

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 62 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 1, 1989, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 1 5 1989

PRESIDING

APPROVED:

[Signature] CLERK

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

NICHOLAS W. EASTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, Petrosinelli, Rollins, Stravato and Councilwoman Young—14.

Absent: Councilman Farmer—1.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
DAVID G. DILLON.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON 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. 61 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held
May 18, 1989 and Posted May 30, 1989 on
that Bulletin Board located on the Ground
Floor Level of City Hall, is Approved as
Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN
GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN
FARGNOLI.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM THE CITY CONTROLLER:

Street Lighting Bill from Narragansett Electric Company for April, 1989, in the Amount of One Hundred Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$107,598.80).

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Coun-

cilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, Petrosinelli, Rollins, Stravato and Councilwoman Young—14.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Farmer—1.

The motion for Approval, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN DILLON and COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1988-21, Approved July 1, 1988, Entitled: "An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Two Hundred Seventeen Million, Six Hundred Twelve Thousand, Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$217,612,058.00) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1989".

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN ANNALDO, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMAN COLA, COUNCILMAN DILLON, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN FARMER, COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN LOPES, COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI, COUNCILMAN ROLLINS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending the Congratulations of the Members of the City Council to Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna Upon the Birth of Their Daughter Erica Ann.

Whereas, Time indeed does pass quickly, for it does not seem as though nearly ten years have passed since Joanne Defusco joined the able and dedicated work force in the City Clerk's Department, and

Whereas, As she rose through the ranks from Clerk Stenographer to Stenographic Reporter to the City Council, there were many who wondered how a young lady of such beauty, intelligence, and charm had managed to remain single for any length of time, and

Whereas, Joanne was just waiting for a suitable mate, and she found him in the dashing John McKenna, owner of the Paint Shoppe of East Providence, much to the chagrin of her many admirers, secret and otherwise, in City Hall, and

Whereas, Joanne has always shown a great love for children, so it was not very long after the wedding that speculation began about when Joanne would have children of her own, and

Whereas, Joanne was just waiting for a suitable time, and she found it on Mothers Day, May 14,

1989, when the beautiful 8 pound 1 ounce Erica Ann McKenna arrived,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the members of the City Council do join with our City Clerk and all of Joanne's colleagues in expressing congratulations to the proud parents on the birth of Erica Ann, and in expressing hope that Joanne will have many more of these special "Mother's Day's" to celebrate, even if they don't fall on the Second Sunday in May.

Resolution of the City Council Extending Their Best Wishes to Carmine A. Bucci for a Healthy and Prosperous Retirement from the City of Providence.

Whereas, In 1931 Carmine A. Bucci started out as a Water Boy in the Greenhouse at the North Burial Ground, and

Whereas, He continued in this capacity until 1933 when he went to work at the Davis Flower Shop, and

Whereas, He returned in 1949, and by 1958 he was promoted to Sexton of the North Burial Ground, and

Whereas, In 1966 he was again promoted, to Superintendent of North Burial Ground, and

Whereas, Carmine Bucci "retired" in 1974 and was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the North Burial Ground, where the intricate knowledge of the operations he amassed in decades of service allowed him to serve with unusual distinction, and

Whereas, Since 1978 he has held the title "Chairman Emeritus" and has continued to serve as a volunteer in the North Burial Ground, and

Whereas, The dedication and pride of workmanship that Carmine Bucci has displayed in nearly sixty years of service to making the North Burial Ground a dignified final resting place is an inspiration to all city workers and public servants,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That on behalf of all the people of Providence, and on behalf of all the families of those buried in North Burial Ground, the Members of the City Council do express immense gratitude to Carmine A. Bucci for his decades of service to the city, and wish him all the best in his re-retirement.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause a Street Name Sign "Lynn Street" to be Installed on Lynn Street at the Corner of Sackett Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause a Street Name Sign "Lynn Street" to be Installed on Lynn Street at the Corner of Sackett Street.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ANNALDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON, COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI:

Resolution of the City Council Endorsing and Recommending the Establishment of a Commission for the Study of the Providence College

Question and Its Impact on the Elmhurst Neighborhood, to be Named "Elmhurst Commission".

