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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 77 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 16, 1974, 8:00 P.M. (DST)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ROBERT J. HAXTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fargnoli, Johnson, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Moran, W. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti, and Xavier—22.

Absent: Councilmen Brown, Goldin, McKiernan, and J. Murphy—4.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW.

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

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL E. KELLY leads
the Members of the City Council and the As-
semblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the
Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 76 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held May
2, 1974, and Posted May 10, 1974, on that Bulle-
tin Board located on the ground floor of the
City Hall, is approved as printed on motion of
COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUN-
CILMAN BEATINI.

MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON appoints
MAJORITY LEADER LYNCH and MINORITY
LEADER PEARLMAN to escort HIS HONOR
MAYOR JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR., to the
Chamber of the City Council where he delivers
the following Budget Message and submits the
Budget Ordinance:**

May 16, 1974

To the Honorable the City Council of the City
of Providence
City Hall
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

As I submit to you my tenth Budget there are certain facts which warrant our consideration. In one decade the Budget has practically doubled. Wages and benefits for our public service employees have doubled. Costs of materials and supplies have doubled. Our street lighting bill alone has more than doubled.

On the other hand, our tax rate has not doubled. In fact, it has only increased by thirty-six per cent in the same ten year period.

Our ability to offer a reasonably stabilized tax rate is based on a number of factors. First and foremost, and most encouraging is the fact that Providence has an expanding tax base. In 1964, the assessed valuation of property in the city was \$753,155,842. In 1973, the total assessed valuation was \$882,406,940. The tax base in ten years has expanded by \$130,000,000. Each new dollar per thousand on the tax rate generates \$882,407. In the forthcoming fiscal year our yield from property taxes is only \$400,000 less than the total budget for fiscal 1964-65.

Another contributing factor has been our ability to reduce the work force of the city

without affecting the quality of service we provide to the citizens of our city. There are seven hundred twenty-four fewer positions in this budget than in 1964. Fifty-seven jobs have been eliminated in this particular budget alone. Throughout the year we will constantly review the need for the job slots which we propose to fund in fiscal 1974-75.

Tonight, I once again present to you a balanced budget which will meet the needs of Providence. I do not propose any tax increase.

The budget expenditures for the next fiscal year total \$85,823,308 — an increase of \$5,800,000 over the 1973-74 budget.

Our total revenue from all sources is expected to be \$85,829,529. The property tax is expected to produce \$45,786,150 or 53.3 per cent of all income. This is an increase of \$1,450,000 over last year and is attributable to new construction, some slightly increased valuations and a higher improved percentage of tax collection.

Revenue from state shared taxes is continuing its downward trend. The varied formulas used to distribute this source of income coupled with the steady falling off of pari-mutual betting income, results in a projected decrease of some \$250,000.

The money available from federal revenue sharing is up slightly — \$200,000 — but that

is due to a transfer of money from certain items which were allocated last year but not expended. This year I propose to use the money to meet more pressing needs.

Grants in aid for education are projected to be \$9,752,194 — up \$350,000. Our total appropriation for education is \$30,813,203 — almost thirty-six per cent of every dollar we are expending.

Other than the category of state aid to education every other grant-in-aid-for-education is down. Money to assist in the cost of the Providence plan is down by \$60,000; aid for the handicapped children is down by \$45,000; and, federal money funnelled through the state is down by \$190,000.

The state grant in aid for welfare is up by \$1,100,000. Since the general public assistance program is funded one hundred per cent by the state and federal governments this is really a wash item.

Our anticipated revenue from rents and interest has been increased by \$400,000. It is realistic to assume that our income from the investment of idle cash will increase in the rising money market. In ten years this source of revenue has increased from \$230,000 in 1964 to \$1,100,000 in 1974.

Income from water is up by \$1,200,000. This is a result of a water rate increase scheduled for almost immediate implementation. This is only the second water rate increase in the last fifty years and still leaves us with one of the lowest rate structures in the country.

General department receipts have been increased. The Department of Planning and Urban Development is largely responsible for this increase, for it will turn over to the General Fund \$380,000 which it has received from the sale of lands in the redevelopment project areas.

Anticipated revenue from the Port of Providence is up \$300,000 over last year.

Once again, to balance the budget I will draw \$1,300,000 from the reserve for extraordinary expenditures. As of this date I naturally do not have a firm figure as to what our surplus for this fiscal year will be, but whatever it is, and if it exceeds this amount it will be set aside to meet future expenditures not already budgeted.

The single most significant factor for the increased budget is the providing of a reasonable wage for public service employees who perform a good days work and are thus entitled to a legitimate days pay. As I stated earlier, salaries have doubled in the last decade and fringe benefits have greatly increased. Taxpayers, themselves, know what inflation has done to their food, heat, gasoline, clothing, and general bills. The same applies to city employees.

Competent teachers, responsible police and fire personnel, hard-working blue collar employees and solid, dedicated City Hall people are a must if we are to effectively meet the needs of the community. The quantity of employees is subjected to constant review and the quality of personnel must be guaranteed.

There are several major expenditure adjustments which must be explained.

The appropriation for the Assessors' office is down \$100,000. The reevaluation program has been fully funded over the last three years and no new money will be required in fiscal 1974-75.

The appropriation for equipment in the Police Department has been increased by \$65,000. Last year we used our initial federal revenue sharing grant to complete the modernization of our vehicular fleet. This year's money will be utilized to maintain that type of fleet.

Last year we used the initial revenue sharing grant to purchase two ladder trucks, five pumpers and one new rescue vehicle. The de-

partment's equipment is in excellent condition. For this reason there will be no new major equipment purchases in 1974-75 and therefore that budget is down \$300,000.

The personal services line item for the Department of Recreation shows a substantial increase. Several years ago I recommended and you approved the concentration of all maintenance, repair and custodial services under the Department of Public Property. That included the transfer from Recreation to Public Property of a number of personnel. It is now felt that in order to pinpoint responsibility for the condition of our playgrounds we should redeploy certain job slots back to the Recreation Department. This action will result in a reduction of the personal services line item for the Department of Public Property.

In the Department of Public Property under Administration and Purchasing you will note a large increase of over \$700,000 in materials and purchasing. During the recent fuel and gasoline crisis we centralized the purchasing and distribution of these critical items. The results were rewarding. We used less gasoline in each month of 1974 than we used in comparable months in 1973. I propose to further centralize and control distribution during fiscal 1974-75 and for this reason have concentrated costs for these items in the Department of Public Property. That department will monitor costs and usage for every other agency of city government.

We have appropriated an additional \$40,000 to expand our tree removal program.

While discussing the Department of Public Property I believe it is appropriate to raise some questions which have been the subject of much publicity in the last few weeks. I am concerned about the planning, management, and operation of Roger Williams Park. Despite the soaring costs of operation, and money, which has been set aside for drainage, fencing, sanitary facilities, lighting, relocating of animal exhibits, repairs to the bird house, the elephant house, increased security — the entire system operates

on a day to day crisis basis. This will not be permitted to continue. Together with the Park Commissioners I intend to personally initiate a study of the daily operation of Roger Williams Park. A programmed plan for the future of that valuable asset will be developed. Presently there seems to be a constantly shifting priority system depending on who or what organization secures the greatest amount of media coverage.

Roger Williams Park is owned by all the people of Providence. They pay the bills. Roger Williams Park is used by most of the people of Rhode Island. They make only periodic contributions to pet projects in the Park. There is a great difference and I intend, with the Park Commissioners to determine whether it is a park, a zoo, a playground, or a reasonably balanced assimilation of all.

If fees are called for then they will be set and the money will go into the general fund and be used for the cost of operation as well as improvements. All other fees or income where legally permissible will go into the general fund. Any other monies received from condemnations or any other source will be used for planned programmed capital improvements.

The appropriation for the Board of Canvassers has been increased by \$25,000. State reapportionment and the forthcoming primary and election warrant the increase.

Our appropriation for the operation of the School Department has been increased by \$2,800,000. Salary increases for all personnel is the major factor. We cannot argue with the increased costs of fuel, lighting, and Blue Cross.

Several years ago a study commission which I appointed projected our school operating costs would amount to \$20,000,000 by 1970. I was astounded and did not believe the report. Here, less than four years later, with fewer children and fewer buildings we are appropriating \$30,813,203. Still no end is in sight.

