



Executive Chamber, City of Providence, Rhode Island

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
MAYOR

August 26, 1983

The Honorable
The City Council
Of the City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

I hereby disapprove and veto an Ordinance establishing a City of Providence Contract Negotiating Board. I have taken this action because the negotiation of contracts with a labor union is clearly an executive and administrative power reserved by our charter to the office of Mayor. Additionally, the passage of this ordinance would constitute a unilateral change of the existing collective bargaining agreements which implicitly provide that the Mayor negotiate with labor unions. Any action to impair existing collective bargaining agreements is subject to constitutional challenge.

Also, the Finance Director and Personnel Director are currently made part of the negotiating process whenever their expertise is required, and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence provides that the City Council ratify collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the Mayor.

Respectfully,

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 1 1983

READ: and Mayor's Veto Sustained

Rose M. Mendenhall CLERK

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER

No.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITY OF PROVIDENCE
CONTRACT NEGOTIATING BOARD, AS AMENDED

Approved

~~Be it ordained by the City of Providence:~~

It is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, and the Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a City of Providence Contract Negotiating Board which shall comprise of the Mayor, or his designee, the Finance Director, the Personnel Director, the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance of the City Council or designee and the City Council President, or designee, who is a Member of the City Council; the non-voting member shall be the City Solicitor.

SECTION 2. This Board shall negotiate all contracts with any and all labor unions which would involve wages, hours and conditions of employment by and between the City of Providence and the respective labor unions.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its Passage and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 4 1983

FIRST READING

READ AND PASSED, as amended

Rose M. Mendonca
CLERK

IN CITY
COUNCIL

AUG 18 1983

FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED

PRESIDENT

CLERK

*I hereby disapprove and veto -
Vandana Chandra
Mayor August 26, 1983*

No.

CHAPTER

AN ORDINANCE

THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance, as amended

Rosa M. Mendonca
Chairman

July 25, 1983

Councilman Arnoldo