Whereas, The Elmhurst Neighborhood Association is an incorporated association within the State of Rhode Island established for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Elmhurst area and its residents, and

Whereas, The Elmhurst neighborhood has experienced, for the last seven years, an increasing disruption of the area, and

Whereas, The disruption experienced by that neighborhood has been sufficient to cause increased difficulties in that same neighborhood with regard to police arrests, enforcement of minimum housing standards, zoning violations and in the maintenance of the tranquility of the area, and

Whereas, The resources of the City of Providence have been expended to eliminate and control the problem, and

Whereas, The same problem has eluded control in spite of the resources expended towards its elimination and control, and

Whereas, It has been determined that the present tools available to the City government may be insufficient to eliminate the difficulties generated by and within the Elmhurst area, and

Whereas, It has been determined that the present situation involves the actions of students matriculating at Providence College,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby endorse and recommend the establishment of a Commission for the study of the Providence College question and its impact on the Elmhurst Neighborhood that said Commission should be named the "Elmhurst Commission", that said Commission shall include the following members: one member of the Office of the Mayor of the City

of Providence, the Chief of Police of the City of Providence or his appointed representative, the President of the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association, three members of that Association, the President of Providence College, the Dean of the College of Providence College and any one other representative of the College, three members of the Providence City Council appointed by the President of the Council, the President of the Providence College Student Congress or their appointed representative.

Be it further Resolved, That said Commission shall have the power to hold public hearings. Said Commission shall complete its efforts and submit its report by the commencement of the school year in September, 1989.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause Transit Street, from Benefit

Street to Brook Street, to be Scarified, Repaved and New Lines be Painted in the Street.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Transit Street, from Benefit Street to Brook Street, to be Scarified, Repaved and New Lines be Painted in the Street.

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the Installation of "No Parking 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M." Signs along the North Side of Sheldon Street, from Benefit Street to Brook Street.

Resolved. That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the Installation of "No Parking 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M." Signs along the North Side of Sheldon Street, from Benefit Street to Brook Street.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

AT EASE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON Declares the Council Stand at Ease at 8:15 o'clock P.M.

RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON Re-convenes the City Council at 8:20 o'clock P.M. and Declares there is a Quorum Present.

Resolution Establishing James Street, from South Main Street to South Water Street, as a One-Way Street, in a Westerly Direction.

Resolved, That James Street, from South Main Street to South Water Street, be Established as a One-Way Street, in a Westerly Direction.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN COLA (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the Installation of a Guardrail along 66 Fruit Hill Avenue.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the Installation of a Guardrail along 66 Fruit Hill Avenue.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the Guardrail along 924 Manton Avenue to be Repaired.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the Guardrail along 924 Manton Avenue to be Repaired.

COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Director of Grounds Maintenance Services to cause that Tree Located along 145 Nelson Street, to be Removed.

Resolved, That the Director of Grounds Maintenance Services is requested to cause that Tree Located along 145 Nelson Street, to be Removed.

COUNCILMAN FARMER (By Request):

Resolution Establishing Angell Street, from Wayland Avenue to Moses Brown Street, as a One-Way Street, in an Easterly Direction.

Resolved, That Angell Street, from Wayland Avenue to Moses Brown Street, be Established as a One-Way Street, in an Easterly Direction.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Deputy Director of Building Safety to Cite the Owners of that Property located along 41-45 and 56 Oak Street, for Code Violations.

Resolved, That the Deputy Director of Building Safety is requested to Cite the Owners of that

Property located along 41-45 and 56 Oak Street, for Code Violations.

Resolution requesting the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services to cause Trees to be Planted at Certain Locations.

Resolution requesting the Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards to Order Certain Properties to be Demolished.

Resolved, That the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services is requested to cause Trees to be Planted at the following Locations:

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards is hereby requested to Order the following Properties to be Demolished:

71 and 77 Wood Street,

Sycamore Street, the westerly side of, between Wood Street and Hudson Street.

1427 Westminster Street,

108 Federal Street,

106 Knight Street, and

80 Messer Street.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to Order the Street Lights at the Corner of Rhodes and Plain Streets and Across from Pole No. 18 along Rhodes Street, to be Replaced at an Increased Lumen with Vandal Shields.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause Certain Sidewalks to be Repaired.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to Order Street Lights to be replaced at the Corner of Rhodes and Plain Streets and Across from Pole No. 18 along Rhodes Street, to be Replaced at an Increased Lumen with Vandal Shields.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is hereby requested to cause the following Sidewalks to be Repaired:

90 Oak Street

64 Chapin Avenue

71 and 77 Wood Street, and

Sycamore Street, westerly side of, between Wood Street and Hudson Street.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause All Streets within the Eleventh Ward to be Cleaned.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause All Streets within the Eleventh Ward to be Cleaned.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to Undertake a Survey of the Existing

Problems of Motor Vehicles Damaging Properties along Certain Areas of Prairie Avenue by Installing Guardrails to Help Alleviate the Dangerous Conditions.

Whereas, Along certain intersections with Prairie Avenue, many properties have been extensively damaged as a result of vehicles losing control, mounting the sidewalks and driving onto private properties, and

Whereas, Fences have been knocked down and residents are greatly concerned that children walking along the sidewalk will be injured,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is hereby requested to undertake

a survey of the problems along Prairie Avenue, at its intersections with Blackstone Street, Robinson Street and Willard Avenue, with a view towards causing the installation of guardrails to alleviate the dangerous conditions that exist with motor vehicles driving onto private properties when turning at these locations.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

Resolution authorizing the City Collector to cause the taxes to be abated on that property under the SWAP Program, located along 206 Wesleyan Avenue, in the amount of \$4,219.81, as requested by John Blakeslee.

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby authorized to cause the taxes to be abated on that property under the SWAP Program, located along 15 Wesleyan Avenue, situated on Lot 206, as set out and delineated on City Assessor's Plat 45, for the sum of Four Thousand, Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars, Eighty-One Cents (\$4,219.81) in accordance with the application filed by John Blakeslee.

Resolution authorizing the City Collector to cause taxes to be abated on that property located at 48-50 Lenox Avenue in the amount of \$901.13 to be granted to Lawrence L. Jones.

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby authorized to cause taxes to be abated on that property located along 48-50 Lenox Avenue, as set out and delineated on Lot 546, City Assessor's Plat 53, in the amount of Seven Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars, Seven Cents (\$785.07) for 1985 taxes and One Hundred Sixteen Dollars, Six Cents (\$116.06) for the 1980 Supplemental Tax, making a total of Nine Hundred One Dollars, Thirteen Cents (\$901.13) to be granted to Lawrence L.

Jones, due to the above amounts having been omitted in the original correspondence from the City Collector's Office for a S.W.A.P. Abatement.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Inspection and Standards to waive the board up liens, plus the interest in the amount of \$450.53 as of January 26, 1989, on that property located along 25 Mount Vernon Street, as requested by S.W.A.P.

Resolved, That the Director of the Department of Inspection and Standards is hereby requested to waive the board-up liens and interest as of January 26, 1989, on that building located along 25 Mount Vernon Street, situated on Lot 704, as set out and delineated on City Assessor's Plat 45, in the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and Fifty Three Cents (\$450.53), as requested by S.W.A.P.

Resolution Authorizing the City Collector to cause the taxes to be abated on that property under the S.W.A.P. Program located along 25 Rutland Street, in the amount of \$2,153.85.

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby authorized to cause the taxes to be abated on that property under the SWAP Program, located along 25 Rutland Street, situated on Lot 517, as set out and delineated on City Assessor's Plat 49, for the sum of Two Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$2,153.85) in accordance with the application filed by Gerard and Vivian Bibeault.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, Petrosinelli, Rollins, Stravato and Councilwoman Young—14.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Farmer—1.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS M. GLAVIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

Resolution endorsing House Bill 89-H 6121 entitled: "An Act relating to education — certification of teachers," presently pending

before the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare.

Whereas, House Bill 89-H 6121 would prohibit the board of regents from not issuing a teaching certificate for elementary and secondary education based solely on a person's test score on a standardized teachers examination, and

Whereas, A person who scores below a present level on an examination may be required to undergo a successful job performance review after three years of teaching to maintain certification,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby

endorse House Bill 89-H 6121, presently pending before the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, relative to An Act Relating to Education—Certification of Teachers.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

The following is transmitted with recommendation the same be Denied:

Petition of D.N. Development Management Corporation by David Newman, President requesting to change the Zoning on Lot 317, Plat 6, located along 720-730 Hope Street from Church Status to a C-2 General Commercial Zone.

Denied, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Deny, is Sustained.

The following Petitioners have been Granted Leave to Withdraw:

Petition of Louis Federici and Associates, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, R.I., to change from R-3 General Residence Zone to a C-1 Limited Commercial Zone, Lots 669 and 670 on City Assessor's Plat 79, situated along the northwesterly corner of Joseph Street and Douglas Avenue.

Dwelling Zone to a C-4 Heavy Commercial Zone and Lot 528 from a C-4 Heavy Commercial Zone to an M-1 General Industrial Zone.

Severally Granted Leave to Withdraw, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Withdraw, is Sustained.

Petition of Steve Maiarisi of 19 Elmwood Avenue to Change Lot 525 from an R-4 Multiple

COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS

FROM PEAT, MARWICK, MAIN & CO.:

General Purpose Financial Statement and Schedules, together with Management Letter and Single Audit Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 1988.

Referred to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1987.

Received.

FROM THE PORT DIRECTOR:

Monthly Report for April, 1989.

Received.

FROM THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Jake Kaplan's Ltd. to Abandon a Portion of Wesleyan Avenue, from Elmwood Avenue running easterly to the easterly property line of Lot 316 on Plat 44.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petitions to the City Council for the passage of the Resolution calling for the appointment of

a Commission to lead to a permanent disposition of the Providence College Problem.

Severally Received.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

David Abbruzzi Construction

Susan Bachini

Robert J. Clark, Jr.

Commerce Ins., as sub. of Ruth Nathanson

Ann and Russell Costa

Frank Cretella

Rosa and Benedetto D'Antonio

Carol A. Espidol

Nationwide Ins., as sub of Domenic Fiorio

Maria F. Guadagno

Lea Jackson

Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., as sub. of
Geri Iasimone

Metropolitan Prop. & Liab. Ins., as sub. of
Penelope Sencer

Joann Norton

Parma Doors, Inc.

State Farm Ins., as sub. of Amir Mehran

David Strother

Bridget Tyler

Severally Referred to Committee on
Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of
COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memoriam"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON and the
MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

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

Matteo Celona

Donald G. Botelho

Antonio Mercurio, Jr.

Luigi G. Rosa

Anna M. Rotella

Lila Patience

Augusta C. Donofrio

Ramon Garcia

Mary W. Perry

David A. Turgeon

Guido DelGallo

Ludovico Iadevaia

Mary J. Young

Anthony DeGiulio

Thomas A.S. Dillon

Bertha M. Williams

Severally Read and Collectively Passed by
a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of
COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

Angelina Suglia

William Carillo, Sr.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Anna Bianchi

Darlene M. Kienle

MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN,
seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARG-
NOLI, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16 of the
Rules of the City Council in Order to Allow
the Introduction of the following Matter Not
Appearing on the Printed Docket.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

An Ordinance Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 1989 Taxes, being based on One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 1989-1990 Fiscal Year Tax Collection.

Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Council-

cilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, Petrosinelli, Rollins, Stravato, and Councilwoman Young—14.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Farmer—1.

The motion for Passage the First Time, is Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, the City Council adjourns at 8:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1989 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Rose M. Mandonea

City Clerk