

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 54 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 5, 1981 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RALPH FARGNOLI

IN CITY COUNCIL
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APPROVED:

ROLL CALL

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

Present: Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier-26.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN MALCOLM FARMER, III.

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

COUNCILMAN THOMAS W. PEARLMAN leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 53 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 15, 1981 and Posted February 3, 1981, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall, is Approved as Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated February 2, 1981, informing the City Council that pursuant to Sections 4.1 and 5.23 of the City Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, he is submitting the name of Joseph C. DiSanto, 30 Batcheller Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as the Director of the Department of Public Works.

Rhode Island as Director of the Department of Public Works.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

February 2, 1981

City Council
City of Providence
Providence, Rhode Island

Honorable Members:

I am this date, pursuant to sections 4.1 and 5.23 of the Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island submitting the name of Joseph C. DiSanto, 30 Batcheller Avenue, Providence,

Communication Received and Appointment Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN FARMER, seconded by COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO.

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN LYNCH, MOISE and SALVATORE desire to be recorded as "Not Voting".

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE HIS HONOR, MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR., Presents:

**Budget Message and Appropriation
Ordinance, Setting Forth in Detail,
Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1981:**

February 5, 1981 Honorable Members:

City Council
City of Providence
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

I am on this date submitting for your review and approval my proposed budget for fiscal year 1981. I seek your assistance and cooperation in

providing prompt and responsible action so that our City may be placed on a sound fiscal basis with a balanced budget. It is neither easy nor pleasant to undertake the actions called for, but I submit to you it is the right and responsible way to act in the short period remaining in this fiscal year.

As you well know we have suffered through a period of extraordinary inflation for the past three years. In fact the rate of inflation for this period totals thirty six percent (36%). During this time the City of Providence experienced no tax increase, while our costs continued to rise as a result of this inflationary spiral.

In November of 1980, I sought the assistance of members of the banking community, accountants, attorneys, local businessmen and representatives of the Providence City Council to review the City's fiscal condition and to recommend to me appropriate actions. The first report of this Committee, issued in January, recommended:

1. Adoption, with Rhode Island Auditor General's approval, of the modified accrual method of accounting in the current fiscal year.
2. A \$16.33 supplemental property tax increase, payable in six quarterly payments of \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$2.50 and \$2.83.
3. Certain legislative action necessary to implement the above.
4. Implementation of effective budgetary procedures to monitor, control and limit departmental spending.

I have accepted all of these recommendations; thus, the proposed fiscal year 1981 budget seeks a \$16.33 supplemental property tax increase. Mindful of the possible economic and social consequences to our citizens, payment of this supplemental increase will be spread over an eighteen month period with only \$6.00 per thousand payable in this fiscal year in two installments of \$3.00 per thousand each. In fiscal

year, 1982, four additional quarterly payments of \$2.50, \$2.50, \$2.50 and \$2.83 will be due.

The Committee has now issued its second report which, in addition to stressing the urgency of the current fiscal situation, discusses possible alternative revenue sources for fiscal year 1982. These include instituting a 1% municipal payroll tax, which would clearly necessitate General Assembly action. It is projected that a 1% tax on wages earned in the City would yield an estimated 14.5 million dollars on an annual basis. Enactment of such a tax would enable us to significantly reduce the property tax in future years. Another option being explored is an increase in the State sales tax of 1%, with those additional revenues being distributed to the cities and towns.

The City of Providence, as the only central city in the state, is the home of many tax exempt institutions which serve a broad public function. Thus the Committee recommends that the feasibility of assessing service charges (i.e. police protection, fire protection, snow removal, street cleaning and lighting, etc.) against private schools, churches, hospitals, and other charitable institutions within the City, which are presently exempt from any property tax, be explored with all possible speed. It is projected such charges could generate approximately three million dollars annually.

