

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL**

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No. 83 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 25, 1982, 11:15 P.M. (E.D.T.)

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**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**ROBERT F. LYNCH**

IN CITY COUNCIL  
**MAR 18 1982**

APPROVED:

**ROLL CALL**

*Robert F. Lynch* CLERK

Present: Council President Lynch and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Brennan, Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Mansolillo, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Penine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier—25.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is Given by COUNCILMAN DAVID G. DILLON.

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

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY P. PENNINE leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

## § 1 FROM THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The following Ordinance was in City Council February 18, 1982, Received and Referred to the City Council, Committee of the Whole, for Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, February 25, 1982, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) and is Transmitted to the City Council:

An Ordinance Apportioning the Fifteen Wards in the City of Providence in Accordance with Section 204 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 as Approved by the Electors of the City of

Providence at the General Election held November 4, 1981.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNCH:** Certain Members of the City Council, in meeting,

suggested several amendments to the Ordinance be made. Some of them in light of the comments made by the Citizens here this evening. It is felt that to give the Council Members the proper time to present the amendments in their proper order and to give due time for the members of the Council to assimilate the information on the proposed amendments and to make sure that the balance of population, both as it effects the Census and as it effects minorities, does not throw the several Wards out of balance, that we Recess with the following provisions and I call on Councilman Snowden.

**COUNCILMAN SNOWDEN:** I would like to make a motion to Recess the Council to the Call of the Chair and offer all Council Members an opportunity to offer any and all amendments that they wish to the plan as proposed in written form

to myself as Secretary of the Ward Boundary Committee or to the City Clerk by the close of business tomorrow and that such amendments may be formally considered at the time of said meeting that your might call.

**COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:** I second the motion.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNCH:** A motion has been made and seconded that the Council Stand in Recess at 11:35 o'clock P.M. for the purposes as mentioned, to the Call of the Chair.

The Chair at this time wishes to state that the Call will be at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 27, 1982, thus offering the several members of the Council the opportunity to present the amendments.

## RECESS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNCH declares that a motion has been made and seconded that the City Council be in Recess at 11:25 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) until Saturday, February 27, 1982 at 2:00 o'clock P.M.**

**Councilmen Mansolillo and Pearlman desire to be recorded as Voting "No".**

## RECONVENTION

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNCH** Reconvenes the Council at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) on Saturday, February 27, 1982 and Directs the Clerk to Call the Roll to Ascertain if there is a Quorum Present:

**Present:** Council President Lynch and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Council-

woman Brassil, Councilmen Brennan, Cir-elli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier—23.

**Absent:** Councilmen Mansolillo and Pearlman—2.

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An Ordinance Apportioning the Fifteen Wards in the City of Providence in Accordance with Section 204 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 as Approved by the Electors of the City of Providence at the General Election held November 4, 1981.

**COUNCILMAN JOHNSON** moves the Ordinance be Read and Passed the First Time.

This motion is seconded by **COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNCH** states that there are several amendments to be offered and assures the Members of the Council that any Member who wishes to present an amendment will be afforded the opportunity of doing so. Inasmuch as there are several amendments to be offered and in the interest of maintaining an

orderly meeting, he will recognize the Members of the Council by the Wards that they represent, numerically, so that they can make their presentation of their amendments.

**COUNCILMAN XAVIER:** No Amendment.

**COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL:** No Amendment.

**COUNCILMAN FARMER:** No Amendment.

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN:** Absent.

**COUNCILMAN SNOWDEN:** No Amendment.

**COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI:** Relinquishes the Floor to Councilman Salvatore.

**COUNCILMAN SALVATORE** moves that the Ordinance be amended as follows:

1. That the ward boundary line in Ward 9 presently running from Elmwood Avenue into and along Roger Williams Park and Route 10 be moved in a westerly direction to the railroad tracks at the Cranston line from that point at which the present line crosses the railroad tracks thereby adding 1,043 residents in South Elmwood back into Ward 9; from Ward 8;

2. That the southerly boundary line of Ward 8 running from Elmwood Avenue along Carter Street to Huntington Avenue to Dexter Street be moved northerly to Daboll Street thereby running from Elmwood Avenue to Dexter Street. This would move 1,152 residents in the area bounded by Carter Street, Huntington Avenue, Dexter Street, Daboll Street and Elmwood Avenue into the Eighth Ward; from the Eleventh Ward;

3. The northerly line of the Ninth Ward presently running between Elmwood Avenue and Broad Street along Potters Avenue would be moved southerly to Congress Avenue from Elmwood Avenue to Niagara Street, thence southerly along Niagara Street, thence easterly along Ontario Street to Broad Street. This would add 1,024 residents to the Eleventh Ward. The Eleventh Ward which lost 1,152 residents to the Eighth Ward offset this loss by a gain of 1,024 residents from the Ninth Ward.

If my deviation in the number of residents per ward require adjustment that same be made by the additions or deletions on a block by block basis.

Councilman Robert Salvatore

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI is Put to Vote and Not Passed by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Councilman Almagno, Cola, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Xavier—5.**

**Noes: Council President Lynch, Councilman Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Coun-**

**cilmen Brennan, Cirelli, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, O'Connor, Paolino, Pennine, Snowden and Stravato—17.**

**Absent: Councilmen Mansolillo, Moise and Pearlman—3.**

**The motion to Amend is Not Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN COLA moves that the Ordinance be amended as follows:**

**COUNCILMAN COLA**

**SIXTH WARD — Page 4 — Line 4.**

**INSERT — Following along Chalkstone Avenue to — “Mount Pleasant Avenue; thence northerly along Mount Pleasant Avenue to its intersection with Rialto Street; thence easterly along Rialto Street to its intersection with Standish Avenue; thence southerly along Standish Avenue to its intersection with Galileo Street; thence southwesterly along Galileo Street to a point at where Ortoleva Drive intersects or meets Chalkstone Avenue; thence westerly along Chalkstone Avenue”**

Raymond Cola

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN SALVATORE is Put to Vote and Not Passed by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Councilman Almagno, Cola, Glavin, Johnson, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Xavier—7.**

**Noes: Council President Lynch, Councilman Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Brennan, Cirelli, Dillon, Easton, Flynn, Griffin, O'Connor, Paolino, Snowden and Stravato—13.**

**Not Voting: Councilmen Farmer and Pennine—2.**

**Absent: Councilmen Mansolillo, Moise and Pearlman—3.**

**The motion to Amend is Not Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN CIRELLI: No Amendment.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE STRAVATO: No Amendment at this time.**

**COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO moves the Ordinance be Amended as follows:**

The Seventh Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the point of intersection of Providence-Johnston Boundary Line and the center line of the Woonasquatucket River; thence southerly along the center line of the Woonasquatucket River to the center line of Glenbridge Avenue, thence in a southerly direction to its intersection with Mattie Street, thence easterly along Mattie Street to its intersection with Melissa Street, thence southerly along Melissa Street to its intersection with Barbara Street, thence easterly along Barbara Street to its intersection with Ponagansett Avenue, thence southerly along Ponagansett Avenue to its intersection with Dresser Street, thence easterly along Dresser Street to its intersection with Flower Street, thence southerly along Flower Street to its intersection with Hartford Avenue, Route 6, thence easterly along Hartford Avenue to its intersection with Longo Street, thence southerly along Longo Street to its intersection with Grover Street, thence easterly along Grover to its intersection with Laurel Hill Avenue, thence southerly along Laurel Hill Avenue to its intersection with Eastwood Avenue, thence easterly along Eastwood Avenue to its intersection with Webster Avenue, thence southerly

along Webster Avenue to its intersection with Plainfield Street, thence easterly along Plainfield Street to its intersection with Pocasset Avenue, thence southwesterly along Pocasset Avenue to its intersection with Bancroft Street, thence southeasterly along Bancroft Street to its intersection with Sterling Avenue, thence southwesterly along Sterling Avenue to its intersection with Priscilla Avenue, thence southeasterly along Priscilla Avenue to its intersection with Union Avenue, thence southwesterly along Union Avenue to the Providence-Cranston Boundary line, to the Providence-Johnston Boundary line; thence westerly, northerly and easterly along the Providence-Johnston Boundary line to the center line of the Woonasquatucket River and to the point and place of beginning.

