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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 79 City Council Regular Meeting, November 20, 1997, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 8 1998

APPROVED:

Barbara L. Quinn CLERK
Deputy

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Fargnoli,
Councilman DeLuca, Councilwoman
DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Lombardi,
Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano,
Williams and Young—10.

Absent: Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, Jack-
son and Rollins—4.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILWOMAN CAROL A. ROMANO.

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

COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG 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. 76 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held October 9, 1997, and Posted November 17, 1997, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor Level of City Hall, is approved as printed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

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ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council November 6, 1997, Read and Passed the First Time, and are severally returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance pertaining to the assessment of fees to reduce excessive and avoidable false alarms, as amended.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Section 9-94 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:

Section 2. Section 9-94. *Excessive avoidable false alarm fees.*

Section 3. *Findings.*

(1) The City Council finds that high incidence of false alarms and/or malfunctions causes a significant diversion of the manpower and resources of the fire department by causing the dispatch of units to the scene of a false alarm or alarm malfunction which renders them out of service and unavailable to respond to legitimate emergency situations.

(2) The City Council finds that the continued high incidence of false alarms and/or malfunctions are a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Providence.

(3) The City Council finds that a revision of the procedures to control excessive multiple fire alarms and alarm malfunctions would serve the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 4. *Definitions.*

(1) Avoidable false alarm means the activation of any alarm which results in the response of the fire department and is caused by the

negligence or intentional misuse (including such activation caused by heat smoke or fire) of the system by the owner or his/her/its employees, servants, agents, or guests or any other activation including activation caused by heat, smoke or fire, but shall exclude a false alarm malfunction as defined below.

(b) Avoidable fire alarm malfunction means the activation of any alarm which results in the response of the fire department and such activation is caused by mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or lack of proper maintenance; and for any other response for which the fire department personnel are unable to gain access to the premises for any reason, or are unable to determine, after reasonable inquiry, the apparent cause of the alarm activation.

Section 5. The owner of any premises shall be responsible for any avoidable false alarms and avoidable false alarm malfunctions occurring on those premises. Incidents shall be cumulative for all realty held in that name. The following fees shall be assessed for avoidable false alarms and avoidable false alarm malfunctions, per annum:

Incidents:

Fees:

0-10	\$0
11-20	\$50.00 per incident
21-50	\$200.00 per incident
in excess of 50	\$300.00 per incident

Section 6. The Director of Communications shall notify by registered mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, the owner of any premises at which the maximum number of exempted avoidable false alarms and avoidable false alarm malfunctions has occurred.

Section 7. A written order assessing said fees due in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be mailed to the owner of the subject premises by the Director of Communications or his or her designee within fifteen (15) days of that assessment.

Section 8. The owner shall be entitled to appeal the order of the Director of Communications or his or her designee. Said appeal shall be in writing within ten (10) days after the date of said order to the Commissioner of Public Safety or his or her designee in writing, stating the reasons why the order should be withdrawn. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall review the facts and circumstances of the order and shall determine (a) whether the owner has shown good cause that the order should be vacated or modified or (b) whether the order assessing the fee should be affirmed.

Section 9. The Director of Communications and the Commissioner of Public Safety are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effect this Ordinance.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO moves that "An Ordinance pertaining to the assessment of fees to reduce excessive avoidable false fire alarms, as amended" be amended as follows:

Section 4. Definitions. (a) there has been a correction to put a parentheses where there was none.

Section 4. Definitions. (a) "(including such activation caused by heat or smoke)" delete "or fire".

The third line from the bottom has been deleted "or any other activation including

the activation caused by heat, smoke, or fire".

(b) insert "and such activation is caused by mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or lack of proper maintenance;".

"or" is deleted.

Insert "and for any other response for which the fire department personnel are unable to gain access to the premises for any reason, or are unable to determine, after reasonable inquiry, the apparent cause of the alarm activation.".

Section 5. Insert "The owner of any premises shall be responsible for any avoidable false alarms and avoidable false alarm malfunctions occurring at those premises. Incidents shall be cumulative for all realty held in that name.".

Section 7. "A written order" delete the words "of the assessment".

