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CITY PLAN COMMISSION I  
OCTOBER 28, 1965 2:05 P.M.

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A meeting of the City Plan Commission was held in the City Plan Commission Conference Room on Thursday, October 28, 1965 at 2:05 P.M., Chairman Edward Winsor presiding. The following Commission and staff members were present:

Mr. Edward Winsor, Chairman  
Mr. Harry Pinkerson, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Raymond J. Nottage, Secretary  
Honorable Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor  
Dr. Albert Bush-Brown  
Mr. Robert J. Haxton  
Mr. Louis A. Mascia  
Mr. John F. Cicilline, Administrative Assistant  
to Mayor Doorley

Mr. Frank H. Malley, Director  
Mr. Bryan A. Bailey, Acting Deputy Director  
Mr. James T. Beattie, Associate Planner  
Mr. Richard H. Piscione, Assistant Planner  
Mr. Peter S. Goldstein, Planning Aide  
Mrs. Mary M. Hannan, Secretary

Mr. James F. Laffan, Journal Reporter

The minutes of the meeting held on October 14th were approved as distributed.

REFERRALS

Referral No. 1432 - ZONING CHANGE ON PITMAN AND EAST GEORGE STREETS AND BUTLER AVENUE

This referral, at the request of the Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances, received further consideration by the City Plan Commission.

It is a request to change the zoning of a portion of Lot 460 and all of Lot 33 on City Assessor's Plat 15 from Residential R-3 to Commercial C-2.

At a meeting of the Commission on April 22, 1965 this petition was considered by the Commission in the light of various probable and possible developments of this general area and,

It was then

VOTED: To recommend that the petition be denied.

At today's meeting the Commission reviewed the whole matter in the light of both this petition and the subsequent petition which overlaps this area, and after extensive discussion,

Upon motion of Mr. Mascia seconded by Mr. Haxton

It was

VOTED: That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to ascertain from the petitioner what traffic facilities he can and will provide in the event that the petition is approved.

Referral No. 1493 - ZONING CHANGE ON DERRY STREET

This referral, from the Committee on Ordinances, is a request to change from an R-3 Residential Zone to an M-1 General Industrial Zone, Lots 244, 245, 246, 247, 248 and 249 on Assessor's Plat 68 situated on the westerly side of Derry Street.

On an inspection and photographic survey it was determined that the property in question is vacant and is presently used for parking and abandoned cars.

Reference is made to Referral #1384 of the Committee on Ordinances dated July 15, 1964. At that time a request was made to change Lots 244, 245, 246, 247, 248 and 249 on Assessor's Plat 68 located on the easterly side of Derry Street from their present Residential R-3 Zone to an M-1 Industrial Zone. The Commission recommended a denial and the City Council upheld the recommendation.

The present request is the same as the previous referral. The Master Plan proposes industry for this area, but until the Zoning Study Project now being prepared is completed and it is determined how much of this area can be zoned for industry, no new zoning changes should be made, and particularly one which would create a clear case of spot zoning. Therefore,

Upon motion of Mr. Haxton seconded by Mr. Mascia

The Commission

VOTED: To recommend that this petition be denied.

Referral No. 1494 - ZONING CHANGE ON THE CORNER OF WATERMAN STREET AND BUTLER AVENUE

This referral, from the Committee on Ordinances, is a request to change from an R-3 General Residence Zone to a C-1 Limited Commercial Zone, Lot 282 as set out and delineated on City Assessor's Plat 15 situated at the northeasterly corner of Waterman Street and Butler Avenue.

On an inspection and photographic survey it was determined that the property in question is undeveloped.

Whereas the proposed Master Plan calls for High Density Residential in this area, the proposed commercial use of the property in question would depreciate the surrounding property in this established, well maintained neighborhood. The Commercial use of this property would also create a serious traffic hinderance at this heavily traveled intersection, and would be a clear case of spot zoning. There-

fore,

Upon motion of Mr. Mascia seconded by Mr. Haxton

The Commission

VOTED: To recommend that this petition be denied.

