

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 88 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 1998, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Pro Tempore Lombardi, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins, Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—12.

Absent: Council President Fagnoli, Councilman Allen and Councilwoman DiRuzzo—3.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 7 1998

APPROVED:

Richard S. Clement
CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-
WOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
JOHN J. LOMBARDI 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 THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated March 9, 1998,
Informing the Honorable City Clerk that she
is this day appointing several members to the

Study Commission to Examine and Modify the
Retirement Ordinance.

Received.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS and COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1984-11 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence, approved February 10, 1984, and entitled, "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the West River Project No. UR

R.I. 1-6" for the revision of regulations and controls in the Silver Spring Industrial Park.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

"I would like to take the time to commend the staff of the City Clerk's Office for a job well done. Most of the departments in the city have union workers, as well as the workers in the City Clerk's Department. These ladies work hard and do a great job for us. Their department doesn't have enough workers to help with the overload of work these ladies have. It has been many nights that I have come to a meeting here and see at least one of the ladies working overtime to get records up to date. It is refreshing to see a report done that acknowledges the good work that this department does, and I would like to commend all of them and tell them to keep up the good work."

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

"I want to commend the staff of the City Clerk's Office. People are so quick to criticize the employees of the city, so to see a report like the one we saw today is refreshing. The City Clerk's Office has shown that we have a balance. That public records are available to anyone who asks. When these ladies were asked for copies of records, they didn't think twice about it, they didn't ask for identification, as they know that all that goes on in this city is public knowledge. It is great to let the public know that when they need copies of records or any other public information, they will be greeted courteously by the City Clerk's Office. I would like to sponsor a resolution to present to the department as a job well done."

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

"I would also like to commend the staff of the City Clerk's Office. I am not the easiest person to get along with, but the staff in that office has worked great with me. They have done a great job and it is nice to hear something positive after all the bad that we hear about city workers. They are most definitely understaffed and I think that we as a council should take care of the departments that take care of us such as the City Clerk's Office and the Council Office. If one or two of the employees in those offices are out sick, it makes it more difficult for the work to be completed as their work load just increases. We have to address the needs of these offices. We must add more employees to help with the work load. We are now coming into the budget season and the Community

Development Block Grant is also around the corner which means more meetings and more work for these employees. I would like to get more help for the staff of the Clerk's Office and the City Council Office."

CITY CLERK, MICHAEL R. CLEMENT requests the privilege of the floor to state:

"If I may Madam President and the members of the City Council, I would like to thank you for your kind remarks, but as policy has it, we in the City Clerk's Department have always made the procuring of public access a top priority in the office, and this could not be done without the seven ladies in the office. I, as the City Clerk, do applaud them for a job well done."

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the City of Providence acting through the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Bristol County Water Authority.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to undertake a study to decrease the speeding of vehicles along River Avenue.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7190) relating to cities and towns — franchises.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Special Committee on State Legislation.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill (98-S 2138) relating to the gasoline tax.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Special Committee on State Legislation.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Authorizing the approval of certain expenditures of funds from the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution transferring appropriations within the City Council Office.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing Resolutions.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILMAN ROLLINS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the President of the City Council to reinstate the City Council's Commission on Gaming.

Resolved, That the President of the City Council is hereby requested to reinstate the City Council's Commission on Gaming.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG oppose passage of the foregoing Resolution.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, seconded by COUNCILMAN MANCINI.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of Public Parks to remove the tree located in front of 110 Erastus Street.

Resolved, That the Forestry Division of Public Parks is requested to remove the tree located in front of 110 Erastus Street.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Union Street from Fountain Street to Washington Street beginning on certain days for special events as requested by the Union Street Station.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Union Street from Fountain Street to Washington Street beginning on the following dates from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 1:00 o'clock P.M. from Sunday, May 24, 1998 to Monday, September 7, 1998.