Section 8. Insert "said appeal shall be in writing within ten (10) days". 2 lines from the bottom insert the words "or modified" before the words "or (b) whether the order assessing the fee should be affirmed.".

Section 9. Insert "Commissioner of Public Safety" before the words "are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effect this Ordinance.".

This motion being seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG is put to vote and passed by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilman DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—11.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Allen, Clarkin and Rollins—3.

The motion to amend is thereupon Unanimously Sustained.

Read and Passed, the Second Time, as amended, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fargnoli, Councilman DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young—11.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Allen, Clarkin and Rollins—3.

The motion for Passage, the Second Time, as amended, is Sustained.

An Ordinance relative to the establishment of certain permit fees, as amended.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinance of the City of Providence is amended so as to include the following:

Sec. 10-31. Fire safety approvals.

(a) General Requirements.

(1) Any person, including any partnership, corporation or association, undertaking the erection, extension, alteration, repair, structural alteration, installation of electrical wiring, plumbing or mechanical equipment in an existing

structure which changes are regulated under 22-28.1-1 et seq. of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island or any other change so regulated; shall first make application for an inspection and for a plan review to the City of Providence Bureau of Fire Prevention. Said application shall be made not fewer than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the start of any proposed construction, repair, extension etc. Such application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees as described in Section (b) herein. No construction, repair, extension, etc. shall be initiated until required application has been approved by the Bureau of Fire Prevention. No approval is required for any legal, 1-, 2- or 3-family residential structure.

(2) Any individual may request review by the City Fire Marshal of any decision made hereunder. The Marshal shall conduct the appropriate hearing. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the City Fire Marshal may appeal that determination in accordance with 22-38.3-1 et seq. of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

(3) Any and all construction, repair, extension, etc. shall be in compliance with the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code, 1976, as amended.

(4) All fees as set forth in this article shall be based on full valuation of current construction costs. Construction costs shall be determined by the applicable building permit issued by the Department of Inspection and Standards.

(5) Payment of fees recited herein shall be made to the Bureau of Fire Prevention upon application and shall be payable to the City Collector, City of Providence.

(6) No fees shall be due for any structure situated on land owned by the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, or the United States of America.

(7) No fees shall be due for a fire safety inspection which may be required for a license renewal.

(b) *Schedule of approval fees.*

Fees for fire safety approvals shall be computed as follows:

<i>Valuation of Construction Costs</i>	<i>Fee</i>
\$0 up to and including \$25,000	\$0
25,001 " " 50,000	100
50,001 " " 100,000	200
100,001 " " 500,000	300
500,001 " " 750,000	400
750,001 " " 1,000,000	500
1,000,001 & up	500 plus \$10.00 for every \$2,500 in excess of 1,000,001.

Section 2. The Bureau of Fire Prevention shall promulgate those rules and regulations necessary to effect the purposes of this ordinance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS moves that "An Ordinance relative to the establishment of certain permit fees, as amended" be amended as follows:

Section 10.31 Delete the word "permits" and insert the word "approvals"

(a) *General Requirements.*

(1) Line 3 delete the "or" before the word "repair". Delete the sentence "or moving of a structure; or undertaking any structural alteration". Insert the word "structural alteration," before the word "installation". Delete the word "installation" before "plumbing". Insert "which" after the word "structure". Inserting "changes are". Deleting "or undertaking any changes that may effect the fire safety of a building or any portion thereof". Insert "regulated under 23-28.1-1 et seq. of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island".

Delete "twenty-one (21) calendar days". Insert "fifteen (15) calendar days".

(2) Delete "Chapter 8.3", insert "23-28.3-1 et seq.".

Delete "(5) Payment of fees recited herein shall be made to the Bureau of Fire Prevention upon application and shall be payable to the City Collector, City of Providence."

Number 6 becomes 5.

Number 7 becomes 6.

Number 8 becomes 7.

Delete "(9)", insert "Section 2".

Section 2 becomes Section 3.

This motion being seconded by COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO is put to vote and passed by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilman DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Allen and Clarkin—2.

The motion to amend is thereupon Unanimously Sustained.

Read and Passed, the Second Time, as amended, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilman DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo,

Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Allen and Clarkin—2.

The motion for Passage, the Second Time, as amended, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI:

An Ordinance entitled "Grant of retirement allowance to Marie T. Puleo".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

An Ordinance establishing a tax stabilization plan for Village at Elmhurst, LLC.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Providence School Department to place a crossing guard at the intersection at Oakland Avenue and Chalkstone Avenue each morning and afternoon for the students at Nathanael Greene Middle School.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWO-

**MAN NOLAN, COUNCILMAN ROLLINS,
COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCIL-
WOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWO-
MAN YOUNG:**

Resolution honoring and recognizing former Councilman Thomas M. Glavin for his twenty years of dedicated service as a true student of government, best wishes to his wife Debbie, his daughters Alyson and Catherine, and to thank them for "lending" us their most precious possession for the past two decades.

Whereas, On Tuesday, October 5, 1976, the voters of the Twelfth Ward of the City of Providence elected Thomas M. Glavin to serve as their City Council representative, and

Whereas, From that day forward, the constituents of Ward 12 discovered they had not only elected a public official, but they had chosen an extraordinary young man who would embody the principals of initiative, imagination, independence and individuality which would become the cornerstone of a twenty-year record of service to the residents of the City of Providence, and

Whereas, During those twenty years, Tom Glavin learned that it would take great determination to accomplish the small things that would change the lives of so many in his district. It became well known that it was not always the new ideas that inspired Tom, but it was his obsession with the idea that he was being asked to continue the great traditions of the 12th Ward. With this conviction, Tom forged ahead to lead by his actions, and not by his ideas. His labors reminded us that the work of the men and women who serve our fine city would sometimes call for decisive action, and a strength of will and courage to change, and

Whereas, Tom Glavin considered his responsibilities seriously, and in his home, his church, his community, and his office, he would work just as faithfully, as if he stood in the front ranks of some great battle, knowing that victory for his family, friends and constituents depended on his perseverance and skill, and

Whereas, Many a political battle was won by Tom's engaging personality, and many times, on the floor of the Council, his love of the English language proved to outwit and conquer many a contender! He was not as concerned about the popularity of his opinions as he was about the general welfare of "his" constituents, and "his" city, which many times placed Tom on a road less traveled. Nonetheless, he would debate, counsel, banter, and assemble an army of the "majority" and ultimately forge a consensus that would prove valuable to the residents of our city, and

Whereas, Tom Glavin is a man of strength, a man of conviction, a true public servant who welcomed the challenge — not only to question why, but to endure the sacrifice — to serve his community and his family with the most important gifts a man can give — his labor and his love.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the members of the Providence City Council, and the residents of the City of Providence, on this 21st day of November, 1997, honor and recognize Councilman Thomas M. Glavin for his twenty years of dedicated service as a true student of government. Our best wishes to his wife Debbie, his daughters Alyson and Catherine — and we thank them for "lending" their most precious possession for the past two decades.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI,
COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCIL-
MAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN
DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT,
COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCIL-
MAN LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN MAN-
CINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUN-
CILMAN ROLLINS, COUNCILWOMAN
ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS
and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:**

Resolution extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Rita Allen

for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Rita Allen for a complete and speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street, between College Street and Waterman Street on Friday, November 7, 1997 from 8:00 o'clock P.M. to 2:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, November 8, 1997, for the Annual Artist Ball for the Rhode Island School of Design.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street, between College Street and Waterman Street on Friday, November 7, 1997 from 8:00 o'clock P.M. to 2:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, November 8, 1997, for the Annual Artist Ball for the Rhode Island School of Design.

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN:

Resolution Extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Alfred Kelly for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their sincere best wishes to Alfred Kelly for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing submission of a list of buildings to be considered as "Certifiable Buildings" pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-64.7.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street from North Main Street to Thomas Street on Sunday, December 14, 1997 between the hours of 2:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., for Holiday Tours for the Providence Preservation Society.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to prohibit motor vehicle traffic along Benefit Street from North Main Street to Thomas Street on Sunday, December 14, 1997 between the hours of 2:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., for Holiday Tours for the Providence Preservation Society.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT:

Resolution expressing congratulations to Glenn Ahlborg, Antonio Giordano and Mary Gentilli,

owners of "The Boathouse" One American Expresss Plaza, on their Grand Opening on Thursday, November 6, 1997.

