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CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 94 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 17, 1994, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JAMES A. PETROSINELLI

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 17 1994

APPROVED:

*Richard L. Clement* CLERK

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Petrosinelli,  
Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Fenton, Glavin, Igliazzi, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan and Williams—13.

Absent: Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—2.

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-  
WOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILMAN DAVID V. IGLIOZZI leads  
the members of the City Council and the  
Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to  
the Flag of the United States of America.

## COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communcation dated February 4, 1994, Inform-  
ing the Honorable City Council that pursuant to  
Section 1210 of the Providence Home Rule Charter  
of 1980, he is this day requesting a Waiver of the  
Residency Requirement for Gladys Estavillo for  
the position of Bilingual Speech Pathologist for  
the Providence School Department, she being the  
only qualified person to apply after a very  
extensive search throughout the Country.

**Communication Received and Referred to  
Committee on Finance, on motion of COUN-  
CILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCIL-  
MAN LOMBARDI.**

**The motion to Receive and Refer is  
Sustained.**

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## APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication dated January 19, 1994, Informing the City Clerk of his appointment of George Lewis and Gloryann Cannal as Members of the Providence Plan Housing Corporation Board of Directors for a term of Two Years expiring in August of 1995. Ms. Gloryann Cannal

will replace Mr. Joseph Velino whose term has expired.

**Received.**

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## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The following Ordinance was in City Council January 20, 1994, Read and Passed the First Time, Referred Back to Committee on Ordinances and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 15-2 entitled: "Penalties for Traffic Violations."

*Be It Ordained by the City of Providence:*

*Section 1.* Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 15-2 entitled "Penalties for Traffic Violations" is amended so as to read as follows:

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Parking in a tow zone	\$50.00
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*Section 2.* Severability of Provisions.

If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, the invalidity shall in no way affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

*Section 3.* This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

**Read and Passed, the Second Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Council President Petrosinelli, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Fenton, Glavin, Iglizzo, Lombardi, Mancini and Councilwoman Williams—11.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Councilman Dillon, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwoman Young—4.

**The motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

which occurred on February 6, 1992 where he pursued a suspicious vehicle containing three subjects. The occupants of the auto fled on foot and Officer Green chased the driver. After having run through several yards, the driver turned and fired a "MAC" 11 Semi-Automatic, but Patrolman Green continued the chase and apprehended the subject without incident. On September 21, 1992 he arrested a man who held a knife to the throat of his ex-girlfriend. Two months later, he was responsible for the arrest of several juveniles who had allegedly robbed several women on the City's West Side, and

*Whereas*, Officer Green's no-nonsense approach to his duties have earned him the respect of the people of the West End, which has been made a better and safer neighborhood by his presence,

*Whereas*, On February 3, 1994, Officer Green was injured in a shootout that claimed the life of another police officer. In spite of his own injuries, Officer Green was present, on crutches, at the Funeral of Sergeant Steven M. Shaw,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council express to Officer Maurice Green the gratitude of the people of Providence for his dedicated service to the City as well as best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent injuries.

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Resolution Congratulating the Providence Police Department and Providence City Workers for a job well done in preparation of Sergeant Steven M. Shaw's Funeral.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere congratulations to the members of the Providence Police Department and the Providence City Workers for a job well done in preparation of Sergeant Steven M. Shaw's Funeral.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,**

**on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI.**

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to erect a "Do Not Enter between 7:30 o'clock A.M. and 8:30 o'clock A.M. during School Days" Signs at the entrance to Edendale Avenue, next to Saint Thomas Church.

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

**The motion to Refer, is Sustained.**

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Resolution Proposing the the Question "Shall a Gambling Facility and/or Activity be established in the City of Providence?" be submitted to the qualified Electors of the City and State at the next General Election.

*Whereas*, The General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Section 14-9-4, provides that before a gambling facility shall be established in any town or city, the town or city council shall adopt a Resolution to pose to the qualified electors of said city or town and to the qualified electors of the State at the next general election the question:

"Shall a gambling facility and/or activity be established in said town or city?"