Referral No. 1499 - PURCHASE OF UNUSED GARIBALDI PLAYGROUND ON THE  
NORTHWEST CORNER OF BRAYTON AVENUE AND CEDAR  
STREET

This referral, from the Committee on City Property, is a request to purchase Lot 237 on Assessor's Plat 26 located on the southerly side of West Exchange Street. The property in question contains 55,025 square feet of land and is located in an M-1 Zone.

The Master Plan for Recreational Facilities, proposes to abandon this property, known as the Garibaldi Playground. The Master Plan for Providence proposes industry for this area.

Upon motion of Mayor Doorley seconded by Mr. Mascia

The Commission

VOTED: To offer no objection to the selling of this playground, however, it should be brought to the petitioner's attention that the State's plan for the Route 6 Connector might take a portion of this property.

Referral No. 1500 - SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY BORDERED BY THE SEEK-  
ONK RIVER AND RICHMOND SQUARE

This referral, from the Committee on City Property, is a request to purchase or lease Lots 4, 5, 6 and 9 on Assessor's Plat 15, located between East George Street and the Seekonk River. The property in question is located within a C-4 Zone.

It would be unwise to sell or lease any property in this area for it might be located within the path of the proposed River Drive North. Therefore,

Upon motion of Mr. Pinkerson seconded by Mr. Haxton

The Commission

VOTED: To recommend that this petition be denied.

Upon motion of Mr. Pinkerson seconded by Mr. Mascia

The Commission

VOTED: To ratify the action of the Director in re the following referrals from the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning:

Referral No. CBD-214 - APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR INTERIOR ALTERATIONS, NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH, 234 WASHINGTON STREET

No objection is offered to the execution of plans submitted by New England Telephone and Telegraph, 234 Washington Street, for a permit for interior alterations.

Referral No. CBD-215 - APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS, CHILDREN'S FRIEND AND SERVICE, 2 RICHMOND STREET

No objection is offered to the execution of plans submitted by the Children's Friend and Service, 2 Richmond Street, for a permit for interior and exterior alterations. The exterior alterations consists of a new door on first floor.

Referral No. CBD-216 - APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR INTERIOR ALTERATIONS, R. I. HOSPITAL TRUST, 49 WESTMINSTER STREET

No objection is offered to the execution of plans submitted by the R. I. Hospital Trust, 49 Westminster Street, for a permit for interior alterations.

SCHOOL MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

After a brief discussion of the Master Plan, which had been presented and discussed at several previous meetings,

Upon motion of Mr. Pinkerson seconded by Mr. Mascia

The Commission

VOTED: To adopt the MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS as presented.

RECREATION MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

After a brief discussion of the Master Plan, which had been presented and discussed at several previous meetings,

Upon motion of Mr. Haxton seconded by Mr. Pinkerson

The Commission

VOTED: To adopt the MASTER PLAN FOR RECREATION.

LETTER FROM MR. RAKATANSKY

The Director stated that subsequent to the last meeting a letter was sent to Mr. Rakatansky, President of the R. I. Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, under the signature of Mr. Pinkerson, Acting Chairman. Following is a reply to the letter:

"October 21, 1965

Mr. Harry Pinkerson

City Plan Commission  
City Hall  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Pinkerson:

We are most interested in the project for reviewing the Downtown Providence Master Plan as outlined in your letter of October 14th. The American Institute of Architects sub-committee is at present working in this direction and appreciates your offer to provide information that might be needed.

As soon as we have formulated our comprehensive analysis, it will be brought to your attention for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

(signed) Ira Rakatansky

Ira Rakatansky, President  
Rhode Island Chapter, A.I.A.

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c.c. Samuel Cate"

G.N.R.P. STUDY

Mr. Bailey gave a report to the Commission on the G.N.R.P. Study, and stated that this study was moved ahead because of the crucial timing with the ground breaking of the James L. Hanley Educational Center. There is a 3.8 million dollar non-cash credit to be generated by this facility if, and only if, there is an accepted G.N.R.P. Study. Since the construction of this Center has been delayed it has provided the opportunity to develop such a study and submit it to U.R.A. However, if the ground is broken before the G.N.R.P. Study is accepted then the City will not get such credit.

