey Street, at its Intersection onto Broadway and Rescinding Resolution of the

City Council No. 519, Approved October 12, 1976.

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

**COUNCILMAN MEROLA and COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:**

Resolution Congratulating Captain Milton R. Wilson Upon His Recent Promotion to that Rank in the Providence Police Department.

*Resolved*, That to Milton R. Wilson, recently promoted to the Rank of Captain of the Providence Police Department, are hereby extended the best wishes of the Members of the City Council.

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

**COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:**

Resolution Recommending Real Property Tax Relief for the Elderly by Stabilizing Assessed Valuations of same as of December 31, 1974.

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

**COUNCILMAN STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO and COUNCILMAN MEROLA:**

Resolution Congratulating Major William R. Paniccia, Upon the Occasion of His Promotion to that Rank in the Providence Police Department.

*Resolved*, That congratulations of the City Council are hereby extended to Major William R. Paniccia, upon the occasion of his promotion to that Rank in the Providence Police Department.

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

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### **COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY J. AHERN, for COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR., Chairman, In Absentia COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE**

**Transmits the following with the recommendation, the same be severally adopted:**

Resolution, as amended, Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety to Undertake a Study of the Feasibility of Establishing Blood Pressure Examination Centers within Certain Designated Fire Department Stations, the same to be Manned by Trained Personnel of the Said Department.

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Public Safety is requested to undertake a study of the feasibility of establishing Blood Pressure Examination Centers within certain designated Fire Department Stations, the same to be manned by trained personnel of the said Department.

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

Parkway, et als, for increased Police Patrols at that Area of Pleasant Valley Parkway, Upper Parkway, so-called, and for Flood Control of the same.

Resolution Requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to Cause Motor Vehicles Assigned to Park Watch, to be Equipped with Radios and with Fire Extinguishers Similar to those Assigned to Members of the Providence Police Department.

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

Resolution Granting Accompanying Petition of William Maiorano, O.D., 608 Pleasant Valley

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety to Establish a Crossing Guard Post at the Intersection of Roger Williams Avenue with Reservoir Avenue.



*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Public Safety is requested to establish a Crossing Guard Post at the intersection of Roger Williams Avenue with Reservoir Avenue.

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

The following is returned with recommendation, the same be received:

Report Dated November 15, 1976, of the Plant Engineer of the Providence School Department, Relative to Resolution of the City Council, No. 85, approved March 12, 1976, Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to Investigate the Complaint of the Providence Teacher's Union, American Federation of Teachers — Local 598, relative to Problems Involving Heating, Ventilation, and Respective Control Systems and Other General Conditions within Certain Providence Public Schools. (For complete text of Report, see file of City Council, this date.)

**Received.**

**COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN, Chairman**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

Transmits the following with recommendation, the same be adopted:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause "No Parking Anytime" Signs to be Erected along the Easterly Side of Brayton Avenue from Spruce Street to West Exchange Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause "No Parking Anytime" signs to be erected along the easterly side of Brayton Avenue, from Spruce Street to West Exchange Street.

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

The following are returned with recommendation, the same be not passed:

Resolution Establishing that Portion of Empire Street, in a Northwesterly Direction from Washington Street to Thomas J. Hinchley and Raymond W. Flynn Memorial Square, as a Two-Way Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Curbing of the Median Highway Divider along Elmwood Avenue, from Columbus Square to the Providence-Cranston Line, to be Painted with Reflectorized Paint and the Pavement Thereof, with Green Paint.

**Severally Read and Collectively Not Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.**

The following are returned with recommendation, the same be not granted:

Petition of Henry J. DeBerardis, et ux, and et als, to Establish Galileo Avenue, in a North-erly Direction from Chalkstone Avenue to Rialto Street, and Victoria Avenue, as One-Way Streets.

Petition to Erect an Advertising Sign, 3½ Feet by 2½ Feet; The Barber Shop, located at 137½ Broad Street, Providence.

Severally Referred Back to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

Petition of Jimmy's of Washington, Inc; Joseph Palmieri, President, for Permission to Erect an Awning over the Entrance to Restaurant located at 70 Washington Street, Providence.

**COUNCILMAN ROBERT F. LYNCH, Chairman**  
**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Transmits the following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1087 of the Ordinances of 1957 and Section 17-76 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Increasing Allowance for Injured Employees to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1976-37, approved November 10, 1976, Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1075 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence and Section 17-104 of the Providence City Code, Reducing the Years Required for Extension of Sick Leave.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—23.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1976-36, approved October 29, 1976, Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence.

Absent: Councilmen Addison, Mansolillo and Turchetta—3.

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Sums of Money Representing Overpayment of 1975-1976 Taxes to the City Collector.

*Resolved*, That the accompanying certificates, numbers 4176 thru 4188 (except Nos. 4177, 4181, 4182 and 4187) representing overpayment of City Taxes for the years 1975 and 1976 are hereby refunded in the amounts overpaid (For certificates, See files of the City Council).

