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CITY OF PROVIDENCE • RHODE ISLAND • Walter H. Reynolds • Mayor

Office of the Public Service Engineer

Peter J. Hicks, Jr.
Public Service Engineer

City Hall, Providence 3, R. I.

July 14, 1953

Mr. D. Everett Whelan
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Whelan:

I enclose herewith the bill of the Narragansett Electric Company for the street lighting of the City of Providence for the month of June, 1953.

The total net amount of the bill is \$35,843.23.

Yours very truly,

PJH, JR:tm
Enclosure:


PETER J. HICKS, JR.
PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 6 - 1953

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

WALTER H. REYNOLDS
MAYOR

August 3, 1953

To The Honorable The City Council
of The City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 37 and 38 of Chapter 1802 of the Public Laws of 1946, I have this day appointed Mr. Morris Waldman of Providence a member of the Redevelopment Agency, for the ensuing five year term ending on July 31, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Reynolds
Walter H. Reynolds
Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 6 - 1953

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECORDED.

W. Everett Shelton
CLERK

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

THE CITY OF



PROVIDENCE

I, Morris Waldman, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States
and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge
the duties of the office of*

Member - Redevelopment Agency

to the best of my ability.

Morris S. Waldman

or

I, Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

do hereby certify that on the 6th *day of* August, *A. D. 19* 53,

I did administer unto Morris Waldman

duly appointed to the office of

Member - Redevelopment Agency

the above subscribed oath.

Walter H. Reynolds



CITY OF PROVIDENCE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

WALTER H. REYNOLDS
MAYOR

August 5, 1953

To The Honorable The City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 512, approved July 17, 1953, I have this day appointed the following Councilmen to the Committee to study Disaster Relief:

Jerry Lorenzo
Jacob J. Alprin
John A. Powers, Jr.
Joseph F. Prete
Frank Lazarus

I have also appointed Mr. David Joyce, Deputy Director of Civil Defense as a member ex-officio.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Reynolds
Walter H. Reynolds
Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL
AUG 6 - 1953

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D. Everett Whelan
CLERK

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Budget Message by Mayor Walter H. Reynolds - August 6, 1953

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

GENTLEMEN:

In accordance with Section 108 of the City Charter of the City of Providence, I am presenting herewith for your consideration a budget for the fiscal year 1953 - 1954. Anticipated revenues total \$29,707,850. Proposed expenditures amount to \$29,679,753, leaving a net budget surplus of \$28,097. In comparison with estimates for the current fiscal year these figures represent an increase of ~~\$1,347,331~~ in anticipated revenues and \$1,351,692 in proposed expenditures.

Increased revenues will come principally from the increase of \$1.60 per \$1,000 in the property tax rate, which it is estimated will yield \$1,162,000 additional in the forthcoming year. General departmental revenues are expected to provide an increase of \$120,580, and the shared state taxes on horse racing and liquor licenses an increase of \$120,000. Miscellaneous lesser sources will afford small increases.

Offsetting some portion of these increases is the prospect of a decline of \$226,002 in state grants-in-aid. Of this decline the major part is \$171,000, the result of the smaller total budgeted for welfare purposes, reimbursable by the state to the extent of 70 percent. The remainder of the decline is attributable to proportionally increased valuations in the outlying towns and cities. Four other revenue sources are expected to decline by relatively small amounts.

FIXED CHARGES

Fixed charges are those payments which become due because of commitments already made and which we are obligated to meet. The total of these fixed charges amounts to \$12,423,035 including debt service at \$3,419,984, down \$114,830; pensions at \$1,578,950 up \$109,940; and education at \$7,424,101, up \$217,196.

The reduction in debt service is caused in part by a reduction in maturities becoming due. To a large extent it is also attributable, however, to the issuance during the current year, of fewer bonds than had been expected. Issuance of the bonds was delayed intentionally due to the disturbed condition of the money market. I hope to be able to report to you next year that this delay has resulted in obtaining more favorable interest rates. The increase in the pension item includes the supplementary grant to certain classes

of retired employees authorized by the General Assembly and estimated to cost \$60,000 next year. It also includes increased contributions by the city for retirement of firemen and policemen due to the reduction in required years of service and increased contributions to school teachers necessitated by previous increases in teacher compensation. The increase in education represents mainly the additional amount to which the School Department is entitled under the Strayer Act and reflects increased property tax collections over the previous three years. It also includes the \$25,000 Public School Estates Revolving Fund brought into the current budget for the first time. A corresponding receipt of the same amount is also set up in this budget.

THE CAPITAL BUDGET

Capital budget items recommended for financing from current revenues next fiscal year total \$67,000. This is \$17,000 in excess of the amount recommended a year ago. While the amount of increase is not large it is a step in the right direction, as any increases in spending of current revenues for necessary projects, decreases thereby, the burden of interest payments on money which must otherwise be borrowed.

Actually the trend here is more favorable than shown in this document, since there is not included here \$200,000 in current revenue to finance sewer construction together with a somewhat smaller amount to finance improvement of a playground at Davis Park to serve the Smith Hill section. These latter items I shall later recommend to be set up in special accounts. The money will be derived from the current year's surplus as soon as that figure becomes definitely known.