On top of these costs is another danger which must be faced immediately. I mentioned earlier that funding available from the federal gov-

ernment for educational purposes in existing categorical aid programs is down in almost every instance. Yet there is money available for new experimental programs and this year the School Department proposed to embark on a host of new programs which would be initially funded by the federal government. Initially is the key word. The first year the funding level is one hundred per cent — the second year eighty per cent — and so on down to a federal funding level of zero per cent and a local funding level of one hundred per cent. Certainly there are some excellent programs which can be developed. But they must be subjected to constant revaluation and such contracts entered into very guardedly.

We cannot afford every experiment which comes down the road.

I have increased our contribution to the Providence Public Library by another \$25,000 and our aid to the Community Mental Health Center by \$25,000. Neither of these operations received any new state assistance again this year.

Our contributions to the city Employees Retirement System has been increased by \$400,000 which is needed to fund the system due to salary increases and better benefits.

Payments to Blue Cross again have increased by \$354,000. Payments now amount to \$1,289,700 as compared to \$204,929 in 1964.

In closing I would like to quote from a re-

view of Providence, Rhode Island, done by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"Providence has for many years conducted its financial operations on a sound basis, closing each year since 1960 with accrued revenue surpluses in excess of \$1,000,000. Revenues have consistently exceeded expenditures, with actual operations comparing favorably to the budget estimates. Sound financial management has been instrumental in creating surpluses in the general fund over the past ten years . . . With its financial operations closely related to the annually available resources, Providence has avoided the practice of borrowing to meet operating expenses and abandoned all borrowing in anticipation of taxes. Current tax collections are good and despite the over-all reduction in state aids and shared taxes, the city's tax rate remains very moderate at \$53 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation."

That says it all better than I can, gentlemen. I, respectfully, submit this budget for your approval. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.

Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.

Mayor of Providence

MAJORITY LEADER LYNCH and MINORITY LEADER PEARLMAN thereupon escort HIS HONOR MAYOR JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR., to the Executive Chamber.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

MAYOR DOORLEY PRESENTS:

An Ordinance Making Appropriation of Eighty Five Million, Eight Hundred Twenty Three Thousand, Three Hundred Seven Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$85,823,307.71) for

the Support of the City Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1975.

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

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

COUNCILMAN PAYNE requests and is granted the Privilege of the Floor and states that the local daily newspaper recently reported that Committees of the City Council conduct secret meetings, and that he has been a Member of the City Council for many years and has never attended alleged secret meetings of any

Committees of the City Council, that said Committees conduct private meetings to which any citizen may, upon petition, attend.

COUNCILMAN PAYNE concludes stating that the writer's report is ridiculous.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication from Council President Haxton informing the City Clerk of his Appointments to Certain Special Committees of the City Council for Municipal Celebrations for 1974, as follows:

May 13, 1974

Vincent Vespia
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

In accordance with the provisions of the several related Resolutions of the City Council, each approved February 14, 1974, I submit the following appointments:

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL
CONVENTIONS OF VETERANS
ORGANIZATIONS**

Councilman Timothy J. Ahern, Councilman William J. Murphy, Councilman William G. Bradshaw.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL
OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

Councilman Michael E. Kelly, Councilman Vincent Storti, Councilman Francis J. Crowley, Councilman William G. Bradshaw, and Councilman Harry A. Johnson.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOURTH OF
JULY CELEBRATION**

Councilman Edward W. Xavier, Councilman Lawrence E. Brown, Councilman Francis Crowley, Councilman Ralph Fagnoli, and Councilman William G. Bradshaw.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LABOR DAY
CELEBRATION**

Councilman Edward S. Goldin, Councilman Harry A. Johnson, Councilman John M. Murphy, Councilman Timothy J. Ahern, and Councilman Thomas W. Pearlman.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COLUMBUS DAY
CELEBRATION**

Councilman Salvatore A. Beatini, Councilman Thomas L. Payne, Councilman Robert F. Lynch, Councilman Vincent J. Cirelli, and Councilman Thomas W. Pearlman.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert J. Haxton
President of the City Council

Received.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

From Acting Public Service Engineer:

Street Lighting Bill for April, 1974, in the Amount of \$79,366.36.

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARI-GAN, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Council-

men Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Johnson, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Moran, W. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti, and Xavier—22.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Brown, Goldin, McKiernan, and J. Murphy—4.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council May 2, 1974, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1973-28, Approved June 25, 1973, by Appropriating the Sum of One Million One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,177,000) to Various Items in the School Department.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 1973-28 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as approved June 25, 1973, entitled: "An Ordinance Making Appropriation of \$80,014,799.31 for the Support of the City Government for the Fiscal Period Beginning July 1, 1973 and Ending June 30, 1974", as amended, is hereby further amended by appropriating the sum of One Million One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,177,000) as follows:

Item 0		\$ 857,429.00	
Increase:			
Item 1		\$123,649.00	123,649.00
129	91,843.00		
131	31,806.00		
Item 2		200,222.00	200,222.00
241	200,222.00		
Decrease:			
Item 3		(4,300.00)	(4,300.00)
385	4,300.00		
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			\$1,177,000.00

Sec. 2. The said sum of One Million One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,177,000) as thus added and appropriated shall be obtained by authorizing and directing the City Controller and City Treasurer to transfer Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$757,000) from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account to the Receipts Account. The balance of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000) shall be obtained by directing the City Controller and City Treasurer to increase the Revenue Account from State Aid to Education by Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000) and transferring to Receipt Account.

Sec. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Read and Passed, the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Johnson, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti, and Xavier—21.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Brown, Goldin, McKiernan, J. Murphy, and W. Murphy—5.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN DARIGAN and COUNCILMAN CIRELLI:

An Ordinance Prohibiting the Operation of Any and All Motor Driven Motorcycles of Any Kind or Description From the Roadways and Environs of Roger Williams Park.

Arena Portion of the Providence Civic Center and the Possession and Use of Drugs in the Providence Civic Center.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN DARIGAN and JOHNSON**.

An Ordinance Prohibiting All Vehicular Travel In and Through Roger Williams Park Between the Hours of 9 P.M. and 7 A.M. Except for Duly Authorized Municipal Public Safety Vehicles.

Severally Referred to Committee on Ordinances, on motion of **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN CIRELLI and LYNCH**.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Chapter 1974 Approved January 9, 1974.

An Ordinance Establishing a Permanent Security Force For and Within Roger Williams Park. Such Force to Consist of at Least Three Providence Police Patrolmen to be Supplied From the Existing Available Manpower in the Current Authorized Strength of Said Department.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN CIRELLI and DARIGAN**.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1973-30 Approved June 25, 1973.

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

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON and COUNCILMAN LYNCH:

An Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in the

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1973-28, Approved June 25, 1973, by Transferring Certain Sums of Money Within Certain Public Works Department.

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

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1079 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Approved December 21, 1956 Which Said Ordinance is Entitled "Building Ordinances of the City of Providence" to Delete Therefrom a Certain Section of the East Side Redevelopment Project Area of the Providence Redevelopment Agency From Fire District One.

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

COUNCILMAN PISATURO:

An Ordinance Prohibiting the Firing, Demotion, Involuntary Transfer or Discrimination as to Any City Employee Because of His or Her Political Activity or Affiliation.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN PISATURO, seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW, LYNCH and PEARLMAN.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW and COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN:

Resolution Creating a Baby Hoover Study Commission.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN moves that the Resolution be Referred to the Committee on Finance, and this motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves that the Resolution be Not Passed, and this motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN BEATINI.

The motion to Refer the Resolution to the Committee on Finance, having precedence over the Main Motion to Not Pass, is put to vote and Not Passed.

The Main Motion, that the Resolution be Not Passed, is put to vote, and Passed.

The Resolution is thereupon Not Passed.

COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW and PEARLMAN desire to be recorded as Voting "No", on the above Motion that the Resolution be Not Passed.

Resolution Requesting That Blackstone Boulevard, From Butler Avenue to Rochambeau Avenue, be Repaved.

Resolved: That the Acting Director of Public Works is Requested to Cause Blackstone Boulevard, From Butler Avenue to Rochambeau Avenue, to be Repaved.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI, BRADSHAW, and PEARLMAN.

**COUNCILMAN CROWLEY and COUNCILMAN
AHERN (By Request):**

Resolution Designating the Intersection of Harold Street With Aurora Street as "Sergeant Peter C. Syintsakos, Jr. Memorial Square."

Whereas: Sergeant Peter C. Syintsakos, Jr., gallant member of the One Hundred Seventy-Third Airborne Battalion, paid the supreme sacrifice, in his military role for the United States of America, in the Vietnam Conflict on 14 July 1967, and

Whereas: Sergeant Syintsakos, a resident of the River Avenue Section of our City, has left his parents and his many friends, who mourn his untimely passing, the desire to perpetuate his memory,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That in tribute to this honorable member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, and for the purpose of perpetuating his name, in the vicinity of his residence in the City of Providence, the intersection of Harold Street with Aurora Street is hereby designated as "Sergeant Peter C. Syintsakos, Jr. Memorial Square".

Resolution Requesting that Dome Street, From Oakland Avenue to Camden Avenue, be Repaved.

Resolved: That the Acting Director of Public Works is Requested to Cause Dome Street, From Oakland Avenue to Camden Avenue, be Repaved.

Resolution Requesting that Danforth Street, from Smith Street to Its Termination, be Repaved.

Resolved: That the Acting Director of Public Works is Requested to Cause Danforth Street,

From Smith Street to Its Termination, be Repaved.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN AHERN, BEATINI, and CROWLEY.

COUNCILMAN DARIGAN:

Resolution Requesting a Status Report From the Factory Mutual Insurance Company on the Progress of Its Overdue Report on the Question of Liquid Natural Gas Being Installed in the City of Providence.

Resolved: That the Factory Mutual Insurance Company is Requested to Submit to the City Council a Status Report on the Progress of Its Overdue Report on the Question of Liquid Natural Gas Being Installed in the City of Providence.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI and DARIGAN.

Resolution Requesting a Report From the Providence Building Board of Review on the Question of Whether or Not it Intends to Re-Open Public Hearings on the Application of the Algonquin Gas Company to Install Liquid Natural Gas in Providence.

Resolved, That the Providence Building Board of Review is Requested to Submit a Report to the City Council on the Question of Whether or Not it Intends to Reopen Public Hearings on the Application of Algonquin Gas Company to Install Liquid Natural Gas in Providence.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI and DARIGAN.

Resolution Requesting that the Boulevard Stop Sign Controlling Traffic on Hamilton Street, at Warrington Street, be Changed to Control the Traffic on Warrington Street at Hamilton Street.

Resolved: That the Traffic Engineer is Requested to Cause the Boulevard "Stop" Sign Controlling Traffic on Hamilton Street, at Warrington Street, be Changed to Control the Traffic on Warrington Street at Hamilton Street.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI and DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN DARIGAN and COUNCILMAN CIRELLI:

Resolution Requesting the Creation of a Mounted Horse Patrol Unit Within the Providence Police Department for the Purpose of Providing Security on a Permanent Basis for Roger Williams Park.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI, CIRELLI, and DARIGAN.

Resolution Requesting an In-Depth Study be Undertaken by the Committee on Finance of the City Council to Ascertain the Availability of State and or Federal Funds for the Maintenance and Improvement of Roger Williams Park.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI, CIRELLI, and DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN LYNCH (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Department of Public Property to Cause Appropriate Lighting to be Installed at the Tennis Courts Located at Mount Pleasant High School and Nathaniel Greene Junior High School.

Whereas: The game of Tennis is now one of the most popular sports in which individuals participate, and

Whereas: Amongst other recreational areas in the City of Providence, the City has two top-level tennis court areas at Mount Pleasant High School and at Nathaniel Greene Junior High School, which should and could be utilized, after regular day business hours, for the benefit of those citizens of our community who are now enthusiasts of the popular sport of Tennis,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Providence School Committee is requested to cause appropriate lighting facilities to be installed at the Mount Pleasant High School and Nathaniel Greene Junior High School tennis courts, for the above stated reason.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN DARIGAN and FARGNOLI.

Resolution Requesting "Stop" Signs Along Glover Street, at Its Intersection With Lindy Avenue.

Resolved: That the Traffic Engineer is Requested to Cause "Stop" Signs to be Erected Along Glover Street, at Its Intersection With Lindy Avenue.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN DARIGAN and FARGNOLI.

COUNCILMAN KELLY:

Resolution Commending Everett A. Travisono as Acting Director of Department of Public Works For His Outstanding Performance as Such.

Whereas: Everett A. Travisono, Acting Director of Department of Public Works, has spearheaded the program of His Honor the Mayor, Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., of general highway repairs, clean up drives in several wards of the City, and for the completion of clean up drives in remaining wards, where necessary, and improving the general appearance of rolling equipment, within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That in the short period of time in which Everett A. Travisono has been appointed as Acting Director of that important and complex department, His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council do hereby commend him for outstanding performance and organizational ability to motivate top-level service to the Citizens of Providence.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN KELLY, seconded by COUNCILMEN DARIGAN and LYNCH.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW:

Resolution Requesting the Banning of Massage Parlors in the City of Providence.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW, DARIGAN, and PEARLMAN.

Resolution Requesting a Study be Undertaken for the Purpose of Providing Better Security and Safety at the Roger Williams Park Zoo.

Referred to Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW, DARIGAN, and PEARLMAN.

Resolution Commending the League of Women Voters of Providence and the Old Stone Bank for Publishing the Booklet Entitled, "Providence — Know Your City".

Resolved: That the League of Women Voters of Providence are hereby commended for preparing and the Old Stone Bank for publishing the booklet entitled "Providence — Know Your City", and

Be It Further Resolved: That, His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the City Council of the City of Providence hereby express their appreciation for the said booklet.

Read and Passed on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW, DARIGAN, and PEARLMAN.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER, for Himself, and COUNCILMAN J. MURPHY (In Absentia):

Resolution Requesting the Superintendent of Public Schools to Accept the Resignation of Richard E. Curran, Title I Administrator, Who Publicly Stated His Desire to Resign.

Referred to Committee on Employees Relations, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN DARIGAN and XAVIER.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR., Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:**

**Resolution Urging Immediate Approval of the
Building of a Nuclear Energy Electric Plant
in the Greater Providence Area.**

Resolved: That the Providence City Council does hereby urge immediate approval and an end of delay in the building of a Nuclear Energy Electric Plant to provide and assure adequate power to the citizens of our community, and

Be It Further Resolved: That all reasonable

and necessary steps be taken to provide adequate safety requirements and safeguards,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Federal, State, and Local Officials and Public Bodies and Energy Suppliers, who have concern with approval of nuclear powered energy and electric facilities.

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

COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER, Vice Chairman for COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE E. BROWN, Chairman, In Absentia

COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1797 of the Ordinance of the City of Providence, Approved November 7, 1966, and Entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the East Side Project No. R.I. R-4".

Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fargnoli, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Storti, and Xavier—19.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Brown, Goldin, Johnson, McKiernan, J. Murphy, W. Murphy, and Pisaturo—7.

COUNCILMAN ROBERT F. LYNCH, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the Following with Recommendation
the Same be Severally Adopted:

An Ordinance Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 1974 Taxes in a Sum Not Less Than Forty-Seven Million One Hundred Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$47,105,350.00), Nor More Than Fifty-Three Million Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$53,009,500.00).

Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, Moran, Payne, Pisaturo, Storti, and Xavier—19.

Noes: None.

Not Voting: Councilman Pearlman—1.

Absent: Councilmen Brown, Goldin, Johnson, McKiernan, J. Murphy, and W. Murphy—6.

Resolution Requesting the Appointment of Three (3) Additional Dog Officers.

Resolved: That the Number of Employees in the Police Department Be Increased by the Appointment of Three Additional Dog Officers.

Resolutions Accepting Gifts of Money for Specified Burial Lots in North Burial Ground.

Resolved: That the Following Gifts of the Following Sums of Money to the Board of Park Commissioners in Trust, the Income Thereof to be Applied Under the Provisions of Chapter 367 of the Public Laws, January Session 1861, to the Preservation and Care of the Following Specified Burial Lots in Said Ground Be and the Same are Hereby Respectively Accepted. (For Names and Sums of Money Incorporated in Subject Resolution, See Files of the City Council.)

