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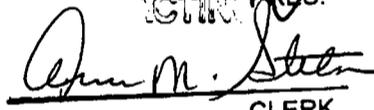
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 487

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROVED~~ December 17, 2006

RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby authorizes the extension of the existing contract with Hutton Associates, Inc., to provide planning consultant services for the review of the proposed amendments to the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan through December 31, 2007, in a total amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars.

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ROBERT YOUNG
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John Lombardi, President
c/o Tom Glavin, Chief of Staff
Providence City Council
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear John:

Congratulations on your re-election to City Council, and for all kind words of support for PPS. I am writing in reference to the work of the professional consultant Mr. Ernie Hutton of New York City.

From my perspective, Ernie really helped to establish a process whereby the City Council and the Department of Planning and Development has established a productive dialogue and more open communication around issues related to the proposed zoning ordinance and a new comprehensive plan for the city. This process has been valuable, and I believe that Ernie's continued involvement would be of tremendous value as this process continues to move forward. Ernie has also made an effort to include other interested NGOs in the city such as PPS, and for that I am most grateful.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,



Jack A. Gold
Executive Director

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December 4, 2006

Council President John Lombardi
Providence City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Hutton Associates, Inc.

Dear Council President:

I understand that the City's contract with Hutton Associates, Inc. needs to be extended.

My experience with Hutton Associates, Inc. and its principal, Ernest Hutton, has been very positive. Mr. Hutton is professional, knowledgeable, and accessible. I believe that he has added value to the City's Comprehensive Update process. His continued involvement should help lead to a Comprehensive Plan that is embraced by many resident and organizations.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel A. Baudouin', written over a white background.

Daniel A. Baudouin
Executive Director

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cc: Ernest Hutton

Thomas Glavin

From: rochelle1951@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2006 1:52 PM

To: Thomas Glavin

Subject: Letter of Support for Hutton Associates Consultant Agreement Extension

Tom,

Please forward this message to Council President John Lombardi expressing my support for the Council to extend the Ernest Hutton's contract to provide the Council with planning & advisory services associated with preparing the City's Comprehensive & Neighborhood Plans. I encourage him to extend Hutton's consultant services into 2007, to coincide with the remaining schedule of work now in progress on the City's Comp. Neigh. Plans.

At the request of Councilwoman Young, I have provided Ernie with all the assistance I can and he has been a pleasure to work with; his advocacy for the Council's interests during the planning and implementation process of conducting the City's Comprehensive planning has been consistent, thoughtful and probing outside the 'conventions' of comprehensive planning, (although the press initial roll out of the Comprehensive Plan was not handled well and I am aware that several Council members did not get notified of the press event which was not a positive).

If you have any questions or require additional comment from me, please don't hesitate to call me at 837-9600.

Rochelle Lee

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December 6, 2006

John J. Lombardi, President
Providence City Council
Room 310
25 Dorrance Street
Providence RI 02903-3215

Dear John,

This is to recommend in the strongest possible terms that the council extend the planning consultant contract for Ernie Hutton to assist the council during the development of the comprehensive plan. Ernie has been a valuable addition to the council's team in eliciting the input of citizens and an effective advisor to the council during the planning and implementation of the Providence Tomorrow charettes. His expertise and outstanding collaborative planning skills contributed greatly to openness and transparency of the charette process and its wide acceptance.

It is critical to the success of the comprehensive planning process and the future of the city that the council build on the initiative that it took in hiring Ernie to help insure that the process continues to incorporate the highest planning standards and that the input of all citizens are heard and reflected in the comprehensive plan.

The council is to be commended for its leadership in taking the unusual step of hiring a nationally know planner to assist with the development of the comprehensive plan. Thank you for that leadership and for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Keller

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Residents pack into workshop on future of city

Judging from the turnout of the first workshop on mapping the city's future, the mayor said it is obvious that residents share a passion for the capital city.

BY KAREN A. DAVIS
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Imagine a city where tree-lined streets are the norm, not the exception. Where all streets in all neighborhoods are free of broken glass and debris and have paths for residents to take to work. Where people of modest income can afford to live on the same block as those more affluent.

Those are just some of the visions residents described last night as they mapped the future of Providence.

At a public workshop at the Roger Williams Park Casino, about 173 residents turned out to discuss their ideas with city planners. City Council members and other city officials, who are revising the city's Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance. City leaders want residents' input in helping to

craft a plan that will allow for growth and development while preserving characteristics that make neighborhoods unique, Mayor David N. Cicilline told the standing-room-only crowd.

Judging from the turnout, Cicilline said, it is obvious that many residents share a passion and interest in the capital city.

The project is called Providence Tomorrow: Our City, Our Neighborhoods, Our Future.

State law requires municipalities to revise comprehensive plans every five years, city officials must submit an updated plan by May.

Neighborhood groups and community advocates have raised questions about the direction of the city's growth and proposed changes to the zoning ordinance that some critics have said do not meet the city's future. D2

Kudos all around for urban planner

Ernest W. Hutton Jr. is credited with fostering cooperation between the mayor's office and the City Council.

BY CATHLEEN F. CROWLEY
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — It's an unusual sight: The names of Mayor David N. Cicilline and City Council President John J. Lombardi on a news release together, and they weren't even talking each other.

The credits of the city's two branches of government were announcing Providence Tomorrow, the neighborhood planning process that will help guide development throughout the city.

Some credit a man named Ernest W. Hutton Jr. for the firm glimmer of cooperation

between Cicilline and the City Council.

"That has been the mantra of Ernie," Lombardi said. "We have to do this together, we have to speak together."

The City Council hired Hutton last winter during the tense weeks when the city Planning and Development Department tried to push through a new zoning ordinance despite pleas from the public and City Council saying neighborhood planning must be done first.

Cicilline eventually postponed the zoning update and instructed the planning department to get the neighborhoods involved. D2

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Hutton came on board around the same time.

"I think the council picked the right person for the job," said Daniel A. Bandow, executive director of the Providence Foundation. "He has experience in Providence yet is enough of a fresh face so he doesn't have a particular ax to grind."

Hutton, based in New York City, is an urban planning consultant who helped craft Providence's preservation policy in 1991. He helped create 25 neighborhood plans in Roseville, Va., and mediated discussions between the business community and families of Sept. 11 victims

about the memorial on the site of the World Trade Center.

"My attitude toward planning is it should be practical," Hutton said in a 2004 Virginia report.

The council instructed Hutton to speak to everyone from community groups and residents to the city's planners and lawyers. His mission was to involve as many people as possible in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan that guides development.

"He impressed me as to his ability to bring people to the table and consensus building," said Lombardi.

Hutton credited the Planning Department with "taking the ball

and running with it." Indeed, the department has done the bulk of the work of designing and preparing for the community meetings.

Linda M. Peizer, deputy director of planning, said Hutton brought ideas on how to reach out and involve the community.

"One of the best benefits is that Ernie is helping the council be engaged in this process," Palmer said. "The mayor and the council have partnered on this. Everyone is on board at his point."

David P. Riley, co-chairman of Friends of Isella Park Park, was one of the more vocal critics of the Planning Department's rush to update the zoning code. Riley

has met with Hutton and said the planner has promoted more community input and improved the dialogue between the Planning Department and the council.

"There's definitely a coordination that we didn't see before," said Riley. "And it has allowed for more citizen participation through their council person."

The council is paying Hutton \$75,000, and Lombardi said the planner's contract will probably be extended. Originally, the council had voted to hire a planner and a real estate lawyer, but Lombardi said he is so pleased with Hutton that the lawyer might not be necessary.

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needs of neighborhoods.

"The people of Providence will get the Providence that they want, the Providence that they deserve," Council President John J. Lombardi assured the audience. "Providence Tomorrow starts tonight."

Residents will be asked to take surveys, participate in meetings. They can log on to www.providencetomorrow.org and make suggestions. They can submit photos of things they like or don't like about their neighborhoods.

Last night, planning officials pushed through a PowerPoint presentation on statistics that showed how the city has changed in the last 15 years, noting population growth, \$3.4 billion in

investment in recent years and the drastic increase in property values.

Participants split into groups to vote what they like about the city and what needs to be improved.

Planners asked participants to steer away from listing issues that are already well-known by city officials: rent, trash, potholes, snow plowing, park maintenance, taxes and police.

Residents said they liked the city's diversity, neighborhoods, architecture, community activities, walkability, waterfront, small size, history, public spaces and events such as WaterFire Providence and SoundSessions.

They saw room for improvement in affordable housing, public education, on-street parking, increased neighborhood economic opportunities, job training, police diversity, walkability, recycling and community-

ment development, and said elected officials could respond better to community needs.

Linda Palmer, deputy director of the city Planning Department, encouraged participants to spread the word to their neighbors, noting that community participation is key to the success of Providence Tomorrow.

Last night's meeting will be followed by a citywide brainstorming session in October.

In January, city officials will begin holding community, neighborhood sessions in the neighborhoods. Palmer said the sessions will include two to four neighborhoods at a time so city officials can get input from all 25 neighborhoods in a timely manner.

The event concluded with an ice cream social and a live raffle.

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