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN SALVATORE is Put to Vote and Not Passed by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Councilman Almagno, Cola, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Xavier—9.**

**Noes: Council President Lynch, Councilman Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Brennan, Cirelli, Dillon, Easton, Griffin, Johnson, O'Connor, Snowden and Stravato—12.**

**Not Voting: Councilmen Moise and Paolino—2.**

**Absent: Councilmen Mansolillo and Pearlman—2.**

**The motion to Amend is Not Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN FLYNN: Relinquishes the Floor to Councilman Dillon.**

**COUNCILMAN DILLON states the he has two**

possible amendments, one would restore the seventh district in the Eighth Ward, in its entirety and would effect the Ninth and Tenth Ward, but he has not addressed the lines as it would effect the Ninth and Tenth Ward and requests a Ruling of the Chair as to whether or not that is in order.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNCH:** States that if an amendment is being offered for one ward, there should be an amendment offered to maintain the balance of the various other wards, if the amendment is going to disrupt the numerical balance as arrived at by the Committee. If a change is offered to the boundaries of a Ward, an amendment should be offered stating what the change of boundaries will be to the other wards.

**COUNCILMAN DILLON** states that he has an amendment changing the lines of the Eighth Ward and the Eleventh Ward and moves the Ordinance be Amended, as follows:

*EIGHTH WARD* — page 5 Line 6 and 7

*DELETE* — "Huntington Avenue; thence easterly along Huntington Avenue to Carter Street"

*ADD* — "Bucklin Street; thence southerly along Bucklin Street to Carter Street"

*ELEVENTH WARD* — page 6 line 16 and 17

*DELETE* — "Huntington Avenue; thence southeasterly along Huntington Avenue to Carter Street"

*ADD* — "Bucklin Street; thence southerly along Bucklin Street to Carter Street"

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN is Put to Vote and Passed, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilman Almagno, Boyle, Dil-

lon, Easton, Flynn, Glavin, Paolino, Pen-  
nine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Xavier—  
11.

**Noes:** Council President Lynch, Council-  
woman Brassil, Councilmen Brennan, Grif-  
fin, O'Connor, Snowden and Stravato—7.

**Not Voting:** Councilmen Cirelli, Cola,  
Farmer, Johnson and Moise—5.

**Absent:** Councilmen Mansolillo and  
Pearlman—2.

**The motion to Amend is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:** No Amendment

**COUNCILMAN EASTON:** No Amendment

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFIN:** No Amendment

**COUNCILMAN MOISE:** No Amendment at  
this time.

**COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO:** Absent

**COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR:** No Amend-  
ment

**COUNCILMAN GLAVIN** moves the  
Ordinance be Amended as follows:

*Councilman Thomas M. Glavin*

*TWELFTH WARD* — page 7 — line 22

*DELETE* Wolcott Street

*ADD* Huron Street; thence southerly along  
Huron Street to Maplehurst Avenue; thence  
easterly along the extension of Maplehurst  
Avenue to Allston Street; thence northerly and

northeasterly along Allston Street to Wolcott Street.

**FIFTEENTH WARD — page 9**

*Line 5 DELETE* — Regent Avenue

**ADD** — Allston Street

*Line 6 DELETE* — westerly, Regent Avenue, Huron Street

**ADD** — southwesterly (in place of westerly), Allston Street (in place of Regent Avenue), the easterly extension of Maplehurst Avenue (in place of Huron Street)

*Line 7 ADD* — thence westerly along the easterly extension of Maplehurst Avenue and along Maplehurst Avenue to Academy Avenue

*Line 6 and 7 DELETE* — thence southerly along Huron Street to Maplehurst Avenue

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO is Put to Vote and Passed, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Councilman Almagno, Boyle, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Flynn, Glavin, Paolino, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—13.

**Noes:** Council President Lynch, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Brennan, Griffin, O'Connor and Snowden—6.

**Not Voting:** Councilmen Cirelli, Farmer and Johnson—3.

**Absent:** Councilmen Mansolillo, Moise and Pearlman—3.

**The motion to Amend is Sustained.**

COUNCILMAN BOYLE: No Amendment

COUNCILMAN PAOLINO: No Amendment

COUNCILMAN PENNINE: No Amendment

**COUNCILMAN JOHNSON withdraws his motion for Passage of the Ordinance the First Time, as Read.**

**COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR withdraws his second to that motion.**

**COUNCILMAN JOHNSON Moves that the Ordinance be Passed the First Time, as Amended.**

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN is Put to Vote and Passed, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Council President Lynch, Councilman Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Brennan, Cirelli, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, O'Connor, Paolino, Pennine, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier—18.

**Noes:** Councilmen Almagno, Cola, Petrosinelli and Salvatore—4.

**Not Voting:** Councilman Moise—1.

**Absent:** Councilmen Mansolillo and Pearlman—2.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, the City Council Adjourns at 4:20 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1982 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Richard R. Clement*

*First Deputy City Clerk*

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