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That the Board of Canvassers and the Secretary of State submit to the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island, respectively, at the next general election to be called on November 8, 1994, the following question:

"Shall a gambling facility and/or activity be established in the City of Providence?" and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the City Clerk is requested to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Board of Canvassers and to the Secretary of State with a notice that the above question be placed on the ballot and be submitted to the said electors pursuant to the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Section 41-9-4.

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

**Ayes: Council President Petrosinelli, Councilman DeLuca, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilman Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan—6.**

**Noes: Councilmen Clarkin, Fenton, Glavin and Councilwoman Williams—4.**

**Absent: Councilmen Dillon, Igliazzi, Lombardi, Rollins and Councilwoman Young—5.**

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

Resolution Requesting the Chairman of the Finance Committee to schedule a meeting with the Administration and the Pyramid Company to discuss the Financing Plan of the Mall of New England and at a later date, hold a Public Hearing on the issue.

*Resolved*, That the Chairman of the Committee on Finance is requested to schedule a meeting with the Administration and the Pyramid Company to discuss the Financing Plan of the Mall of New England and at a later date, hold a Public Hearing on the issue.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN DeLUCA.**

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause a Memorial Plaque to be erected at the intersection of Manton Avenue and Pope Street in honor of Sister Pauline E. Neelon, S.N.D.

**Referred to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN GALVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer, is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN DILLON:**

Resolution Congratulating Merlin A. DeConti, Jr., Director of Inspection and Standards upon his dedicated service to the City of Providence.

*Whereas*, Merlin A. DeConti has served the City of Providence since 1975, when he began his career with the City as a structural engineer in the Department of Building Inspection, and

*Whereas*. In 1983, the new City Charter created the Department of Inspection and Standards and Mr. DeConti was appointed its first Director. In that Capacity, Mr. DeConti has been responsible for all Building Inspection, Zoning and Code Enforcement and Weights and Measures Inspections for the City, and

*Whereas*, During Merlin DeConti's tenure, the entire Zoning Code of the City of Providence has been revamped and a Housing Court has been established. Mr. DeConti has become recognized as an expert on the State Building Code, and is generally regarded as the "Dean" of Building

Inspectors in Rhode Island. He has served on the State Building Codes Standard Committee and held the position of Chairman for three years. In 1985, he was the recipient of a Goodrich Award given by the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council for distinguished service to the Citizens of Rhode Island. Throughout his career, he was always willing to put in extra hours and seemed to have the list of vacant and abandoned structures in the City committed to memory at any given time, and

*Whereas*, Merlin is leaving the City to join Johnson & Wales University,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Providence does express deep appreciation to Merlin A. DeConti for his services to the City along with personal best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.*

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Resolution Congratulating Lesley M. Albanese upon her recent Wedding Engagement.

*Whereas*, Lesley Albanese, dedicated member of the City Clerk's Staff has become engaged to Robert Blair Skeffington, and

*Whereas*, This will mark the joining of two political disparities, the bride being the granddaughter of the late Benedict "Taxi" Albanese, who was the colorful political character from the Fourth Ward and the Groom is the son of former Representative John Skeffington.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere congratulations to Lesley Albanese and Robert Blair Skeffington on their recent Engagement and best wishes for a long and happy life together.*

Resolution Congratulating Sheri A. Petronio upon her recent Wedding Engagement.

*Whereas*, Sheri Petronio, granddaughter of former Councilman Vincent Storti and a dedicated worker in the City Clerk's Department has become engaged to Philip McKendall, and

*Whereas*, The happy couple have set May 27, 1995 as their wedding date.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Members of the City Council do hereby express to Sheri Petronio and Philip McKendall sincere congratulations on their engagement along with best wishes for a long and happy life together.*

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**COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI:**

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause that Tree located at 22 Royal Avenue to be removed as soon as possible, same having caused severe sewer problems.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause that Tree located at 22 Royal Avenue to be removed as soon as possible, same having caused severe sewer problems.

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

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN:**

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Repair and/or Repave the Sidewalks

located along 4, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 27 Detroit Avenue, same being uprooted by Tree Roots.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to Repair and/or Repave the Sidewalks located along 4, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 27 Detroit Avenue, same being uprooted by Tree Roots.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the Catch Basins to be Cleaned along Lenox Avenue and Broad Street, Early Street and Broad Street, Payton Street and Broad Street and Sackett Street and Broad Street.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the Catch Basins to be Cleaned along Lenox Avenue and Broad Street, Early Street and Broad Street, Payton Street and Broad Street and Sackett Street and Broad Street.

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the Trees to be Trimmed located along 85 Mitchell Street.

*Resolved*, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the Trees to be Trimmed located along 85 Mitchell Street.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to Upgrade the Street Lighting at the corner of Mitchell Street and Hamilton Street to deter Drug Activity.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to Upgrade the Street Lighting at the

corner of Mitchell Street and Hamilton Street to deter Drug Activity.

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

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of Four-Way "Stop" Signs at the intersection of Cole Avenue and Westford Road.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN GALVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer, is Sustained.**

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works cause that portion of University Avenue, between Elmgrove Avenue and Wayland Avenue to be Paved.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause that portion of University Avenue, between Elmgrove Avenue and Wayland Avenue to be Paved.

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

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

## PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

**COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS requests the Privilege of the Floor and states:**

"I would like to introduce to the Council a young man who is in the audience tonight. He is my nephew, Robert Noonan who is here this evening.

He is a Cub Scout from Cub Pack #89 which meets at Saint Thomas Church. He is earning a

Civic Badge and part of the requirement for that Badge is to meet with Community Leaders.

So, he is here this evening to see some Community Leaders at work and to also interview them. He is a Constituent of Councilman DeLuca and lives in his Ward.

Mr. President I request that he be escorted up to the podium. Thank You."

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COUNCILMAN DAVID G. DILLON, Chairman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:**

An Ordinance in Accordance with Chapter 21, Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City

of Providence, Entitled: "Capital Equipment Budget" approved October 29, 1993.

**Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted as Amended:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of "An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Two Hundred Ninety-One Million, Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Eleven Dollars (\$291,275,011.00) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1994 as Amended."

**Ayes: Council President Petrosinelli, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Fenton, Glavin, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan and Williams—11.**

**Noes: None.**

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

**Absent: Councilmen Igliazzi, Lombardi, Rollins and Councilwoman Young.**

**The motion for Passage the First Time, is Sustained.**

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**Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:**

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor dated January 26, 1994, Informing the Honorable City Council that pursuant to Sections 302 (b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. David Ead of 883 Manton Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Board of Tax Assessment Review for a term to expire in January, 1997 and respectfully submits the same for approval.

**Communication Received and Appointment Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion for Approval, is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN DAVID V. IGLIOZZI, Chairman  
COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES**

**Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:**

An Ordinance Creating a Neutaconkanut Recreation Center Billboard Fund.

**Fenton, Glavin, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan and Williams—11.**

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

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: Councilmen Igliozi, Lombardi, Rollins and Councilwoman Young.**

**Ayes: Council President Petrosinelli, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fargnoli, Councilmen**

**The motion for Passage the First Time, is Sustained.**

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### “In Memoriam”

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSINELLI  
and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

*Resolved*, That the Members of the City Council hereby express their sincere sympathy to the families of the following:

Pauline Guglielmino

Feliz A. Mezzanotte

Harold W. Dyer

Timothy Townsend

Harry Gautieri

Victor DeCristofaro

John J. Thacker, Sr.

Laura M. DiPina

Ralph Abenante, Jr.

James Lombardi

Otilie A. Sabatini

John Mansuetti

Maria Forti

Josephine L. Coia

Joan M. Flynn

Luigi Marandola

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

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

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## 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.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1994 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk

