

CITY OF PROVIDENCE

RHODE ISLAND

IN CITY COUNCIL
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APPROVED:
Vincent Vespeia
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 3. City Council Special Meeting, Wednesday, January 22, 1975 8:00 P.M. (EST)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ROBERT J. HAXTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—25.

Absent: Councilman Turchetta—1.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW.

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

COUNCILMAN PHILIP F. ADDISON, JR.,
leads the Members of the City Council and the
Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the
Flag of the United States of America.

COMMUNICATION FROM CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

The Clerk Reads the following Communication
from Certain Members of the City Council.

8:00 P.M. to be held in the City Council Cham-
bers.

January 20, 1975

Please cause appropriate notices to be delivered
to the Members.

Honorable Vincent Vespia
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Please call a meeting of the Honorable City
Council for Wednesday, January 22, 1975, at

Very truly yours,

/s/ Councilman Robert F. Lynch
" Donald E. McKiernan
" Ralph Fargnoli
" Philip F. Addison, Jr.
" John P. Garan
" Edward W. Xavier
" Laurence K. Flynn

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, the Communication is Read and Received.

FROM CITY CLERK

The Clerk Reads the following Warrant, with the City Sergeant's Return Endorsed thereon, Certifying that he did Notify Each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be held Wednesday, January 22, 1975 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST), by Delivering Personally to Each Member, with the Exception of Certain Members which were Hand Delivered by the City Clerk, a Copy of the following Warrant:

*State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
The City of Providence Sc.*

GIACOMO MARTONE, *City Sergeant*:

Whereas, More than (1/6) of the Members of the Council have requested the City Clerk to call a meeting of the Honorable City Council for Wednesday January 22, 1975, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to be held in the City Council Chambers; said date being earlier than that to which the City Council stands adjourned.

You are, therefore, commanded and required to summon each member of the City Council to meet as requested for the following purpose, viz:

To Consider and Act upon the following:

Presentation of Resolution

COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN
ADDISON and COUNCILMAN GARAN:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on City Property to Study the Feasibility of Purchas-

ing the Biltmore Hotel, so-called, for Municipal Purposes.

Report from Committee

COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER,
Chairman
Committee on Employees' Relations

Transmits the following for consideration:

Communications from His Honor the Mayor Informing the Honorable City Council of His Appointments to Certain Official Positions in the City of Providence;

And, for any other business that may legally come before said City Council.

Hereof, Fail not, and make true return of this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given Under My Hand and
Official Seal of the
City of Providence
this Twenty-second Day of
January, 1975

VINCENT VESPIA
City Clerk

January 20, 1975

The Clerk Certifies that he has Notified each of the following Members of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be held Wednesday, January 22, 1975 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST), by de-

livering personally to each of the following Members, in Accordance with that Warrant:

Council President Pro Tempore Ralph Fargnoli and Councilmen Ronald G. Henries, Robert F. Lynch, Donald E. McKiernan, Thomas W. Pearlman and Edward W. Xavier.

Council President Robert J. Haxton was out of State and could not be served a copy of the Warrant:

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, the Warrant is Read and Received.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication Informing the City Clerk of his Appointments of Certain Members of the City Council to the Committee on Employee Relations, viz:

January 18, 1975

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, R. I. 02903

Dear Mr. Vespia:

This is to advise under the Provisions of the Rules of the City Council for the ensuing term 1975-1979, I have, this day, appointed the follow-

ing members of the City Council to the Committee on Employee Relations.

Councilman Edward W. Xavier
Councilman Donald E. McKiernan
Councilman Robert F. Lynch
Councilman Ronald G. Henries
Councilman Ralph Fargnoli
Councilman Raymond Cola
Councilman Thomas W. Pearlman

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT J. HAXTON
Council President

Read and Received.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Requesting the Providence School Committee to Cause the Removal, Forthwith, of Lead Paint from the Walls of Vineyard Street School.

Resolved, That the Providence School Committee direct, immediately, the removal of paint from those walls, within the Vineyard Elementary School, which paint contained a lead substance, and to cause the same to be repainted with a non-toxic paint.

Read and Passed, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON, FLYNN, GARAN and TOMASSO**.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN ADDISON and COUNCILMAN GARAN:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on City Property to Study the Feasibility of Purchasing the Biltmore Hotel, so-called, for Municipal Purposes.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk, pending Appointment by the President of the City Council of the Committee on City Property at which time the same shall be Referred to said Committee, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

RECESS

On motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, it is Voted that the City Council be in Recess at 8:45 o'clock P.M. (EST) to Reconvene at the Call of the Chair.

RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON Reconvenes the City Council at 9:50 o'clock P.M. (EST) and directs the Clerk to call the Roll to ascertain if there is a quorum present.