Projects to be financed from the recommended \$67,000 for the next fiscal year include:

Radio transmission and apparatus in the	
Fire Department	\$43,000
Parking Lot in Roger Williams Park	4,000
Improvements to Park Museum	10,000
Playground Improvements, Recreation	
Department	<u>10,000</u>
	\$67,000

It is my hope that current revenue payments for capital purposes can be continued at a relatively high level. This will be especially urgent in the next few years as bonds are issued for the larger projects already underway or approved. I have in mind here in particular the \$3,500,000 required for improvement and expansion of the sewage treatment plant and for which studies are now being prepared. Likewise, within the foreseeable future are borrowings for redevelopment and off-street parking among others. I cite these items to emphasize the urgency of curtailing indebtedness wherever possible.

SALARY AND WAGE INCREASES

The bulk of the increase in the proposed budget over that prepared for last year is accounted for by salary and wage increases for city employees. The total amount devoted to these increases is \$ 952, 511 or 70% of the total increase in the budget. In my inaugural address last January, I advised you of the numerous inequities which existed in our classification and compensation schedules. Those schedules have been painstakingly examined and revised by competent and objective consultants. The revised salaries and wages included herein are those recommended by the consultants and which I believe to be essentially fair and just.

It is a matter of personal regret to me that a very few employees did not receive some increase. It must be remembered, however, that these employees were found to be already relatively well compensated for the work which they were doing and hence no increases could be reasonably justified.

GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

Increases are shown in these budget estimates for all departments and functions generally, as these reflect to a greater or lesser degree the salary and wage increases recommended. Exceptions to this are the Welfare Department with a net decrease of \$185, 614 in estimated expenditures, due to the forecast of general economic stability;

the debt service function which was mentioned earlier, and a slight decrease in the Water Fund.

Although the majority of the increases are attributable to the personnel expenditures estimated for the departments, there are also included increases in various departments to provide increased or more efficient city service. Among such increases is that in public safety for fire and police schools and for fire fighting equipment and rescue equipment.

In connection with the Public Works Department, I wish to call attention to the fact that the recommendations for the Sanitation Division are based upon a performance type budget. As new experience is gained with our public works cost accounting system, still in its infancy, it is my hope that performance budgeting can be extended to include other divisions of this department.

A BALANCED BUDGET

Despite the uncertain period in which we find ourselves today the budget which I am presenting to you is in sound balance in accordance with sound fiscal policy. This has not been easy to achieve. I have been concerned on the one hand with maintaining and improving upon the many functions and services of government rendered to the people of this city.

I have been concerned, also, and gravely, with keeping the cost of these functions and services at as economical a level as is consistent with good quality. I believe these concerns represent a challenge which has been met successfully in this proposed budget.

CONCLUSION

I present this budget to you, Gentlemen of the Council, very conscious that it represents not my thinking alone, nor that solely of the fiscal and other officers of this city, but rather confident that it embodies in financial terms the high standards of efficiency and public service which you gentlemen have so consistently supported in past years.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Reynolds
Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 6 - 1953

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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

DWIGHT T. MYERS

Traffic Engineer

ROGER T. CHANDLER

Assistant Traffic Engineer

147 Fountain Street

Providence 3, R. I.

July 28, 1953

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

At the request of a petition to the City Council, the Traffic Engineer has studied the feasibility of discontinuing through trucking on Roger Williams Avenue.

We would like to point out that Roger Williams Avenue offers the only crossing over the main line of the New York, New Haven Railroad between Reservoir Avenue and Elmwood Avenue from Park Street in Cranston to Adelaide Avenue in Providence. Since there is no other alternate crossing close at hand, we certainly feel that truck movement is justified on Roger Williams Avenue.

Even though we realize that most of the frontage on Roger Williams Avenue is residential, we still feel that trucks should be permitted on this street since it is a wide crosstown feeder street and since it does have a bridge over the New York, New Haven Railroad. Therefore, we are sorry to say we must deny your request to discontinue trucks on Roger Williams Avenue at this time.

Very truly yours,

Roger T. Chandler
Roger T. Chandler
Acting Traffic Engineer

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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

DWIGHT T. MYERS

Traffic Engineer

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Assistant Traffic Engineer

147 Fountain Street

Providence 3, R. I.

July 23, 1953

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

At the request of Council Resolution No. 407, dated May 8, 1953, the Traffic Engineer has studied the feasibility of erecting "YIELD" signs on Linwood Avenue at Sorrento Street.

Upon investigation of traffic conditions at this intersection, we found that there is a very small amount of traffic using the intersection and that there have been only five reported accidents in the past three years.

In view of the very low volume of traffic, the comparatively small number of reported accidents, and with due regard to the restricted sight distances on all corners of the intersection, we do not feel that STOP or YIELD control of this intersection is warranted at this time.

Very truly yours,

Roger T. Chandler
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Acting Traffic Engineer

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