

**THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 474*

*Approved August 22, 1997*

**WHEREAS**, An Ordinance appropriating \$50 million and authorizing the issuance of \$50 million in bonds for the Neighborhood Improvement Program: A Plan to Revitalize Providence's Neighborhoods was adopted (1997-27);

**WHEREAS**, said ordinance requires that "each component of said plan will be developed and approved by the city council prior to the expenditures of any funds"; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1.1 million has been appropriated by Council Resolution Number 375 dated June 30, 1997 for various projects;

**WHEREAS**, plans have been developed for additional components of the Neighborhood Improvement Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE** the following expenditures of funds are approved:

**1. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:**

- A. Street Pavement and Sidewalk Repair - \$4,000,000 from Ward allocations. In accordance with the DPW Phase One Plan, streets and sidewalks will be paved in all Wards subject to approval of each councilperson. Each Ward account will be charged the actual cost for the roads and sidewalks paved.
- B. Ward 7 Park Improvements - \$250,000. Design and improvement of the following parks: Daniel Avenue Playground; Neutaconkanut Park; and Laurel Hill Playground.
- C. Ward 8 Roger Williams Avenue Bridge - \$250,000. A three way contract has been negotiated by Amtrak, RIDOT and the city to construct a new Roger Williams Avenue Bridge. The city, through the Redevelopment Agency, will acquire land for utility right of ways and for a new Burrows Street Connection.
- D. Ward 9 Elmwood Foundation Home Repair Revolving Fund - \$500,000. These funds will be paid into the revolving fund being created by the Elmwood Foundation.
- E. Ward 12
  - 1. Douglas Avenue Redevelopment Project - \$350,000. Acquire derelict properties, demolish and prepare for redevelopment.
  - 2. Douglas Avenue/Eaton Street Reconstruction - \$90,000. Engineering design and construction of the reconfigured intersection.
- F. Ward 13
  - 1. West Broadway/Providence Preservation Society Revolving Loan Fund - \$300,000. Funds will be deposited in the PPS Revolving Fund for use in the West Broadway target Area.
  - 2. 14 America Street Acquisition - \$100,000. Acquire and demolish the property for inclusion in the DePasquale Avenue/Federal Street Project.
  - 3. DePasquale Plaza - \$150,000. These funds will be used to make improvements to the Plaza and the Fountain.
- G. Ward 14 General Street Playground - \$125,000 - These funds will be used to acquire land on General Street to develop a new playground.

THE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE + UREP  
Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution, as amended

Claire B. Smith  
July 28, 1997 Clerk

2. SPECIAL PROJECTS

- A. Woonasquatucket Greenway - \$100,000. Funds are being allocated for the design of improvements to Donnigan Park and Merino Park and construction of Merino Park improvements. Design will be managed by the Parks Department.
  
- B. Gorham Industrial Park - \$65,000. Funds are being allocated for the preparation of a photographic record of the facility in accordance with the directives of the Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission. Additionally, some funds will be allocated to cover the cost of security at the site.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
AUG 14 1997  
READ AND PASSED  
*Evelyn V. Fargnoli*  
PRES.  
*Jan M. Craythorn*  
CLERK

**APPROVED**  
AUG 22 1997  
*Vincent A. Cianci*  
MAYOR