Resolved, That the Providence City Council expresses congratulations to Glenn Ahlborg, Antonio Giordano and Mary Gentili, owners of "The Boathouse" One American Expresss Plaza, on their Grand Opening on Thursday, November 6, 1997.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN abstains.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the lighting on Candace Street to 27,500 lumens.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the lighting on Candace Street to 27,500 lumens.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to install speed limit signs along Harold Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to install "Slow-Children at Play" signs along Harold Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to install three-way "stop" signs on Holden Street and West Park Street to control speed and traffic associated with detoured traffic from the construction site of the Providence Place Mall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the lighting on Wayne Street to 27,500 lumens.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the lighting on Wayne Street to 27,500 lumens.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the lighting on Bergen Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the lighting on Bergen Street.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the street lighting on Orms Street, in it's entirety to 27,500 lumens.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the street lighting on Orms Street, in it's entirety to 27,500 lumens.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI:

Resolution Requesting a portion of Aborn Street between Washington Street and Fountain Street be named "Adrian Hall Way".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the street lighting on Hazael Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the street lighting on Hazael Street.

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the street lighting on Colfax Street from Prairie Avenue to Rugby Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the street lighting on Colfax Street from Prairie Avenue to Rugby Street.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the street lighting on Gallup Street from Prairie Avenue to Rugby Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the street lighting on Gallup Street from Prairie Avenue to Rugby Street.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause California Avenue to be a "One-Way" street in the westerly direction from Narragansett Boulevard to Virginia Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause California Avenue to be a "One-Way" street in the easterly direction from Broad Street to Virginia Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Authorizing the renaming of Broad Street School in honor of Alan Shawn Feinstein.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to upgrade the street lighting on

Ashmont Street from Ocean Street to Eddy Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to upgrade the street lighting on Ashmont Street from Ocean Street to Eddy Street.

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG and COUNCILMAN DeLUCA:

Resolution extending the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council to Charles "Tuba" Thomas for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Resolved, That the sincere best wishes of the Members of the City Council is extended to Charles "Tuba" Thomas for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

The motion for Passage is Unanimously Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally Approved:

Resolution authorizing the Providence School Department to grant an extension to the residency requirement to June 30, 1998 for Virginia Bernal-Price, a Grade 1 Bilingual Teacher at the Laurel Hill Annex.

Resolved, That the Providence School Department is authorized to grant an extension to the residency requirement to June 30, 1998 for Virginia Bernal-Price, a Grade 1 Bilingual Teacher at the Laurel Hill Annex.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—9.

Noes: Councilmen DeLuca, Jackson and Lombardi—3.

Absent: Councilmen Allen and Clarkin—2.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated September 24, 1997, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing

Mr. Daniel A. Pontarelli of 973 Branch Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, a member of the Board of Tax Assessment Review for a term to expire in January, 1999 and respectfully submits the same for your approval. Mr. Pontarelli will replace Ms. Diane Echmalian whose term has expired.

September 24, 1997

The Honorable Members
The City Council of the
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day appointing Mr. Daniel A. Pontarelli of 973 Branch Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, a member of the Board of Tax Assessment Review for a term to expire in January, 1999 and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Mr. Pontarelli will replace Ms. Diane Echmalian whose term has expired.

Sincerely,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

Communication Received and Appointment Approved, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILMAN MANCINI.

The motion for Approval is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be Adopted, as amended:

An Ordinance amending the City of Providence Zoning Ordinance Chapter 1994-24 No. 365, approved June 27, 1994, as amended.

Mancini, Councilwoman Nolan, Councilman Rollins and Councilwomen Romano, Williams and Young—12.

Read and Passed, the First Time, as amended, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Allen and Clarkin—2.