Sunday, May 24, 1998 to Monday, May 25, 1998

Friday, June 19, 1998 to Sunday, June 21, 1998

Friday, July 31, 1998 to Sunday, August 2, 1998

Sunday, September 6, 1998 to Monday, September 7, 1998.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI:

Resolution adopting a Quality of Life to the City of Providence, similar to the one adopted by the City of New York.

Resolved, That a Quality of Life to the City of Providence, is hereby requested, similar to the one adopted by the City of New York.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI and COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to undertake a traffic study along Atwells Avenue and Harris Avenue, and cause the installation of signs to take a left turn to avoid accidents.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the sewers on Lenox Avenue, to be baited.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the sewers on Lenox Avenue, to be baited.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to conduct a traffic study of the flow of traffic along Arlington Avenue between Lloyd Avenue and Olney Street to determine the need for stop signs and that the results of the report be forwarded to the Committee on Public Works by April 30, 1998.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the depression in the road in front of 122 Fosdyke Street to be repaired.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the depression in the road in front of 122 Fosdyke Street to be repaired.

Read and on motion of COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN ROBERT M. CLARKIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved:

Resolution Ordering the installation of gasoline facilities located at 422 Manton Avenue.

Whereas, Anthony Russo is the owner of a gasoline station located at 442 Manton Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island; and

Whereas, Anthony Russo seeks to replace certain underground fuel storage tanks so as to enlarge storage capacity to 27,000 gallons and to undertake other ancillary construction,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That Anthony Russo is authorized to remove, replace and enlarge the underground gasoline storage to 27,000 gallons and to undertake the construction of a required environmental protection system as such improvements are listed in its application (a copy of which is attached), provided, however,

1. That all construction is undertaken consistent with the plans presented to the City Council Committee on Public Works and the Department of Inspection and Standards as those plans may be modified by the Department of Inspection and Standards.

2. Anthony Russo shall perform any remediation of environmental damage at or originating at the situs which is necessary so as to satisfy the legal requirements of any governmental body or agency.

3. In the event that the construction requires the obstruction or displacement of the public way, Anthony Russo shall, inter alia, obtain the necessary permits, execute an indemnification and hold harmless agreement satisfactory to the City Solicitor and shall provide insurance (or, if self-insured, a certificate of financial responsibility) in an amount of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) listing the City of Providence, its agents, officers, servants, employees, and assigns as additional named insiders. Such policy shall be acceptable to the City Solicitor.

4. Anthony Russo does agree that by undertaking any construction pursuant to this

Resolution, all statements or representation(s) made to any municipal body or department are made a part of this Resolution and any authorization granted hereunder are specifically conditioned upon compliance with said statement(s) and representation(s).

5. Such other conditions as His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Solicitor may impose thereon.

Resolution Ordering the installation of gasoline facilities located at 156 Hawkins Street.

Whereas, Joseph Morena is the owner of a gasoline station located at 156 Hawkins Street, Providence, Rhode Island; and

Whereas, Joseph Morena seeks to replace certain underground fuel storage tanks so as to enlarge storage capacity to 20,000 gallons and to undertake other ancillary construction,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That Joseph Morena is authorized to remove, replace and enlarge the underground gasoline storage to 20,000 gallons and to undertake the construction of a required environmental protection system as such improvements are listed in its application (a copy of which is attached), provided, however,

1. That all construction is undertaken consistent with the plans presented to the City Council Committee on Public Works and the Department of Inspection and Standards as those plans may be modified by the Department of Inspection and Standards. The applicant shall modify his application to each department consistent with the amendment made to the Committee on Public Works on March 4, 1998.

2. Joseph Morena shall perform any remediation of environmental damage at or originating at the situs which is necessary so as to satisfy the legal requirements of any governmental body or agency.

3. In the event that the construction requires the obstruction or displacement of the public way, Joseph Morena shall, inter alia, obtain the necessary permits, execute an indemnification and hold harmless agreement satisfactory to the City Solicitor and shall provide insurance (or, if self-insured, a certificate of financial responsibility) in an amount of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) listing the City of Providence, its agents, officers,

servants, employees, and assigns as additional named insiders. Such policy shall be acceptable to the City Solicitor.