The study entails the Federal Hill - South Providence neighborhoods and encompasses 17 percent of the City's land area. The various sections have been designated as Federal Hill East, Federal Hill West, West End, Upper South Providence, Lower South Providence, Eddy Street, Upper Elmwood and Lower Elmwood. Seven of the eight areas are scheduled for maximum rehabilitation with varying minimal amounts of clearance of their most dilapidated structures. The South Elmwood section will be treated as a code enforcement area to protect it against deterioration and the Eddy Street section will be studied for possible industrial development.

The staff has sent a tentative draft to U.R.A. to be reviewed for their comments. The responsibility of the City Plan Commission is to state that this Plan for the whole area, with respect to types of treatment and with respect to basic public treatment is in conformity with the Master Plan. On November 2nd several staff members are to meet with U.R.A. in New York for a "pre-filing conference". At that time the staff will hear their analysis and suggestions for modifica-

tions. A Survey and Planning Application has to be submitted for each phase of the study, the first such application is required to be submitted with the G.N.R.P. Application, with a filing deadline of December 20th. Introduction in the City Council is scheduled for November 4th.

CIRCULATION MASTER PLAN

Upon motion of Mr. Mascia seconded by Mr. Pinkerson

The Commission

VOTED: To set the date of November 12, 1965 as the date to adopt the Circulation Master Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Raymond S. Nuttall  
SECRETARY (MIT)

**IN CITY  
COUNCIL**

MAR 3 - 1958

FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING

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*Vincent Vesper*, CLERK

MINUTES  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 1965 2:05 P.M.

A meeting of the City Plan Commission was held in the City Plan Commission Conference Room on Friday, November 12, 1965, Chairman Edward Winsor presiding. The following Commission and staff members were present:

Mr. Edward Winsor, Chairman  
Mr. Harry Pinkerson, Vice Chairman  
Honorable Joseph A. Doorley, Jr. Mayor  
Mr. Robert J. Haxton  
Mr. Louis A. Mascia  
Mr. John F. Ciciilline, Administrative Assistant  
to Mayor Doorley

Mr. Frank H. Malley, Director  
Mr. Bryan A. Bailey, Acting Deputy Director  
Mr. James T. Beattie, Associate Planner  
Mr. Peter S. Goldstein, Planning Aide  
Mrs. Mary M. Hannan, Secretary

Mr. James F. Laffan, Journal Reporter

The minutes of the meeting held on October 28, 1965 were approved as distributed.

REFERRALS

Referral No. 1501 - PURCHASE OF LAND LOCATED ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF ETHAN STREET, AND BOUNDED BY DANIEL AVENUE AND MERCY STREET

This referral, from the Committee on City Property, is a request to purchase from the City of Providence Lot 1 on Assessor's Plat 110 located on the northwesterly side of Ethan Street and bounded by Daniel Avenue and Mercy Street. The area in question contains 51,200 square feet of land and is located in an R-3 Zone.

On an inspection and photographic survey it was determined that the property in question contains a playground.

The Master Plan for Recreation proposes to retain and further develop this playground, known as the Daniel Avenue Playground as it is a necessary facility for this neighborhood. Therefore,

Upon motion of Mayor Doorley seconded by Mr. Mascia

The Commission

VOTED: To recommend that the request to purchase this property be denied.

Upon motion of Mr. Pinkerson seconded by Mr. Mascia

The Commission

VOTED: To ratify the action of the Director in re the following referral from the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning:

Referral No. CBD-217 - APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR INTERIOR ALTERATIONS, INDUSTRIAL NATIONAL BANK, 111 WESTMINSTER STREET

No objection is offered to the execution of plans submitted by the Industrial National Bank, 111 Westminster Street, for a permit for interior alterations.

CIRCULATION MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

The Director stated that an advertisement was placed in the local papers notifying the public of the adoption date of the Circulation Master Plan and that no petition had been filed requesting a public hearing. At an earlier meeting Dr. Bush-Brown questioned if the staff had exceeded its authority in the preparation of this Plan. Since that time the Plan was reviewed with Mr. Logan, Traffic Engineer, and his Deputy and they were completely in accord with the Plan, and Mr. Logan agreed that the Plan had to be done in the detail that it was presented.

The Mayor then stated that he felt Dr. Bush-Brown was concerned with the overlapping of planning in the two departments, and the answer is that there is no such overlapping.

The Director stated that this is true, and in working out this project, or any other projects of this type, the Traffic Engineer is always consulted. He then said that before adopting the report he would like to recommend revision of two parts of the report. He felt that the first part of the report, which pertains to procedure, gets very much involved and felt that this section could very well be put at the last part of the report.

The Commission agreed that this was a good suggestion.

Mr. Beattie reported on two sections of the report that had not been discussed earlier; the Silver Spring Loop, which is the 6th proposal, and the River Drive North, which is the 7th proposal.

After a general discussion,

Upon motion of Mayor Doorley seconded by Mr. Mascia

The Commission

VOTED: To adopt the Circulation Master Plan.

The Mayor stated that as of late he has been meeting with various consultants on the various renewal projects, and when the last consultant saw the work that had been produced by the staff of the City Plan Commission on the new Master Plan and the G.N.R.P., the consultant was so well satisfied that he, in fact, had said that the work is so far ahead of Boston and of his firm that there was nothing

left for the firm to do. The Mayor then said that he felt he should report this to the Commission because when it is shown what wonderful work can be done, praise should be given.

EAST SIDE RENEWAL PROJECT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Director read to the Commission the following letter:

"October 18, 1965

Mr. Frank Malley, Director  
City Plan Commission  
City Hall  
Providence, R. I.

Re: East Side Renewal Project R.I. R-4  
Proposed Redevelopment Plan

Dear Frank:

The Part I - Final Project Report submission for the East Side Renewal Project was transmitted this date to the Urban Renewal Administration.

The attached fifteen (15) copies of the Proposed Redevelopment Plan, one copy of exhibits A, B, and C, and one full set of large scale maps are transmitted for the information of your Commission and staff members.

I am most appreciative of the comments and suggestions offered by you and your staff on earlier draft proposals, many of which were incorporated into the attached proposed redevelopment plan.

If you so desire, the Agency staff can make an oral presentation of the plan to your staff and/or Commission.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Robert C. Smith

Robert C. Smith  
Executive Director

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Enclosures"

Since the Commission is to decide if the plan is in accord with the Master Plan and that it is a desirable thing to do, the Director asked if the Commission would like to have members of the Redevelopment Agency staff come to a meeting and give a presentation of the project plan.

After a brief discussion,

Upon motion of Mayor Doorley seconded by Mr. Pinkerson

The Commission

VOTED: To set the date of December 23, 1965 for a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Agency to discuss this plan.

It was the sense of the meeting that the Director contact Mr. Smith to arrange the meeting and to decide where it should be held.

G.N.R.P. STUDY

Mr. Bailey stated that the City Plan Commission has to certify that the G.N.R.P. Study conforms to all Master Plan elements of the City of Providence and that it also conforms to the proposed land uses as well as to the proposed zoning. Since the zoning has to conform with the land use map, this matter has been taken care of, and is in the report that is before the Commission today.

Upon motion of Mayor Doorley seconded by Mr. Pinkerson

The Commission

VOTED: To approve the following Resolution in regard to the G.N.R.P. Study:

RESOLUTION

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Urban Renewal Administration, Housing and Home Finance Agency, as set forth in Section 43-2-2 of the Urban Renewal Manual, be it resolved that the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for the Federal Hill - South Providence Renewal Area is in conformity with the City Plan Commission's Master Plan for the City of Providence.

The Mayor reported that as a follow up on the Pitman Street petition, he contacted Mr. Marcello and from all indications the land will not be used by the State for highway purposes. A public hearing is to be held on this in January. Until the developers come forth with ideas as to donations of land for traffic access, etc., nothing will be done in regard to the proposed zoning change.

The Mayor said that because of so much duplication of the staffs of the Agency and Plan Commission he felt that the time has come that the two departments will have to meet with him to iron out this duplication and work the problem out in the best interest of the City as well as the best interest of the staffs, and proposes that the two departments be consolidated into a single organization. This change would require the enactment of special legislation by the General Assembly which could not take place until January, and the change could result in a federal takeover of 75 percent of the cost of city planning operations. The proposed consolidation would not necessarily involve any major change in the functions of either city agency, but would pool the services of the technicians and thus Providence would become competitive in attracting qualified planners by allowing up-grade in salaries.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Raymond J. Mattage  
SECRETARY (1965)

# IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 3- 1968

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING

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*Vincent Vespia*, CLERK

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 1736

II: CCC

No. 709AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PROJECTING SIGNS ON WESTMINSTER  
PEDESTRIAN MALL.

Approved November 22, 1965

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Providence, a municipal corporation created by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, acting under the authority granted to it in the Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, and all enabling legislation contained in the General and Public Laws of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, especially Chapter 176 of the Public Laws of Rhode Island 1962, hereby determines that Westminster Pedestrian Mall provides a commercial center of great benefit to merchants and business and professional people and to the people of the City of Providence and State of Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that Westminster Pedestrian Mall is a significant economic asset to the City and State;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Westminster Pedestrian Mall, to be successful, must be a market place where the total environment is pleasant, orderly, and attractive; and

WHEREAS, signs are an important element of the total environment, and projecting signs have a deteriorating effect on Westminster Pedestrian Mall,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

SECTION 1. No projecting sign shall be permitted to be erected on Westminster Pedestrian Mall.

SECTION 2. Any projecting sign which lawfully exists at the time of the passage of this Ordinance may be continued, but shall not be enlarged, or altered in any way except for routine maintenance.

SECTION 3. If a projecting sign which lawfully exists at the time of the passage of this Ordinance shall have been damaged by fire, explosion, or other catastrophe to such an

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extent that the cost of restoration would be greater than sixty per cent of its entire replacement value, it shall be permanently removed. Where any use of a building upon which there exists a projecting sign is discontinued, said projecting sign is discontinued, said projecting sign pertaining to said discontinued use shall be removed forthwith.

SECTION 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 10 of Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, 1946, as amended.

SECTION 5. The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Ordinance and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto:

(1) "Projecting Sign" shall mean a sign erected perpendicular to or approximately perpendicular to the facade of the building or structure on which it is mounted and projecting into the right-of-way of the Westminster Pedestrian Mall. A projecting sign shall also include a sign suspended from the ceiling of a marquee or mounted on a marquee in any manner.

(2) "Sign" shall mean any permanent or temporary structure, device, letter, word model, banner, pennant, insignia, flag or representation used to communicate, or in any other way attract the eye or any sense and shall include any marquee.

(3) "Westminster Pedestrian Mall" shall mean that part of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, described in Chapter 1563 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, as approved September 6, 1963, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing a Pedestrian Mall on a portion of Westminster Street and certain intersecting streets", and shown on the map filed in the Office of the City Clerk, entitled "Westminster Pedestrian Mall, Limits of Construction."

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

A true copy,  
Attest:

*Vincent Vespa*  
Vincent Vespa,  
City Clerk.

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER 1735

II: DDD

No. 708 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING UNDERTAKING OF GENERAL  
NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL PLAN.

Approved November 22, 1965

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations of the Housing and Home Finance Agency effectuating that Title, provide that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects assisted under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Providence Redevelopment Agency prepare a General Neighborhood Renewal Plan in that certain area herein designated, bounded and described in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, a General Neighborhood Renewal Area, located in the City of Providence, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

1. That the proposed General Neighborhood Renewal Area is an area consisting of an urban renewal area or areas and adjoining areas having specially related problems, which is of such size that the urban renewal activities in the urban renewal area or areas may have to be initiated in stages, consistent with the capacity and resources of the Providence Redevelopment Agency over an estimated period of not more than 8 years.

2. That the undertaking of the preparation of the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for the proposed General Neighborhood Renewal Area is hereby approved.

3. That it is the intention of this body to undertake an urban renewal project promptly upon completion of the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan and the preparation of an

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urban renewal plan for such project, which project shall embrace at least ten per cent of the urban renewal area or areas within the General Neighborhood Renewal Area and shall be of the character contemplated by Section 110 (c) of Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended.

4. That it is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of such urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under Title I, including those relating to a feasible method of relocation and the provision of necessary local grants-in-aid, as well as the requirement of Section 102 (d) of Title I that a General Neighborhood Renewal Plan conform to the locality's general plan and workable program for community improvement.

5. That the United States of America and the Housing and Home Finance Agency effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

6. That the filing of an application by the Providence Redevelopment Agency for the preparation of a General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for the General Neighborhood Renewal Area described above is hereby approved and that the Executive Director of the Providence Redevelopment Agency is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file with the Housing and Home Finance Administrator, to provide such additional information and to furnish such documents as may be required by the Administrator and to act as the authorized representative of the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

7. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

A true copy,  
Attest:

*Vincent Vespia*  
Vincent Vespia,  
City Clerk.

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MAR 13 - 1965

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*Vincent Vecchia*, CLERK

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CHAPTER 1741

II: EEE

No. 735 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE FEDERAL HILL - SOUTH PROVIDENCE GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL AREA.

Approved December 6, 1965

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, the Providence Redevelopment Agency (herein called the "Local Public Agency") has prepared a General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for the Federal Hill - South Providence General Neighborhood Renewal Area in the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, (hereinafter called the "Locality"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Agency proposes to undertake with Federal financial assistance one or more urban renewal projects in the above-described General Neighborhood Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, there has been prepared and referred to the City Council of the City of Providence (herein called the "Governing Body") for review and approval a General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for the General Neighborhood Renewal Area dated November 15, 1965, entitled "General Neighborhood Renewal Plan, Federal Hill - South Providence Renewal Area" and consisting of 121 pages and 3 exhibits and 9 maps; and

WHEREAS, the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan has been approved by the governing body of the Local Public Agency, as evidenced by the copy of said body's duly certified resolution approving the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan which is attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, there have also been presented to the Governing Body certain supplementary data, including data respecting estimated grant-in-aid requirements, relocation requirements and resources, and governmental actions required to carry out said General Neighborhood Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, a general plan is in existence and is recognized and used as a guide for the general development of the Locality

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as a whole; and, also, there has been presented to the Housing and Home Finance Administrator, and the Administrator has approved, a Workable Program for Community Improvement for the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission which is the duly designated and acting official planning body for the Locality, has reported to the Governing Body respecting the conformity of the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan to the general Plan for the Locality as a whole:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

1. That the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for the Area aforementioned, having been duly reviewed and considered, is hereby approved; that it is determined to be adequate as an outline of the urban renewal activities proposed for the Area involved, as a framework for the preparation of urban renewal plans, and as an indication generally, to the extent feasible in preliminary planning, of land uses, population density, building coverage, prospective requirements for the rehabilitation and conservation of property, and any portions of the Area contemplated for clearance and redevelopment; and that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to file said copy of the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan with the minutes of this meeting.

2. That it is hereby found and determined that the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan for the General Neighborhood Renewal Area conforms to the general plan of the Locality and to the Workable Program for Community Improvement.

3. That it is the intention of this Body that the General Neighborhood Renewal Plan be used to the fullest extent feasible as a guide for the provision of public improvements in such Area, and that the Plan will be considered in formulating codes and other regulatory measures affecting property in the Area and in undertaking other local governmental activities pertaining to the development, redevelopment, conservation, and rehabilitation of the Area.

4. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

A true copy,  
Attest:

*Vincent Vespa*

Vincent Vespa  
City Clerk

**IN CITY  
COUNCIL**

MAY 7 - 1968

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*Vincent Vespia*, CLERK

## OF PROVIDENCE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 370

Approved May 21, 1965

WHEREAS, Section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954 (Public Laws 560, 83rd Congress), as amended, authorizes the Housing and Home Finance Administrator to make planning grants to cities for comprehensive planning purposes and the preparation of regulatory and administrative measures in support of same, and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence deems it necessary and in the public interest (1) to develop master plan elements for schools, recreation, circulation, and analyze and delineate the neighborhoods of the City, (2) to carry out a study to evaluate, establish criteria, and draw up a proposal for the establishment of a data bank as a basic tool for future planning and resource allocation, and (3) to carry out a photogrammetric and mapping survey to generate up-to-date uniform base maps for all future general planning, and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence desires the City Plan Commission to apply for an Urban Planning Grant under Section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954, as amended, for the carrying out of said studies, and

WHEREAS, said Section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954, as amended, provides in part that no such grant shall exceed 75 per centum of the estimated cost of such activities or undertakings as determined by the Administrator, and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence, in order to obtain said Urban Planning Grant, must, upon execution of a contract therefore, assume the responsibility for funds, to be supplied by the City, to meet the difference between the funds received from the Federal Government and the total cost of the Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Providence as follows:

1. It is hereby found necessary and in the public interest to make an application to the Housing and Home Finance Administrator for an Urban Planning Grant under Section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954 (Public Laws 560, 83rd Congress), as amended, for the aforementioned studies.

2. The City Plan Commission is hereby authorized and designated as the representative of the City for the filing of an application with the Housing and Home Finance Administrator for said Urban Planning Grant, to prepare all requisitions and documents necessary for the receipt of funds from said Housing and Home Finance Administrator under said Urban Planning Grant, and to do all work necessary to carry out the terms of any contract between the City and the Housing and Home Finance Agency arising out of said application for an Urban Planning Grant.

A true copy,

*William A. Matthews*

IN CITY  
COUNCIL

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*Winnat Despia*, CLERK

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 500

Approved November 9, 1965

WHEREAS, Section 117 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Housing and Home Finance Administrator to make grants to municipalities and counties to assist them in carrying out programs of concentrated code enforcement in deteriorated or deteriorating areas in which such enforcement, together with certain public improvements to be provided by the locality, may be expected to arrest the decline of the area, and

WHEREAS, it has been found and determined by this body that there exists in this locality certain deteriorated or deteriorating areas for which a program of concentrated code enforcement, combined with certain public improvements, may be expected to arrest the decline of the area, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the grant of funds pursuant to Section 117 will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the City of Providence, among which is the obligation to assure that any persons who may be displaced as a result of the code enforcement and public improvements programs are relocated into decent, safe, and sanitary housing in accordance with the regulations of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations of the Housing and Home Finance Agency effectuating that Title, provide that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the undertaking and carrying out of any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE,

1. That an application be filed with the Housing and Home Finance Agency on behalf of the City of Providence for a code enforcement grant under Section 117 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, of two-thirds of the cost of undertaking and carrying out a code enforcement program, which costs is now estimated to be ~~\$1,554,519~~<sup>\$1,831,800</sup>, in an area or areas to be designated and specifically described in such application, and that the Director of the Division of Minimum Housing Standards is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application, to provide such additional

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information and furnish such documents as may be required by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, to execute such contract or contracts as may be necessary for the grant applied for, to execute and file requisitions for funds, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Providence in the accomplishment of the code enforcement program.

2. That during the period of the contract for the code enforcement grant the City of Providence will maintain a level of expenditures for code enforcement activities, exclusive of expenditures in any federally assisted code enforcement or Title I urban renewal project areas, that is not less than the average yearly expenditure for such activities throughout the locality for the two full fiscal years immediately preceding the filing of the application.

3. That the locality has a program for and will provide in a timely manner all necessary public improvements for the code enforcement area.

4. That there exists in the locality an adequate amount of decent, safe, and sanitary housing which is available to persons displaced as a result of the code enforcement and related public improvements programs, at prices which are within their financial means and which are not generally less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial facilities than the dwellings of the displaced individuals and families, and it is the sense of this body that such displaced, if any, will be relocated in accordance with applicable regulations of the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

5. That the United States of America and the Housing and Home Finance Administrator, be and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the City of Providence with regulations of the Housing and Home Finance Agency effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

A true copy,  
Attest:

*Vincent Vespia*  
Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk

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COUNCIL

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*Vincent Vespia*, CLERK