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS L. PAYNE, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the Following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:

Resolution Granting Accompanying Application of Providence Redevelopment Agency for Approval to Alter a Fresh Water Wetland, Known as the Moshassuck River.

Resolved: That the Accompanying Application of Providence Redevelopment Agency for State of Rhode Island Approval to Alter a Fresh Water Wetland in the City of Providence,

Locally Known as the Moshassuck River, by Realigning the Channel of a Portion of Said River; Also Included in Said Application Are Attendent Riprapping of Said River Banks and Installation of Drainage Structures; All in Accordance With Its Attached Plans Entitled, "Providence Redevelopment Agency — Project

No. R.I. (R-4) East Side Renewal Project — Construct Phase 2, Sheets 27 and 28 of 83", is Hereby Granted.

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

COMMUNICATION

FROM CITY ASSESSOR:

Certificates (5-K, 10-K, 11-K, 12-K and 14-K) Recommending the Same 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.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

PETITIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN PAYNE (By Request):

Petitions of Benjamin Carbone, of Providence, That Lakeview Drive, From a Point 40' Feet South of the Southerly Line of Westmore Street, Southerly to the Northwesterly Corner of Molter Street; Be Brought to the Established or Defined Grade; Curbstones Be Set and Gutters Paved; and Layed Out as a Public Highway.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on

motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN ADDISON (By Request):

Petition to Change the Name of North Avenue, Between Hope Street and Blackstone Boulevard, to "Park View Drive".

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

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Providence Journal Company for Permission to Sandblast the Exterior of Building Situated at 75 Fountain Street, Providence.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

Petition of Carnevale Bros. Fence Co., Inc., Providence, to Change From an R-2 Two Family Zone to an M-1 General Industrial Zone, All of Lot 190 as Set Out and Delineated on City Assessor's Plat 34, Said Lot Being Situated Along the Westerly Side of Manton Avenue.

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

Petition of Telco Const. Co., Inc. to Change From an R-1 One Family Zone to an M-1 General Industrial Zone Lots 216, 217, 270 and 271, as Set Out and Delineated on City Assessor's Plat 112; Lot 216, Being Designated as 232 Lowell Avenue, and 217 as 230 Lowell Avenue; Lots 270 and 271 Being Located Directly Behind the Above Noted Lots and Located Along Petleys Avenue.

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

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Mrs. Dorothy Antonson

Calvary Baptist Church

Melvin A. Chernick

Commercial Union Insurance Companies as subrogee of Angelo Caliri

Alton Daniels

Christine DeMarco, Administratrix of Estate of Francis Mainey

Frank Kelly

Mary Manzo

Benjamin Markowitz

Vincent E. Walsh

Severally Referred to Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, it is voted to suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council incorporated in Resolution No. 1, approved January 4, 1971, in order to allow the introduction of the following Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW and COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN:

Resolution of Sympathy on Behalf of the Slaughtered High School Children in Israel.

Resolved: That the Providence City Council and the Honorable Mayor of the City of Providence express their sympathy to the families, relatives, and friends of the innocent and unarmed high school children recently killed in a barbaric and hideous manner in the State of Israel, and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Providence City Council condemn the vicious killers, their sponsors, backers, and supporters, for their inhuman, cowardly, and unprincipled deeds in the slaughtering of these innocents, and

Be It Further Resolved: That the families,

friends, and supporters, including the responsible and religious leaders of Israel, be encouraged to redouble their efforts and prayers in their historic fight for freedom, independence, and secure boundaries, and

Be It Further Resolved: That the Leaders of the United Nations; Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt, and all Nations and groups to condemn, expel, and jail the leaders and groups that were responsible for this type of activity, and

Be It Further Resolved: That copies of this Resolution be sent to said leaders, the President of the United States, and the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

Read and Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, seconded by COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, DARIGAN, and LYNCH.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, the City Council Adjourns at 9:35 o'clock P.M. (DST), to meet again on THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1974 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (DST).

Vincent Vespia

City Clerk