4. Joseph Morena does agree that by undertaking any construction pursuant to this Resolution, all statements or representation(s) made to any municipal body or department are made a part of this Resolution and any authorization granted hereunder are specifically conditioned upon compliance with said statement(s) and representation(s).

5. Such other conditions as His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Solicitor may impose thereon.

**COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL AND PLANNING**

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

Resolution approving the transfer of the Louttit Laundry Building from the City of Providence to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

Whereas, The former Louttit Laundry (Louttit Building), located at 93 Cranston Street (AP 29 Lot 505) has been vacant for more than ten years; and

Whereas, The Louttit Building has been neglected and presently meets the criteria and

definition of a blighted structure and area in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws Sec. 45-31-8; and

Whereas, The Louttit Building, built ca. 1910, has been listed as one of the ten most endangered historic buildings in Providence by the Providence Preservation Society;

Now, therefore, The City Council resolved that Louttit Building must be saved and put to beneficial use for the City of Providence, in

accordance with *Providence 2000 — The Comprehensive Plan* and the Zoning Ordinance.

The City Council further Resolves that:

1. The City Treasurer shall be instructed to foreclose the right of reverter on the Louttit Building, in accordance with Section 2-75 of the City Code of Ordinances, and

2. The City shall transfer the Louttit Building to the Providence Redevelopment Agency once the title rests with the City, and

3. Such Agency shall dispose of the Louttit Building in accordance with state laws governing redevelopment agencies and the reuse of property shall be in accordance with the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Resolution changing the street address of the Downtown Providence Hospital Trust Tower Building from One Hospital Trust Plaza to One BankBoston Plaza.

Resolved, That the street address of the Downtown Providence Hospital Trust Tower Building be changed from One Hospital Trust Plaza to One BankBoston Plaza.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing Resolutions.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Resolution Requesting the Providence Public Building Authority to use its best efforts to develop the 1998 Series A School and Public Facilities Projects which shall include the acquisition, construction, expansion, renova-

tion, rehabilitation, repair, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the following projects: a new elementary school, an addition to the Sackett Street School, the conversion of the Gilbert Stuart School into

a Middle School, the repair and rehabilitaiton of schools in the City, the administrative offices for the Providence Community Action Program (ProCap) (which may include space for other municipal departments or agencies or non-profit agencies), the Providence Civic Center, the Providence Hurricane Barrier, including feasibility, engineering or other studies which may be necessary in connection therewith, and any other acts necessary or incidental thereto and to issue bonds and/or notes not to exceed Twenty-eight Million Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$28,625,000) to provide funding for the projects.

Whereas, That Providence Public Buildings Authority (the "Authority") was constituted as a body corporate and politic of the City of Providence pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 50 of title 45 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (the "Act") and a resolution duly passed by this City Council on August 13, 1987; and

Whereas, The Authority's creation was approved by the Public Finance Management Board on February 1, 1988; and

Whereas, The Authority may now duly transact its business of acquiring and constructing public facilities, acquiring public equipment; maintaining, renovating, repairing and operating the same; and issuing its revenue bonds and/or notes to finance the public facilities and public equipment; and

Whereas, The Authority may develop its projects only upon the request of the Mayor and the City Council; and

Whereas, Such request must take the form of a proposal by the Mayor approved by the City Council; and

Whereas, The Mayor has submitted the proposed attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for the City Council's approval.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved,

1. That the City Council hereby approves the Proposal of the Mayor dated March 11, 1998 (the "Proposal") which, among other things, requests the Authority to use its best efforts to develop the 1998 Series A School and Public Facilities Projects which shall include the acquisition, construction, expansion, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvement, furnishing and equipping of the following projects: a new elementary school, an addition to the Sackett Street School, the conversion of the Gilbert Stuart School into a Middle School, the repair and rehabilitaiton of schools in the City, the administrative offices for the Providence Community Action Program (ProCap) (which may include space for other municipal departments or agencies or non-profit agencies), the Providence Civic Center, the Providence Hurricane Barrier, including feasibility, engineering or other studies which may be necessary in connection therewith, and any other acts necessary or incidental thereto and to issue bonds and/or notes not to exceed Twenty-eight Million Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$28,625,000) to provide funding for the projects.

2. That the President of the City Council be, and she hereby is, authorized to execute the Proposal and to deliver it to the Authority.

3. That the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and lease the Projects from the Authority and to transfer such additional property to the Authority as shall be necessary to secure the Bonds or Notes.

4. That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to take any and all action and to execute, file and deliver any and all agreements, notes, deed, leases and other documents as he, in his sole discretion, may deem necessary or desirable to implement the transaction contemplated by the Proposal.

5. That the Authority shall submit all estimates, bids, etc. regarding such construction, renovation, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing, and equipping of the Project to the Committee on Finance of the City Council as such estimates become available.

6. The City's Director of Finance is authorized to execute and deliver continuing disclosure certificates in connection with the bonds or notes issued by the Authority, in such form as shall be deemed advisable by the City's Director of Finance. The City hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of each continuing disclosure certificate, as it may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution or the bonds or notes failure of the City to comply with any continuing disclosure certificate shall not be considered an event of default; however, any bondholder or noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this Resolution and under any continuing disclosure certificate.

7. This Resolution is an affirmative action of the City Council towards the issuance of the Authority's Bonds and/or Notes in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State. This Resolution constitutes the City's declaration of

official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Sec. 1.150-2, to reimburse its General Fund in an amount not to exceed Twenty-eight Million Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$28,625,000) for certain capital expenditures for the Projects paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this Resolution but prior to the issuance of the Authority's Bonds and/or Notes, or otherwise permitted by such regulation. Amounts to reimburse shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid or (b) the date the Projects are placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

8. This Resolution shall take effect on passage.

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

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Lombardi, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—10.

Noes: Councilmen Clarkin and DeLuca—2.

Absent: Council President Fagnoli, Councilman Allen and Councilwoman DiRuzzo—3.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATION**

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

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8199) and Senate Bill (98-S 2612) relating to distressed cities.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8199) and Senate Bill (98-S 2612) relating to distressed cities, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7867) and Senate Bill (98-S 2622) relating to the percentage of the PILOT formula.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7867) and Senate Bill (98-S 2622) relating to the percentage of the PILOT formula, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7936) and Senate Bill (98-S 2621) relating to the base of PILOT formula.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7936) and Senate Bill (98-S 2621) relating to the base of PILOT formula, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8208) and Senate Bill (98-S 2623) relating to the use aspect of the PILOT formula.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8208) and Senate Bill (98-S 2623) relating to the use aspect of the PILOT formula, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7965) and Senate Bill (98-S 2610) relating to recording fees.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7965) and Senate Bill (98-S 2610) relating to recording fees, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7830) and Senate Bill (98-S 2617) relating to franchise fees.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7830) and Senate Bill (98-S 2617) relating to franchise fees, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7931) and Senate Bill (98-S 2625) relating to film production tax credits.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7931) and Senate Bill (98-S 2625) relating to film production tax credits, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8204) and Senate Bill (98-S 2624) relating to the hurricane barrier.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8204) and Senate Bill (98-S 2624) relating to the hurricane barrier, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8225) and Senate Bill (98-S 2618) relating to residential neighborhoods.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8225) and Senate Bill (98-S 2618) relating to residential neighborhoods, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7838) and Senate Bill (98-S 2791) relating to school mandates.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7838) and Senate Bill (98-S 2791) relating to school mandates, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7786) and Senate Bill (98-S 2611) relating to mid year increase in school aid.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7786) and Senate Bill (98-S 2611) relating to mid year increase in school aid, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8203) and Senate Bill (98-S 2630) relating to the Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8203) and Senate Bill (98-S 2630) relating to the Convention and Visitors' Bureau, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8212) and Senate Bill (98-S 2627) relating to the Convention Center Authority.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8212) and Senate Bill (98-S 2627) relating to the Convention Center Authority, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7988) and Senate Bill (98-S 2628) relating to PRA condemnation rates.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7988) and Senate Bill (98-S 2628) relating to PRA condemnation rates, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8201), House Bill (98-H 8207) and Senate Bill (98-S 2615) relating to enterprise zones in the city of Providence.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8201), House Bill (98-H 8207) and Senate Bill (98-S 2615) relating to enterprise zones in the city of Providence, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of An Act relating to a Study Commission for PRA Legislation.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of An Act relating to a Study Commission for PRA Legislation, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8131) and Senate Bill (98-S 2629) relating to the repeal of the public service corporation tax.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8131) and Senate Bill (98-S 2629) relating to the repeal of the public service corporation tax, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8217) and Senate Bill (98-S 2605) relating to noise from motor vehicles.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 8217) and Senate Bill (98-S 2605) relating to noise from motor vehicles, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7927) and Senate Bill (98-S 2614) relating to an upgrade of graffiti violations.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7927) and Senate Bill (98-S 2614) relating to an upgrade of graffiti violations, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7864) and Senate Bill (98-S 2746) relating to state affairs and government — Rhode Island tourism and development.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General

Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7864) and Senate Bill (98-S 2746) relating to state affairs and government — Rhode Island tourism and development, in substantially the form attached.

Resolution endorsing and urging passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7955) An Act relating to Rhode Island tourism and development.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill (98-H 7955) An Act relating to Rhode Island tourism and development, in substantially the form attached.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing Resolutions.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

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

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Certificates from the City Assessor (No. 14H and 15H) recommending the same be severally canceled 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 LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suites.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Communication to Council President Evelyn V. Fagnoli from Dr. Arthur M. Zarella, Superintendent of Schools, dated December 9, 1997 requesting an extension of residency to Rosemary Driscoll, per attorney Joseph A. Caramadre.

Communication Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Receive and Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

William Beatini

Fred and Judi Landolfi

American International Recovery, Inc.
a/s/o Elisa Fascia

Betty J. Lavigne

General Accident Insurance Co. a/s/o
Michael Doyle

Carmen Grinkis

Michele A. Blanchette

Freddie Cruz p.p.a. Freddie Cruz, Jr., and
Gabriel Cruz.

Amica Insurance Co. a/s/o Nancy J. Conti

Robert Pecunioso

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

"In Congratulations"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI 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:

Diane Sangermano, in recognition of being named the outstanding woman for 1998 by the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island.

Carol Reagan Shelton, in recognition of being named the outstanding woman for 1998 by the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island.

Mary Jane K. "Susan" Baxter, in recognition of being named the outstanding woman for 1998 by the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island.

Joan Abrams, in recognition of being named the outstanding woman for 1998 by the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island.

Merrill W. Sherman, in recognition of being named the outstanding woman for 1998 by the YWCA of Greater Rhode Island.

Thomas and Kimberly O'Connell, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, Ceili Elizabeth O'Connell.

Leo J. and Ada K. McConaghy, in recognition of the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on February 12, 1998.

Karen McHenry, in recognition of being the recipient of the "John Kiffney Award" at the Providence Newspaper Guild Follies '97 on February 27, 1998.

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memorium"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI 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:

Anthony C. Cucca

Zelinda M. Spacagna

Angelo DeFusco

Emmett F. Cassidy

Mary E. Catauro

Luisa Santoro

Feliz Fazzano

Vilma DeSantis

Giuseppe "Joseph" Cotoia

Maria Remolina

Gwendolyn C. Butler

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

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, it is voted to adjourn at 8:25 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk