

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 355

Approved July 19, 1976

WHEREAS, surface water, whenever a heavy rainfall occurs, caused flooding in several cellars of residents within the limits of Sharon Street, between Naples Avenue and Rome Avenue has caused much aggravation and costly repairs to the said residents, and

WHEREAS, certain residents acknowledge that engineering studies were undertaken, the conclusion being that the existing sewer lines are insufficient to correct this problem and that a greater capacity of such sewers are needed to adequately drain the surface water,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Public Works is hereby urgently requested to undertake such necessary action as to correct this apparent engineering fault, in the original design of the sewer lines within the noted area, in order to alleviate the repetition of flooding of cellars and the prospect of the City being possibly liable for such damages, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Public Works file a comprehensive report with the City Clerk for the purpose of informing the City Council as of his conclusions concerning the complaints made to the sponsor of this Resolution.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUL 15 1976  
READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Fargnoli* ACTING  
PRES.  
*Christine Caspina*  
CLERK

APPROVED  
*Vincent Cianci*  
MAYOR

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS . 700 ALLENS AVENUE . 02905

Daniel E. Healy, Director

Joseph J. Campo, Deputy Director

July 27, 1976

Mr. Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Vespia:

Re: City Council Resolution #355 Concerning  
Flooding of Several Cellars on Sharon St.

Please inform the City Council regarding complaints enumerated in Resolution #355 that at no time has this office or any member of the Sewer Department said or suggested that the original design of the sewers was done incorrectly. A statement of this type would put the burden of responsibility and the liability of any damages upon the City. I reiterate that none of the people in the Public Works Department have ever made such a statement to any of the complainants.

The original complaint was in the nature of a surface water problem; but, upon further investigation, this assumption cannot be substantiated at this time.

The sewer system in this area is a separated system with no runoff waters from rain storms entering the sanitary sewers. All surface water is carried away from the area in a separate storm sewer system.

This office is endeavoring to get a definite grip on the problem that exists, to find a solution and prepare steps to correct the situation.

At the present time there have been many conflicting stories as to the problems that exist and we have not made any statements or reached any decisions concerning the problems mentioned in City Council Resolution #355.

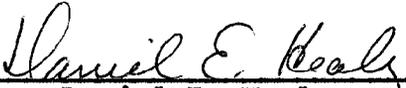
Mr. Vincent Vespia

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I hope the aforementioned will set the record straight and inform the Honorable City Council of just what is happening and what the present status of the Sharon Street problem is.

Very truly yours,

  
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Daniel E. Healy  
Director of Public Works

DEH:cmv