Ayes: Council President Fagnoli, Councilman DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Jackson, Lombardi,

The motion for Passage, the First Time, as amended, is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

You all received a letter of invitation to a meeting on Saturday Morning from the Classical Collaborative. There is a meeting on Westminster Street and I would encourage all of you to go but I know that there may be people who have previous commitments and won't be able to be there and I just wanted to share with you some information and explain a little bit on the floor to you since I have you all gathered here. Those of you who attend the meeting will be hearing what I am going to be talking about and more in addition. The Classical Collaborative was an initiated by some parents from Classical High School, the PTA at Classical High School and as you may know, Classical Field as well as

Central Field are really useless. I know that there are individuals in my Ward who go to Classical and I have had telephone calls from parents saying that they were really upset that all of their games had to be away because they couldn't invite visitors to play at the Classical Field, it was in such deplorable condition and we know that over the years, monies have been put in the School Budget to improve the athletic fields and when cuts have to be made that is the first thing that is eliminated. What we have, you know, this is an opportune time with the bond revenue money to try to make some infrastructure improvements and I am speaking in favor of this and encouraging you. I am just speaking with you as Council people who have some money, even though we know we have needs in our own Wards. Classical is a citywide school. I would like to share some information with you. Classical High School is

46% minorities. The zip codes of the students who go there is as follows. Zip Code 02908 has the highest number of students who attend Classical, 295. Zip Code 02909 has the second highest number attending, 212. Zip Code 02906, which is the East Side, 02908 is Mt. Pleasant, 02909 is Olneyville, Silver Lake and some of Mt. Pleasant I guess. 02906 is the East Side, Ward 1, 2 and 3, 210. 02907, which is the Broad Street, Elmwood Avenue area, 193. 02905, which I believe is Washington Park, 108. 02904, which is the North End and some of Smith Hill maybe, 63 and 02903, which might be Federal Hill, 24. So it really is a citywide school. We have students from all over the city there and I am very impressed with the collaborative that has formed because, well, let me put it this way, what has happened is, these parents have been in touch with Brown University, RISD, Johnson and Wales and they are writing a grant to the Rhode Island Foundation and the Providence Foundation because what they want to do is create an Urban Campus. We all know that that complex is really the gateway to the neighborhoods and we are improving the downtown area and we know that College Hill is the gateway to the East Side and I feel very strongly that the gateway to the West Side, which is really Broad Street and Westminster Street, you know, just after 95 that if we could improve that campus and what the parents are proposing is that, if they get money for the athletic fields, they will get matching money from fund raising as well as from the foundations to plant trees, to plant perennials, to make it really an attractive area that we can be proud of. In order to get the matching funds though, and the in kind services, they need to have some money from the city. We need to put up some money so that those foundations and those institutions and organizations will know that we have a commitment. The West Broadway Association is very much in favor of this because they are concerned about this. This is really bordering on the area that they are trying to improve. I just want to tell you that I am, even though this isn't my Ward, I feel so strongly about it that I am going to contribute \$20,000.00 of my bond revenue money toward this and I would encourage you to do likewise, if you possibly can

because they need a certain amount of money to be able to really get going with this and I think that this can really be a demo-project and I think what it shows is the cooperation between public and private and this is what we want to do. We know that it is difficult for us to put forth the money to improve all of these areas, all of the fields and we have to find ways to do it and I think it is wonderful to involve the private sector in doing this, including parents and when we have a group of parents who feel so strongly they are willing to spend time and money and raise money and spend the time to write grants and the other thing I like about this is it will involve the students including students from Brown, RISD and Johnson and Wales and City Year as well. The other tie in is, they have already spoken with the Forestry Department, with John Campanini and through the America the Beautiful Federal Program, he will be able to get trees. He will submit a grant and he will be able to get trees at cost so we are going to be able to probably have an improvement that will cost half the price that it would have cost us if we weren't working together with these private groups. The other thing is that they are committed to maintaining the fields and the area. Once it is done, they will maintain it and I think this kind of commitment from the community is an opportunity that we cannot pass up and I think that, my feeling is that if this happens, that it will be contagious. That it will happen around the city. That people will start to take ownership of the fields, the schools, you know, this is really important because when they take ownership, then they make sure that they stay in good repair and that they are maintained. I think sometimes if things are just done by us, then it isn't appreciated as much and this is an opportune time for us to work together in partnership so I like the idea of the learning experience, the students from the school will be involved in this. They will plant the flowers. They will be involved in designing it. There is an architect, well, we all know Bill Woerner. He has done a lot of work for the city. He is putting together a design gratis and when you have this kind of enthusiasm, you know, he is seeing, this architect is seeing what is happen-

ing with the city downtown and wants to see it spread into the neighborhoods so I just think this is a wonderful opportunity. I encourage you to come to the 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning meeting if you possibly can to meet with some of the people from the collaborative who are working on this. If you can't, we will certainly get information to you so I ask you for your support in this project. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI: May I ask you, Councilwoman Williams, does this include the Central High School Field as well?

Councilwoman Williams: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

I will be at that meeting, however, my understanding from speaking to the principals, with people involved, was that Central was not included that the focus area will be Classical High and if that works, then they will move on to Central. I also was greatly offended that the person that I spoke to didn't even know where Elmwood and Washington Park was. I had to explain to her where it was and I frankly would not support this. I would only support it if it is a package deal because if the private funds can come in for Classical High School, they certainly can come in with a plan for both Classical and Central because they are joined at the hip. Things may have changed since my conversation with her the other day but on the day that I spoke to her, it was a PILOT project with Classical High School, Central was not included.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I think there have been some more people added and some more factors and in fact, I viewed a plan that was an architectural plan that was completed in Doorley's Administration that never happened. There was an architectural plan to improve that

area back in the Doorley days and we know how long ago that was and nothing ever happened and I think that if we don't support this, then we are going to lose a great opportunity. I think there will be a contagious effect. There will be, you know, the parents from Classical are behind this. We can't expect them to raise funds for Central, however, I think that we can involve the parents from Central. They can piggyback on this approach and we can even perhaps use the Americorp Parents. I just heard this morning that there is, actually from Balbina, that there is a teacher at Central who is really excited about these changes and I think we are building a collaboration. It was initiated by the Classical parent group but I think it is growing because more people are hearing about it. More people are getting involved now and it is truly a collaboration that will include the whole campus.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN: Well, will you tell the Doctor and his lovely wife that if they go straight up Weybosset Street, past Classical High School, they will find Elmwood.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: They are from out of state. You can't expect them to know the whole city.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

I want to thank my colleague Rita Williams for bringing this up because I was contacted about this myself and I just want to clarify. It is Central and Classical combined. That was a concern of mine when I first received notice about this that we could not work on Classical and leave Central as a . . . in that neighborhood and I would not work on one without the other. These two schools are located in my Ward and I want you to know that I take not full responsibility for it but certainly my share and then some that I will be certainly supporting this initiative. About a year

ago, Representative Williams and myself were looking at these fields and realizing that a lot of our young people who come from across the city are very embarrassed that they cannot play any home games in their neighborhood. If you want to take a look at our fields at Central or Classical, particularly the one at Central, it is absolutely deplorable. It is not only probably a public safety hazard but it certainly an embarrassment to all of us who live in this great city so we have been looking at this for a while and it is so wonderful to see all this interest being generated. About three months ago, we hosted a meeting at Councilman Lombardi's office, who was gracious enough to work with us on this with people from the Parks Department, the School Department, West Broadway people was there, WBNA and an assortment of people to begin the planning for these recreation facilities. They are two major fields in our neighborhood and we need to do some work with them and I am glad to see that you looked up the zip codes and realized that these children that go to these schools belong to all of us and so I think it is important that this be one of our demo-projects that we can see as Council members and we can collectively come together and not only talk about it but put some money towards it and I really want to thank Rita Williams because we know in her affluent neighborhood, she may have a little bit extra money over there so we appreciate you sharing that with the poor upper South Providence and the Southern part of the city who, every nickel and dime we need is going, going and gone so we do appreciate you looking at this and realizing, this is an effort, an initiative that we can be a partner within this but also, I got a call from Gabrielle Caprio, who is married to Senator Caprio, she is a teacher at Central High School and she had witnessed a letter I sent to her, the Senator, when we were convening our meeting and called me up. She is on maternity leave, due back in another week and her Senior Class wants to get involved and leave a legacy to that school. They too have been embarrassed about the condition of their fields and they wanted to get involved because when they leave next June, they want to leave something there behind them and

that will be a brand new field, an improved field, athletic field they can be proud of so that Senior Class, they want to begin by cleaning up that field. That is going to be one of their contributions, to clean up the Central Field but they too want to be a part of this and I am so happy that we have all come together collectively in realizing that we are going to work on both fields at the same time. We will be working with the parents association at Central also and I am just happy that Dr. Rogers and her group were visionaries to see this and come at a time when the Council Members also thought this was a real and serious need in our community and we understand that the School Department cannot be able to afford to do all this so I think it is something that all of us collectively can achieve so I would appreciate all my colleagues and we will be waiting at the door to take your donation or your pledges of your \$20,000.00 or plus and we thank you very much.

COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

I think Councilwoman, my esteemed colleague from the 2nd Ward called it an urban gateway and that certainly maybe very apropos. This is a quality of life issue, Madam President and it is right. It is a collaboration of efforts. I am glad to see because this is something that some of us have been talking about for a long time. Government can ill afford to maintain and pay for entities. It is just impossible. I spoke with Dr. Rogers and I told her that certainly wasn't only about Classical, this was also Hanley Vocational and Central High and some other concerns that I had there and I said, although it is not in my ward, it is certainly something that has, I think, a direct impact on my ward and certainly something that I can support but Councilwoman Young and myself and representative Williams met with some School Committee people, just a few months back and we have to keep our eyes and our ears open with regard to where to find

some money and I am glad that the Chairperson of the Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning Committee and our esteemed leader has indicated that she would certainly try and support that side of the city with regard to some projects and I know she has spoken about doing something along Messer Street, along Bridgham Street, Manton Avenue and the like. Councilwoman Young and myself were certainly made privy to some information. It is not that we made privy to it. It was our understanding that there were several schools that were earmarked for money out of the School Department budget and it was left off and that was certainly Hope High and that was top of the priority, Central and Classical was certainly another, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant View and there was one other school and I don't recall, Councilwoman. Maybe you could refresh my recollection and I am sorry and it was a 1.3 million dollar project, at least that was the number that stuck in my head and I say, when June comes around or May, we have to make sure that those monies remain in the budget because it is a very important issue. It is a quality of life. We are talking about our children. The children throughout our city and certainly Hope High School is an area that has been neglected and certainly we need to support Councilwoman Williams and Councilman Jackson and Councilman Clarkin but I am sure many of their constituents go there. Mt. Pleasant, certainly yourself, Councilman DeLuca and whoever else represents that area and the other areas but it very, very important but there is a lot of exciting things happening there and you talk about, my understanding is that the Patriot deal is not dead so from the Foundry down to Friendship Street, cutting across over to Narragansett Building, you are taking maybe a billion dollars worth of projects, 350 million for the mall, the stadium, 300 million, the 195 corridor overlay. We are talking about state of the art Public Safety Complex on Service Road. We are talking about the building. We are talking about the Armory We are talking about along Cranston Street, certainly all the wonderful things that are happening on Broad and Elmwood and you know, up to the old Narragansett Brewery and I have left out a few things but those are things that

are very, very important and are going to be very important to the city but it is going to go beyond bond money and I know Councilwoman Young and myself and I think Councilwoman DiRuzzo have spoken about matching funds and it is very, very important and you know it is not pie in the sky to say to Ted Turner, for example, just hypothetically say, you want to give a billion dollars to world hunger, maybe we can find some philanthropist out there that is concerned about urban cities and maybe we could find someone and I believe that the Council Office, I have asked them to research that to see if there is any organization or foundation because I'll tell you what, very simple with me, from my perspective because I am doing it, I have been meeting with Johnson and Wales. I have been meeting the private non-profits. I have been meeting with my local banks. You know, we have always talked about redlining and you know, how to combat that and some of the banks and some of the neighborhoods still are aspired by that. We need those moneys pumped back in to our neighborhood. My picture is very simple. I will match the funds dollar for dollar up to 2.2 million dollars and you would be surprised and you know, it may start small. It may be \$1,000.00. I have a commitment and obviously I am not going to reveal my secrets because I know everybody is going to go running but I have someone who has committed \$1,000.00 a year for five years and you know, it may sound small but it may keep the lines on in Zuccolo pool, I don't know. It may keep Pastore Park clean for a couple of years, I don't know. Sometimes we think very small but I think we certainly have the capacity and the ability to think large and beyond our own Wards and I am glad to see, I see that coming together. I am hearing that in the comments this evening but I think a lot of it is going to be buttress and supported on Saturday. I see a lot of good things coming out of that and I really don't think we should shut the doors. I mean, my understanding is these people are willing to put their equity up, put their money, write some grants, write to some foundations, something that may be the City's father should be doing or the State's father. The State has to make a major commitment to that. You

have Service Road, those are State roads. Westminster Street is a State street so I have always said, so goes Olneyville, so goes my Ward and I know that my colleague from the 15th Ward feels the same way and I will certainly stand by that but in addition to that, so goes Classical, so goes Central, so goes my Ward, so goes the 11th Ward, the 9th Ward, the 15th Ward, the 8th Ward and certainly other Wards but I think we should look at this as a springboard to something very positive. I see a lot of good things coming out of this. Most of my bond money has been swallowed up but I think that WBNA, I think, is going to make a commitment. I think some of the money that I can raise privately, I think, I am certainly going to make a commitment with that money but I think this is a collaboration of efforts. I think 15 of us should join hands in this

because I will certainly support something in Mt. Pleasant, something at Hope High School because I think it is important that we make those state of the art complexes but let me say this, what I liked about the Hanley Vocational and I believe Councilwoman Young was there for this, it is not only going to be for the children. You are talking about a walking path for people like us. You really don't have anywhere to go, you know 6:00 o'clock at night, 7:00 o'clock at night. I don't feel like driving to Cranston. I want to drive a couple of blocks down and do what I have to do so you know, they are talking about making it really classy, put some shrubbery, some security. I mean, those are all the kinds of buzz words that I want to hear and it certainly makes my interest grow and grow and grow but I just hope it happens but I hope this is the springboard for it. Thank you Madam President.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 7D and 8D) recommending the same be severally canceled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Severally Refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously

Sustained.

Annual Report from Stephen J. O'Rourke, Executive Director of the Providence Housing Authority for the 1997 Fiscal Year.

Received.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Dyanna Green

Patricia A. Robishaw

Frances I. Long

Janice Spardone

Liesel Fenner

Brenda Y. St. Martin

Frank J. Andrade

Betsy Hamel

Robert E. & Patsy M. Powell

Jane Doe

State Farm Ins. Co. a/s/o Shogi T. Tsai

Melissa Aquino

Alfred Taylor, Jr.

David Deschenes

Felix J. Velentin p.p.a. Felix J. Valentin, Jr.

Eric C. Harrop

Marlon Martinez

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI Severally Refers the Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Unanimously Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

“In Congratulations”

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FARGNOLI and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Citations Extending Congratulations.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their sincere congratulations to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Conca, Jr., in recognition of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on October 18, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry DelRossi, in recognition of the celebration of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on October 1, 1947.

Lance and Angela Bay, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of your daughter, Amalia Isabel Bay, born on October 3, 1997.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

“In Memoriam”

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

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

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

Louis B. Ribezzo, Sr.

Judith Weiss Cohen

Eugene R. Brown

Peter Petrucci

Crystal L. Jackson

Angelina R. Bianco

Edna Robertson

Jennie Succi

Clifton W. McLean, Jr.

Phyllis B. DeSimone

Fannie M. Capece

Carolyn F. Davis

Manuel D. Rodriques

Harry M. Pilderian

Edward R. Watts

Clara M. McElroy

Florence Paolino

Antoinette “Ann” Sabetta

Claire C. Caruso

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,
by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of
COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, it is voted to adjourn at 8:55 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk

November 20]

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