It is the further recommendation of the Committee that a review of the City's fee and user charges be undertaken immediately so that such fees could be increased to more realistic levels. These adjustments could generate over one million dollars in new revenue for fiscal year 1982. It is important to note that given the lateness in the fiscal year and the complexity of enacting alternative revenue sources, the impact of any such effort in the current fiscal year would be minimal. Prompt action on these alternatives would, however, enable the City to generate additional revenues in future years and it is my intent to use any such alternative/additional revenues to reduce the property tax rate.

Further, in fiscal year 1982 the Committee has recommended a 2.5% cap on spending growth, which would eliminate the need for any additional tax increase. I have accepted this recommendation also. In view of existing contracts necessitating personnel cost increases of approximately 7% and 12% inflation for material and supplies, it is obvious that such a budget will require reductions in City service and additional economies and efficiencies in operations. The degree of service cutbacks needed to meet the proposed 2.5% growth budget for fiscal year 1982 can not be predicted at this time and is dependent upon actions being taken prior to July 1, 1982 to:

1. Transfer operations of the Sewerage Treatment Plant and certain like services to the regional sewer authority. This would eliminate the present burden on the City's General Fund for the multi-million dollar expense of operating the plant and also significantly reduce the line item in the fiscal year 1982 budget for debt service.
2. Establish once a week garbage collections by a private contractor.
3. Establishment of a Water Enterprise Fund which would enable the City to be reimbursed for services provided to the Water Supply Board.

It is important to note that the Public Utilities Commission has established a hearing date of February 11, 1981 to hear the Water Supply Board's request for a significant rate increase.

The City's preliminary forecast of the impact of

the above could mean reduction of fiscal year 1982 expenditures by 4-6 million dollars.

I am enclosing for your review the second report of the Advisory Committee on Finances dealing with the above referenced alternative revenue sources and the projections for fiscal year 1982. Let me assure you that I will continue to seek the active involvement of this Committee and their recommendations with regard to the stewardship of City finances. I have also requested that the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce undertake a management efficiency study as part of the Committee's endeavors, and they have expressed their willingness to do so. I cannot stress enough the value of the assistance and cooperation so willingly provided by both of these organizations over the past several months.

We must be willing to take the steps necessary to balance the fiscal year 1981 budget; prudently manage our available resources; actively seek alternative revenue; and efficiently deliver municipal services to our citizens. I seek your cooperation and prompt response. Working together, I am certain that we can provide the sound, responsible leadership needed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

MAYOR CIANCI PRESENTS:

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of One Hundred Forty-Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$145,725,250.00) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1981.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, sec-

onded by COUNCILMEN MANSOLILLO and PEARLMAN.

COUNCILMAN FLYNN desires to be recorded as voting "No".

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated February 2, 1981, Informing the City Clerk of his Appointments to the Special Committee for an Appropriate Observance of the Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker, 1981.

February 2, 1981

Mrs. Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI. 02903

Dear Mrs. Mendonca:

In accordance with the authority granted me under the Provisions of Resolution No. 31, of the City Council, approved January 26, 1981, I hereby make the following appointments to the

Special Committee for an Appropriate Observance of the Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker, 1981:

Councilman Joseph R. Paolino, Jr.
Councilman Anthony P. Pennine
Councilman Philip A. Almagno
Councilman Vincent J. Cirelli, and
Councilman James A. Petrosinelli.

Very truly yours,

RALPH FARGNOLI
Council President

Received.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, COUNCILMAN FARMER and COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO (By Request):

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 1980-5 Approved March 14, 1980, as Amended.

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Chapter 1980-6, Approved March 14, 1980, as Amended.

Severally Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

COUNCILMAN MOISE desires to be recorded as "Not Voting" relative to "An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Position, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 1980-5, Approved March 14, 1980, as Amended".

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to study the Feasibility of Hiring a Private Concern to Collect the numerous Parking Violations that have Not Been Paid.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is requested to study the feasibility of hiring a private concern to collect the numerous parking violations, which have not been paid, and

Be It Further Resolved, That payment upon negotiation, be made on a percentage basis.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO:

Resolution Requesting the President of the City Council to Appoint a Special Committee, Consisting of Five (5) Members thereof, to Study

the Feasibility of Implementing a Providence City Lottery.

Read and Not Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN SALVATORE.

The motion to Not Pass, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN BOYLE (By Request):

Resolution that Zone Street, from Chalkstone Avenue to Orms Street, be Established as a Two-Way Street.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN EASTON:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Licenses to Investigate the Fee Structure for Petroleum Storage, Parking Lot and/or Decks and Buses.

Resolved, That the Committee on Licenses is hereby requested to investigate the fee structure for Petroleum Storage, Parking Lots and/or Decks, and Buses, for the purpose of ascertaining whether additional revenue can be raised for the City of Providence from these sources.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Members of the City Council, to Discharge the Committee on Public Works from further consideration of that petition requesting the abandonment of a portion of Sawyer Street.

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment of a portion of Sawyer Street, from Stamford Avenue to its Easterly Termination.

Severally Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN FARMER:

Resolution that the Committee on Finance request the Mayor to Implement Additional Lay-Offs pursuant to His Originally Announced Plan forthwith.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to Notify all City Department Directors that this City Council will not Approve a Budget for Fiscal Year 1982, which Contains Expenditures in Excess of Five Percent (5%) Greater than the Expenditures Approved by this City Council for Fiscal Year, 1981.

COUNCILMAN FARMER (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to Consider Deletion or Deferral, in Whole or in Part, from the Fiscal Year 1981 Budget of the Amount of Approximately Nine Million, One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,129,000.00) Allocated as a Payment to the City's Retirement Plan, Subject to Certain Conditions.

Severally Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN AD-DISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

COUNCILMAN SNOWDEN desires to be recorded as voting "No" and COUNCILMAN MOISE desires to be recorded as "Not Voting" on that "Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to Consider Deletion or Deferral, in Whole or in Part, from the Fiscal Year, 1981 Budget of the Amount of Approximately Nine Million, One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,129,000.00) Allocated as a Payment to the City's Retirement Plan, subject to Certain Conditions."

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN FARMER and COUNCILMAN PAOLINO:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to prepare a Resolution Setting Forth the Elements of a Financial Oversight Committee which shall be empowered to oversee City Expenditures and Financial Operations until such time as the City experiences two fiscal years in which the City has a Surplus.

Whereas, This City faces an immediate and

serious financial crisis which may cause the taxpayers of this City to pay significantly increased taxes, and

Whereas, The taxpayers of this City are entitled to know that expenditure of tax dollars by the City of Providence will be conducted in the most economical and efficient fashion, and

Whereas, The current fiscal crisis confronting the City may well extend over future years if severe action is not taken to control said expenditures,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is requested to prepare a Resolution setting forth the elements of a financial oversight committee which shall be empowered to oversee City expenditures and financial operations until such time as the City experiences two fiscal years in which the City has a surplus and that the Committee on Finance report the substance of such a financial oversight committee to this full Council for approval and recommendation for enabling legislation forthwith.

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to meet with the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council to Establish an Extensive Study of the City's Fees and Use Charges to determine whether any City funds will be necessary to Conduct such study and develop amendments to the ordinances Increasing City Fees to pay for Services Provided.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance meet with the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council to establish an extensive study of the City's fees and use charges, to determine whether any City funds will be necessary to conduct such study and to develop amendments to the City ordinances increasing City fees to a level which pays for the services rendered.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor to prepare and cause to be introduced in the General Assembly, Legislation, if necessary, permitting the City of Providence to charge service fees to all Property Tax Exempt Institutions and Property Owners based upon certain provisions.

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to find out from the Finance Director, City Treasurer, and the Superintendent of Schools, whether the School Department has been spending in excess of monies appropriated for such expenditures for fiscal year 1981 and the Finance Director is to provide the Finance Committee with an estimate of whether the School Department may exceed revenue appropriated therefore in this fiscal year and if confirmed to be in excess, no purchase orders or financial commitments may be authorized until proven there will be no such excess.

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to advise the Mayor's Financial Advisory Committee that the City Council requests a Management Study of all City Operations and further requesting the Rhode Island Expenditures Council and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce to commence Organization of such study and to Indicate Whether and to What Extent an Expenditure of City Funds will be necessary to conduct such study.

Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor to prepare and cause to be introduced in the General Assembly, Legislation providing for Reimbursement by the State of Rhode Island to the City of Providence of the Cost of Services Provided to Tax Exempt Institutions and Properties located in the City of Providence.

Severally Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN and PAOLINO.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN:

Resolution Requesting that the Providence School Committee take the necessary steps so as to keep within the recommendations of the Mayor's Financial Advisory Committee in the Adoption of their 1981-1982 Budget.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON and COUNCILMAN EASTON:

Resolution Opposing the decision of the Members of the Employees' Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System in their recent vote to grant the Deputy Director of Civil Defense an Accidental Disability Pension and requesting they review their decision of approval.

Whereas, The Members of the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System recently approved Accidental Disability Pension be granted to the Deputy Director of Civil Defense, and

Whereas, The request was denied at a previous Board Meeting and no new medical evidence was provided to the Board at the requested hearing,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the decision of the Members of the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System is hereby opposed in the granting of Accidental Disability Retirement Pension to the Deputy Director of Civil Defense, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the members review their decision of approval.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to order the Installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 14 located along Modena Avenue.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 14, located along Modena Avenue.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN MOISE:

Resolution Requesting the Federal Authorities to disclose the results of the Investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of Certain Members of the Providence City Council prior to any action being taken by its members relative to the sale of the Valley View Housing Complex.

COUNCILMAN ADDISON moves the Resolution be Referred to Committee on Public Welfare.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN EASTON.

COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO moves the Resolution be Denied.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN JOHNSON.

The motion to Refer having precedence over the motion to Deny is Put to Vote and Passed, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilman Addison, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Lynch, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden and Stravato—13.

Nays: Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Cirelli, Cola, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Mansolillo and Pearlman—10.

Not Voting: Councilmen Flynn, Pennine and Xavier—3.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN PAOLINO and COUNCILMAN PENNINE:

Resolution Extending Best Wishes to Joseph Fratus for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from his recent illness.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their best wishes to Joseph Fratus for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN PAOLINO and COUNCILMAN MOISE:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on City Property, when prepared to Offer Valley View Housing Complex, Triggs Memorial Golf Course and/or the City Owned Land in Narragansett, Rhode Island to place Advertisements in all Major Newspapers and Real Estate Journals and said Committee Accept Sealed Proposals only, from prospective developers.

COUNCILMAN PAOLINO moves that the Resolution be Amended by inserting in the second line, following the word "when" the words "and if".

This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, is Put to Vote and Passed.

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property is hereby requested, when and if prepared to offered the Valley View Housing Complex, Triggs Memorial Golf Course and/or the City Owned

Land in Narragansett, Rhode Island, to place advertisements in all major newspapers and real Estate Journals, and

Be It Further Resolved, That said Committee accept sealed proposals only from the prospective developers interested in the properties.

The Resolution is thereupon Read and Passed, as Amended, on motion of COUNCILMAN PAOLINO, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion for Passage, as Amended, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, COUNCILMAN FARMER and COUNCILMAN MAN-SOLILLO (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the City Solicitor to appear before the 1981 Session of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Urge Passage of an Act Authorizing the City of Providence to Impose a Supplemental Tax on City Property, both Real and Personal and an Additional Excise Tax on all Registered Motor Vehicles and Trailers for the Fiscal Year, 1980-1981 in an Amount Not to Exceed Twenty-One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$21,500,000.00) substantially in Accordance with the accompanying Draft Act.

COUNCILMAN ADDISON moves the Resolution be Referred to the Committee on Finance.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN EASTON.

COUNCILMAN FLYNN moves the Resolution be Disapproved.

This motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN GLAVIN.

RECESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI declares the City Council Stand at Ease at 9:20 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Re-convenes the City Council at 9:40 o'clock P.M. (EST) and directs the Clerk to Call the Roll to Ascertain if there is a Quorum Present:

Present: Council President Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravto and Xavier—26.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI STATES THAT HE HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT FORMER GOVERNOR ELLA T. GRASSO OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HAS DIED AND DIRECTS THE COUNCIL TO STAND FOR A MINUTE OF SILENCE IN HER MEMORY.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI directs the Clerk to Call the Roll on that Resolution Authorizing the City Solicitor to appear before the 1981 Session of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Urge Passage of an Act Authorizing the City of Providence to Impose a Supplemental Tax on City Property, both Real and Personal and an Additional Excise Tax on all Registered Motor Vehicles and Trailers for the Fiscal Year, 1980-1981 in an Amount Not to Exceed Twenty-One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$21,500,000.00) substantially in accordance with the accompanying Draft Act.

The motion to Refer having precedence over the motion to Disapprove is Put to Vote and Passed by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier—22.

Nays: Council President Fargnoli and Councilmen Flynn, Glavin and Pennine—4.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Authorizing the City of Providence to Assess and Collect a Supplemental 1980 Tax in a Sum Not Less than Twenty Million, Five Hundred Eighty-One Thousand and Seventy Dollars (\$20,581,070.00) and Not More than Twenty-One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$21,500,000.00) being Based on One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 1980-1981 Fiscal Year Tax Collection.

Resolution Urging and Authorizing the City Collector to Impose a Penalty, by Way of Interest, on a Tax, in the Amount of Twelve (12%) Per Cent per annum upon any tax not paid at the appointed time.

Severally Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, seconded by **COUNCILMEN MANSOLILLO** and **DILLON**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI, **COUNCILMEN FLYNN** and **GLAVIN**, desire to be recorded as voting "No", on that "Resolution Authorizing the City of Providence to Assess and Collect a Supplemental 1980 Tax in a Sum Not Less than Twenty Million, Five Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Seventy Dollars, (\$20,581,070.00) and Not More than Twenty-One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$21,500,000.00) being Based on One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 1980-1981 Fiscal Year Tax Collection".

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN PENNINE:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to Study the Feasibility of Imposing a Two Percent (2%) Income Tax on Employees of the City of Providence who are non-residents.

Referred to Committee on Finance on motion of **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN FLYNN**.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and
COUNCILMAN SALVATORE (By Re-
quest):**

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to order the Installation of a High Pressure Sodium Vapor Light on Pole No. 53, located along Admiral Street.

Resolved. That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of a High Pressure Sodium Vapor Light on Pole No. 53, located along Admiral Street.

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to order the Replacement of Existing Street Lights with High Pressure Sodium Vapor Lights along Charles Street to Coincide with the Revitalization of that Area.

Resolved. That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the Replacement of Existing Street Lights with High Pressure Sodium Vapor Lights along Charles Street, to Coincide with the Revitalization of that Area.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,
on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON,
seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.**

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN SNOWDEN and COUNCIL-
MAN MOISE:**

Resolution Requesting the Committee on City Property and the Mayor's Office of Community Development to Temporarily Halt any Further Negotiations with Local Non-Profit Organiza-

tions for Acquisition of Land under non-profit status or for less than Fair Market Value or Negotiated price.

**Referred to Committee on City Property,
on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON,
seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER:

Resolution Requesting the City Collector to Increase the Penalty on Delinquent Tax Bills to Coincide with the Prime Rate of Interest.

Resolution Requesting His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to pay money to the City of Providence in lieu of taxes, for all State Tax Exempt Property within said City.

Resolution Requesting the Acting Finance Director to Approach all Tax Exempt Organizations in the City of Providence for an equity loan to aid the Financial Emergency problem in the City.

**Severally Referred to Committee on Fi-
nance, on motion of COUNCILMAN AD-
DISON, seconded by COUNCILMEN
FLYNN and SALVATORE.**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to study the feasibility of offering Triggs Memorial Golf Course for sale.

Whereas, Angelo P. Ricci, Chief of the Providence Police Department, has been a lifelong resident of our City, and

Referred to Committee on City Property on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

Whereas, Chief Ricci, following many years of unselfish and devoted service to his department, has brought his experience and expertise to the Members of the Police Force as Chief of that department,

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their vote of confidence to Providence Police Chief, Angelo P. Ricci, for the fine dedicated services he has rendered to the City of Providence and its citizens.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN DILLON, COUNCILMAN EASTON, COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, COUNCILMAN PENNINE, COUNCILMAN COLA, COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO and COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN:

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN and SALVATORE.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution extending a Vote of Confidence to Police Chief Angelo P. Ricci for the fine dedicated services he has rendered to the City of Providence.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

An Ordinance Amending Section 21-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Filing Fee for Petitions to Amend Zoning Ordinance, Map".

Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Penine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier—26.

The motion for Passage the First Time, is Sustained.

Resolution Reporting Receipts of Certain Gifts of Monies by the Board of Park Commissioners for the Preservation and Care of 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.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Moise, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Penine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier—26.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment of a Portion of Manning Street, for One Block between Thayer and Brook Streets.

Resolved, Decreed and Ordered, That the following named street shown as cross-hatched area on the accompanying plan entitled "Providence, Rhode Island, Department of Public Works — Engineering Office, Street Line Section Plan No. 064132, dated December 19, 1980", Viz:

Manning Street, for one block between Thayer and Brook Streets shown as cross-hatched area on the accompanying plan and designated by the letters (A-B-C-D-A), having ceased to be useful to the public and is proposed to be abandoned as a Public Highway, subject to the petitioners conveying easements acceptable to the following: The Water Supply Board to secure a permanent easement equivalent to present street width and length; Narragansett Electric Company be per-

mitted the retention of their facilities in existing locations on said streets, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same; Providence Gas Company be permitted the right to inspect, improve and maintain their present facilities at all times; and that the Department of Public Works is provided a full sewer easement; and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded, and it is further

Ordered, That the Director of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway", and it is further

Ordered, That after the entry of this order or

decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper published in the County of Providence at least once a week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which has been abandoned, who is known to reside within the State.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN HARRY A. JOHNSON, Chairman COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

Resolution Requesting Department Heads inform the Committee on City Property, in writing, of all leases in existence, the monthly and/or annual rental payments, location and the date of termination of said lease.

Whereas, Numerous departments in City Government lease office space from private real estate firms, and

Whereas, The City of Providence is paying large sums of money in rentals for the various departments throughout the City,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That all Department Heads, leasing office space in the various buildings are hereby requested to inform the Committee on City Property, in writing, the monthly and/or annual rental payments, location, and the date of termination of said lease.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMEN PAOLINO and FLYNN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Execute a Deed of Conveyance to Harold Schein of Lots 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 341 and 342, on City Assessor's Plat 15, located at the junction of Angell, Waterman and East River Streets, for the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Deed of Conveyance to Harold Schein, 25 Almeida Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island 02914, of Lots 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 341 and 342 as set out and delineated on City Assessor's Plat 15, located at the junction of Angell, Waterman and East River Streets, said area containing approximately Forty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Eight (47,548) square feet of land, more or less, for the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier—25.

Nays: Councilman Moise—1.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Authorizing the Committee on City Property to Offer the Valley View Housing Complex for Sale to a Private Developer.

Resolved, That the Committee on City Property is hereby authorized to offer the Valley View Housing Complex for Sale to a Private Developer.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Boyle, Cirelli, Cola, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Pennine, and Xavier—15.

Nays: Councilmen Addison, Easton, Moise and O'Connor—4.

Not Voting: Councilwoman Brassil and Councilmen Dillon, Paolino, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Snowden and Stravato—7.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN THOMAS F. O'CONNOR, JR., Chairman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL
AND PLANNING**

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Chapter 1977-15 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Approved April 18, 1977 and Entitled "An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for Federal Hill East."

Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Boyle, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli,

Cola, Dillon, Easton, Farmer, Flynn, Glavin, Griffin, Johnson, Lynch, O'Connor, Paolino, Pearlman, Pennine, Petrosinelli, Snowden, Stravato and Xavier—23.

Not Voting: Councilman Moise—1.

Absent: Councilmen Mansolillo and Salvatore—2.

The motion for Passage the First Time, is Sustained.

PETITIONS

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON (By Request):

Petition of William R. Lovett, 45 Warrington Street, Providence, R. I. for Appointment as Weigher of Coal and Other Merchandise.

Referred to Committee on Licenses, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN STRAVATO.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):

Petition of Constance A. Mussels, 8 Sheldon Street, Providence, for permission to construct front steps for a house to be moved to the vacant lot on the northeast corner of Sheldon and Benefit Streets which will encroach on the sidewalk by approximately three (3) feet.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN and STRAVATO.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Records of Proceedings regarding the City Council Public Hearings held December 1, 2, 8, 9 and 15, 1980, relative to the Suspension of Clement J. Cesaro as Director of Public Works by Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., (For records of proceedings see Files of the City Council).

Severally Received.

**FROM THE FORESTRY DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS:**

Yearly Work Report for 1980.

Received.

**FROM THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE
PROVIDENCE MUNICIPAL COURT:**

Communication dated January 9, 1981, informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Stephen V. Ryan as Clerk of said Court for the term ending on the first Monday of January, 1983, and the approval of the Clerk's Appointments of Robert E. Joyce and Mary Bator as Deputy Clerks of that court for the Same Term.

Received.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:**

Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1980.

Received.

**FROM THE CLERK OF THE PROVIDENCE
MUNICIPAL COURT:**

Communication, dated January 9, 1981 informing of his appointments of Robert E. Joyce and Mary Bator as Deputy Clerks of the said Court for the Ensuing Term Ending on the First Monday of January, 1983.

Received.

FROM THE CITY CONTROLLER:

Monthly Statement of Capital, General and School Funds for the Three Months ended September 30, 1980.

Received.

**FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE
WATER SUPPLY BOARD:**

Communication informing the City Council of a motion adopted by its Members to forward a copy of letter received from the Vice-President of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank for services rendered by that Department during the flooding emergency of January 12, 1981 when

the frigid temperatures damaged the 24 inch water main behind the Federal Building.

Received.

FROM CHARLES LOVELL OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND:

Communication to the City Council voicing his concern of the Proposed Commuter Tax for the people working in the City of Providence and informing that his wife commutes from Portsmouth to Rhode Island Emergency Room working as a Registered Nurse and Does Not Use City Services.

Received.

FROM THE PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

Report dated January 27, 1981, Informing the Honorable City Council of Its Proposed Sale of Real Property within the West Broadway NDP, A2-1, Year III, viz;

The Agency proposes the sale of Parcel 3-20 as deleted on the attached map for the disposition price of \$5,800.00 to the City of Providence. The parcel will be developed by the City of Providence in Conjunction with the Asa Messer School Renovation and New Construction Project.

Referred to Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR:

Report of All Suits and Legal Proceedings Not Including Criminal Proceedings, in Which the City has an Interest, Begun Prior to January 1, 1981.

Received.

FROM THE CITY ASSESSOR:

Certificates (44-H and 49-H) 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 Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

FROM THE BUREAU OF LICENSES:

Reports for the Quarter Ended December 31, 1980 and the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1980.

Severally Received.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Simon and Clara Almeida

Johnnie-Mae Cabral

Maryann Cappelli

Patricia Donth

Janet Gould, Sunset Realty Corp.

John B. Kline

Beverly A. Lincourt

Rose R. Manupelli

Joseph T. Morrissey, Jr.

Natural Ice Company

Netop Associates

Kenneth E. O'Brien, Jr.

Judie Salandra

Frank R. Spirito

Texaco, Inc.

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

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Congratulations"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Resolutions Extending Congratulations to the following:

Councilman Michael Early, New Orleans, Louisiana, In Recognition of Courtesies Extended to a fellow Councilman during a visit to his City and wishing him great success in his future endeavors.

Police Chief Angelo P. Ricci, In Recognition of the Internal Disciplinary Action recently undertaken by the Providence Police Department.

Linda Barnes, In Recognition of her representing the Providence Recreation Department and Scoring Fifty-Two points in the Pepsi-Cola NBA Hotshot Semifinals.

Members of Bible Speaks Basketball Team, In Recognition of having captured the Champion-

ship in the Providence Recreation Department's Men's Basketball League.

Battalion Chief Robert N. Drummond, Upon His recent Retirement following Thirty-Three years of dedicated service to the City of Providence Fire Department and Wishing him success in his future endeavors.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sultzer, in Recognition of the Birth of their daughter, born December 19, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Scully, in Recognition of the Birth of their daughter, born December 18, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos E. Moran, in Recognition of the Birth of their son, born December 26, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Schenfeld, in Recognition of the Birth of their son, born December 16, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Mayer, in Recognition of the Birth of their son, born December 23, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. David G. Radford, in Recognition of the Birth of their son, born December 30, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot M. Perlman, in Recognition of the Birth of their son, born December 31, 1980.

George Araujo, Upon his fine art exhibition of "Paintings from Life" at the Rhode Island School of Design on January 22, 1981.

Frederick C. Williamson, Director of Department of Community Affairs, In Recognition of Recently being elected Chairman of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memoriam"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Resolutions Extending the Sympathy of the Members of the City Council to the Families of Various Decedents.

Resolved, That the Sympathy of the Members of the City Council is hereby expressed to the families of the following:

Marie Testa

Rev. Dag C. G. Sandstroem

Rachel L. Myers

Eugene W. Ives

James F. Duarte

William J. Hughes, Sr.

Antoinette Gould

Peter F. Bruen	Dorothy D. Briscoe
Veronica Miklaszewicz	Francisco C. Ramos
Joseph M. Orsi	Ann C. Pearson
Anthony Antuono	Arthur F. Parenteau, Sr.
Pauline Baer	Hershelle Donnelly
Antonetta Merola	Theodore Singerman
Angelina Coccozza	Bryan Staebler
Mary-Ann Autotte	Michele Rocchio
Fannie Horvitz	Catherine R. Croce
Kathryn R. Kelly	Maria Martini
Ralph Miele	Edith Shuman
Rita Gertsacov	Alfred Pezzi
Grace M. O'Donnell	Filomena C. Ruscetta
Jordan J. Kauffman	Peter DelMastro
Elsie L. Vallente	Margaret V. Cahir
Luigi Palmisciano	Alice G. MacKay
Patricia Ann Grenier	Gertrude Snyder
Florianne Belhumeur	Salvatore M. Cacchiotti
Peter D'Amore	Anthony Capaldi
Daniel Joseph, Jr.	Josephine Leventhal
Elsie Guglielmi	Jacob H. Weiss
Mary C. Coutanche	Joseph P. Snyder
Leonard B. Maglione	Richard E. O'Leary
Marshall L. Gaines	Maritza Kazarian

Severally Read and Collectively Passed
by a unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of
COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by
COUNCILMAN STRAVATO.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on
motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, sec-
onded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN, The City
Council Adjourns at 10:35 o'clock P.M.
(E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 19, 1981 at 8:00 o'clock P.M.
(E.S.T.).

Rose M. Mandonca

City Clerk

February 5]

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