**Read and Passed**, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN GARAN** and **COUNCILMAN MEROLA**, by the following Roll Call Vote:

**Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—23.**

**Absent: Councilmen Addison, Mansolillo and Turchetta—3.**

**COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. STRAVATO, Chairman**  
**COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS**

**Transmits the following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Approved for Cancellation:**

Certificates from the Acting City Assessor Recommending the following be Severally Cancelled, Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7, of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended:

4-R, 1 to 26,

5-R, 1 to 26,

11-R, 1 to 26,

13-R, 1 to 26,

14-R, 1 to 26,

26-R, 1 to 26,

31-R, 1 to 20,

36-R, 1 to 7,

41-R, 1 to 5,

42-R, 1 to 5,

45-R, 1 to 5,

46-R, 1 to 5,

51-R, 1 to 5,

55-R, 1 to 11,

56-R, 1 to 22,

57-R, 1 to 5, and

59-R, 1 to 4.

The several numbers, as above noted, represent pages and are collectively inclusive.

Severally Approved for Cancellation, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson,

Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—21.

Noes: Councilman Garan—1.

Not Voting: Councilman Tomasso—1.

Absent: Councilmen Addison, Mansolillo and Turchetta—3.

### **COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER, Chairman**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

Transmits the following with recommendation,  
the same be severally adopted:

Resolution Recommending Petitioning the Superior Court of the State of Rhode Island for a Citation in Contempt of Ronald H. Glantz, Acting City Solicitor and Michael J. Farina, Director of Department of Public Property, for Their Failure to Appear before the Committee on Employee Relations in the Matter Concerning the Dismissal of Lloyd T. Griffin, Chief of Division of Code Enforcement.

Whereas, The Committee on Employee Relations of the City Council caused Witness Subpoenas to be served upon Ronald H. Glantz, Acting City Solicitor, and Michael J. Farina, Director of Department of Public Property, requiring them to make their appearance before the said Committee on the 6th Day of December, A.D., 1976, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall, Providence, in the matter concerning the dismissal of Lloyd T. Griffin, Chief of Division of Code Enforcement, and

Whereas, Ronald H. Glantz, Acting City Solicitor and Michael J. Farina, Director of Department of Public Property, did fail to appear at that time and place,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Committee on Employee Relations of the City Council hereby petitions the Honorable Superior Court of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for a Contempt Citation of Ronald H. Glantz, Acting City Solicitor and Michael J. Farina, Director of Department of Public Property, for their failure to appear before that scheduled Hearing by the Committee on Employee Relations in the matter concerning the dismissal of Lloyd T. Griffin, Chief of Division of Code Enforcement.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN XAVIER, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilman Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—16.

Noes: Councilmen Bradshaw, Gorodetsky and Pearlman—3.

Not Voting: Councilmen Almagno, Cola, Petrosinelli and Tomasso—4.

Absent: Councilmen Addison, Mansolillo and Turchetta—3.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

### FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Communication, dated November 29, 1976 informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Theodore C. Littler of Providence, as City Assessor of the City of Providence, in accordance with the Provisions of Section 31 of Chapter 1665 of the Public Laws of 1945, as Amended, Respectfully Submitting the Same for Approval.

Communication Received and Appointment Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Peariman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—22.

Not Voting: Councilman Flynn—1.

Absent: Councilmen Addison, Mansolillo and Turchetta—3.

Communication dated November 29, 1976, Informing The Honorable City Council of his appointment of Ronald L. Tarro of Providence as City Collector, in accordance with the Provisions

of Section 31 of Chapter 1665 of the Public Laws of 1945, as Amended.

Received.

### FROM STATE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:

Notice, Dated December 2, 1976, Informing the City Council of the Application of the National Railroad Passenger Corp., (AMTRAK), for State Assent to Place an Existing Deteriorating Steel Truss Railroad Bridge with a New Steel Girder and Concrete Superstructure, adjacent to Union Station, Providence.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN GARAN and SALVATORE.

### FROM ACTING CITY ASSESSOR:

Certificates (60-R, 61-R, 64-R, 65-R, 66-R, 68-R, 69-R, 70-R and 75-R), Recommending the Same be Severally Cancelled.

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

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

### Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and damages:

Aetna Casualty & Surety Co., as subrogee of  
Randolph E. Anderson

Aetna Casualty & Surety Co., as subrogee of  
Max Goldstein

Amoco Oil Company

Russell Bood

Maria Checrallah

Debra DeSimone

David J. Gibbons

Walter Erminelli and John Gudejko

Harry Halliwell

Robert P. Lauro

Edward J. Lupien

Edward J. MacMullin

William and Betty E. Manzo

Yusuf Munir

James Partee

Anthony A. Patalano

Mrs. James Santos

Marie B. Shepard

The St. Paul Property & Liability Ins., as  
subrogee of George Mann & Co., Inc.

Severally Referred to the Committee on  
Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUN-  
CILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN  
ALMAGNO and FLYNN.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Memoriam"

**MAYOR CIANCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAX-  
TON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
FARGNOLI and COUNCILMEN AHERN,  
ALMAGNO, BRADSHAW, COUNCILWOMAN  
BRASSIL and COUNCILMEN CIRELLI,  
COLA, FLYNN, GARAN, GLAVIN, GORO-  
DETSEKKY, HENRIES, JOHNSON, LYNCH,  
McKIERNAN, MEROLA, PETROSINELLI,  
SALVATORE, STRAVATO, TOMASSO and  
XAVIER, for Themselves and COUNCILMEN**

**ADDISON, MANSOLILLO and TURCHETTA,  
In Absentia:**

Resolution Offering Sympathy in the Recent  
Passing from this Life of Israel P. Pearlman,  
Prominent Member of Our Community.

Whereas, Israel P. Pearlman, prominent com-  
munity leader has passed from this life, and

Whereas, A devoted husband and father, much

of his adult life was devoted to Jewish causes, with affiliations locally and regionally, a dedication for which he was recognized and appreciated, and

*Whereas*, Strong in the belief that maintaining a healthy body, an academic mind, his devotion to his God and his religion, he maintained a high level of good conduct and behavior, and

*Whereas*, A graduate of the University of Michigan, Class of 1920, Mr. Pearlman, an immigrant from his native Poland in 1898, rewarded the community by his legacy of eleven children, forty grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, each a living monument to his principles

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in noting the passing of Israel P. Pearlman, whose more than fifty years of leadership in business and religion in our Community, His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., joins the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence, pausing in reflection of the life and character of our late and lamented benefactor and express their profound sadness to his devoted wife, Ida, their son, our distinguished colleague, Councilman Thomas W. Pearlman; and the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in this, their period of mourning, for he, who although departed from this life, will long be remembered for his myriad of contributions.

**Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMEN AHERN, ALMAGNO, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN CIRELLI, COLA, FARNOLI, FLYNN, GARAN GLAVIN, GORODETSKY, HENRIES, JOHNSON, LYNCH, McKIERNAN, MEROLA, PEARLMAN, PETROSINELLI, SALVATORE, STRAVATO, TOMASSO and XAVIER.**

**COUNCILMAN FLYNN, and COUNCILMAN AHERN:**

*Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Death of Howard E. Pratt, Former Deputy City Treasurer and Long-Time City Employee.*

*Whereas*, *Howard E. Pratt*, octogenarian, who, having retired from City Service in July of 1965, at which time he was Deputy City Treasurer following devoted City Service close to one half a Century, has passed from this life, and

*Whereas*, A devoted servant to Veterans Affairs of which he served in World War I in the 78th Infantry Division, and

*Whereas*, Devoted to causes of the Veteran, he served as the Superintendent of Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors, starting from 1937 until the year 1965, and

*Whereas*, "Howie" Pratt, was an indefatigable worker for the Masonic Organization, being a 32nd Degree Mason, with the Overseas Lodge No. 40, F & A M Calvary Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar, Palestine Temple, AAONNS, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and the Masonic Veterans Association of Rhode Island, and

*Whereas*, Well-regarded and respected, he enjoyed life membership in the Providence Lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and as a past Dad of Providence Assembly No. 1, Order of Rainbow for Girls, he was the recipient of the Grand Cross of Color of Rainbow, granted to a person deserving for services rendered, and

*Whereas*, An affable individual, Howard was legendary in City of Providence service, displaying an astuteness of Municipal Financial Affairs, and provided the Rhode Island Municipal Finance Officers Association and the New England State and Municipal Finance Officers Association with salient fiscal expertise,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in noting the demise of Howard Ernest Pratt, at the grand

age of Eighty-One, the City Council pauses in its deliberation and prays for his eternal peace.

on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN AHERN and FLYNN.

**Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote,**

## PERSONAL PRIVILEGES

Councilman Garan requests and is granted the Privilege of the Floor stating that in the matter concerning the Proposed Section 8 Housing Development within the Lockwood Street Urban Renewal Project by the Lockwood Plaza Associates, he is pleased to inform the Council that Councilmanic Members of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, namely, Councilman Merola and Councilman Xavier opposed the said Project and were joined by His Honor the Mayor who stated that he would Veto any plan that is not in accordance with the wishes of the people.

He states that the homeowners in these areas are working hard to rehabilitate their properties and that the report which he considers derogatory apparently is the reporter's opinion, who had no knowledge about the neighborhood.

Councilman Garan states that he joins his colleague in the criticism of that newspaper article.

Councilman Tomasso requests and is granted the Privilege of the Floor and takes exception to that recent article in the Providence Journal describing the South Providence-Elmwood Areas as decaying.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, at this point, expresses to the Members of the City Council his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN, it is Voted to Suspend Rule 2 of the Rules of the City Council in Order to Allow the City Council to Meet on a Day Other Than Provided in said Rule 2.



## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN GARAN, FLYNN and MEROLA, the City Council adjourns at 9:55 o'clock P.M. (EST) to meet again on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1977 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST).

*Vincent Vespia*

City Clerk

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