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw,

Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—25.

Absent: Councilman Turchetta—1.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

The following were in City Council January 16, 1975, Read and Layed on the Clerk's Desk, and Pending its Appointment, Severally Referred to the Committee on Employee Relations, and are Returned with Noted Recommendations:

Communication Informing the Honorable City Council, on January 8, 1975, of his Appointment of Daniel Healy as Acting Director of Public Works.

On motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN ADDISON** and **FLYNN**, it is Voted that the Communication be Received and a Communication be Transmitted to the Mayor, Informing that the City Council prefers the Appointment of a Director rather than of an Acting Director, and that he Establish Providence Residency.

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW desires to be recorded as Voting "No."

Communication from His Honor the Mayor Dated January 8, 1975 Informing the City Council that he is the Acting Director of Planning and Urban Development.

On motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, it is Voted that the Communication be Received and a Communication be transmitted to the Mayor, Informing that the City Council prefers the Appointment of a Director rather than of an Acting Director.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor,

Dated January 8, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council that he is the Acting Commissioner of Public Safety.

On motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, it is Voted that it shall Return this Communication to the Mayor with the Stipulation that under the Provisions of Sections 5.10 and 5.18 of the Charter, he has no Authority to Appoint an Acting Commissioner of Public Safety, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Tomasso—10.

Absent: Councilman Turchetta—1.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, Dated January 8, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Joseph Duffy as Acting Financial Director.

On motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, it is Voted that the Appointment be Not Approved and the Communication be Returned to the Mayor, Since as of January 8, 1975, No Vacancy Existed in the Office of Finance Director, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola,

Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Tomasso—10.

Absent: Councilman Turchetta—1.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, Dated January 8, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council that he has Appointed Michael Farina, as Acting Director of Public Property.

On motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, it is Voted the Appointment be Not Approved and the Communication be Returned to the Mayor, since as of January 8, 1975, No Vacancy Existed in the Office of the Director of Public Property, by the following Division Vote:

Ayes: 14

Noes: 11

Absent: 1

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, Dated January 8, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Alfred Mello as Acting Director of Communications.

On motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, it is Voted to Return the Communication to the Mayor Since Alfred Mello was the Director of Communications as of January 8, 1975, and Continues to be the Director and Accordingly the Mayor's Appointment is Superfluous, by the following Division Vote:

Ayes: 15

Noes: 9

Not Voting: 1

Absent: 1

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, Dated, January 8, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council that he has Appointed Roland A. Dumont, as Acting Superintendent of Weights and Measures.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted to Return this Appointment to the Mayor, Since as of January 8, 1975, No Vacancy Existed in this Office, by the following Division Vote:

Ayes: 15

Noes: 9

Not Voting: 1

Absent: 1

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, Dated January 11, 1975 Informing the Honorable City Council that he has Appointed Corrine Sormanti as Acting Recorder of Deeds.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted to Return this Appointment to the Mayor, Since as of January 11, 1975, No Vacancy Existed in this Office, by the following Division Vote:

Ayes: 14

Noes: 11

Absent: 1

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 15, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Rudolph DeVito, as Commissioner of Bureau of Licenses.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is voted that the Appointment be Not Approved, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Tomasso—10.

Absent: Councilman Turchetta—1.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 15, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Richard Worrell, as Commissioner of Bureau of Licenses.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted that the Appointment be Not Approved, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Tomasso—10.

Absent: Councilman Turchetta—1.

Communication from Vincent T. Izzo, dated January 14, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Donald Capuano, as Acting City Assessor.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted to Return the Communication to Finance Director Izzo, Since there is no Provision for the Appointment of an Acting City Assessor, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Almagno, Bradshaw, Cola, Gorodetsky, Henries, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Tomasso—10.

Absent: Councilman Turchetta—1.

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY Informs COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON that Under the Provisions of Rule 8 of the Rules of the City Council for the Term 1975-1979, it Appears that not less than One-Sixth of the Members of the City Council, Present, desire that the Director of the Department of Public Property Everett A. Travisono Appear before the Scheduled Meeting of the City Council on February 6, 1975 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. that he may be Questioned Regarding City Business.

It is Ascertained that Nine Members of the City Council Concur with COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY'S Suggestion.

COUNCILMAN MCKIERNAN Requests that Mr. Michael J. Farina also Appear at that time.

It is Ascertained that Twenty-One Members of the City Council Concur with COUNCILMAN MCKIERNAN'S Suggestion.

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY Accordingly Requests COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON that he Invite Messrs. Travisono and Farina, as Noted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and MEROLA, the City Council adjourns at 11:40 o'clock P.M. (EST), to meet again on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1975 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST).

Vincent Turchetta

City Clerk

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