

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND



IN CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL  
**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

No. 77 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 1, 1977, 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

PRESIDING  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
ROBERT J. HAXTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—25.

Absent: Councilman Salvatore—1.

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The Honorable  
The City Council of  
the City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
Mayor of Providence

Received.

Honorable Members:

I am please to inform you of the reappoint-

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## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN  
WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW.

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARG- NOLI:

Resolution Congratulating the Basketball Team of Our Lady of Providence Upon Winning the Class A State Basketball Championship.

*Whereas*, The snappy basketball aggregation of Our Lady of Providence, won the coveted Class "A" State Basketball State Championship, culminating a 26 wins and 3 defeats record for the current year, and

*Whereas*, The O.L.P. was the first team in the Class "C" League to win a Class "A" State Championship, encouraged by its well renowned coach, "Joe" Hassett, himself a former Basketball Luminary in the Amateur Basketball League, the Team recorded the best Season in its History,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That the congratulations of the City Council are hereby tendered to the Basketball Team of Our Lady of Providence, upon the occasion of its winning the Class "A" State Basketball Championship.

Resolution Expressing Best Wishes to "Joey" Hassett, Jr., Upon Entering the Ranks of Professional Basketball.

*Whereas*, "Joey" Hassett, Jr., Former Providence College Basketball Luminary, has recently embarked upon a career in professional basketball, and

*Whereas*, A well regarded former P.C. Star, young "Joey" has proven to the basketball faithful that he has all the ingredients to become a top-level professional,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in noting

his entrance into the ranks of Professional Basketball, following a most successful career at Providence College, the City Council of the City of Providence expresses its best wishes to "Joey" Hassett, Jr., former Providence College Luminary, upon the occasion of his entering the ranks of Professional Basketball, as one of the brightest simon pure players in that sport.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Restrict Motor Vehicle Traffic along Modena Avenue on Sunday, September 11, 1977, between the House of 12:00 o'clock M. to 12:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to Accommodate a Resident Association Block Party.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to restrict motor vehicle traffic along Modena Avenue on Sunday, September 11, 1977, between the Hours of 12:00 o'clock M. to 12:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to accommodate a Resident Association Block Party.

COUNCILMAN AHERN and COUNCILMAN  
GLAVIN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety to Increase the Police Patrol in the Immediate Area of Appleton Street and Delaine Street, being the Manton Section of the Twelfth Ward of Providence.

*Resolved*, That the Commissiiner of Public Safety is requested to increase the Police Patrol in the immediate area of Appleton Street and Delaine Street, being the Manton Section of the Twelfth Ward of Providence.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of a Motor Vehicle Traffic Control Light System at Chalkstone Avenue and Candace Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a Motor Vehicle Traffic Control Light System at Chalkstone Avenue and Candace Street, due to the traffic congestion generated by the entrance to Route 95 Southerly.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Property to Cause that Tot Lot Located at Orms Street and Candace Street, to be Regroomed and Damaged Equipment Replaced.

*Resolved*, That the Director of the Department of Public Property is requested to cause that Tot Lot located at Orms Street and Candace Street, to be Regroomed and Damaged Equipment replaced.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause All Crosswalks and Guidelines to be Repainted within the Twelfth Ward.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to Cause All Crosswalks and Guidelines to be Repainted within the Twelfth Ward.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

**COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO (By Request):**

Resolution Rescinding Resolution of the City

Council No. 403, Approved August 4, 1976, Abandoning a Portion of Boundary Avenue as a Public Highway.

**Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

**COUNCILMAN CIRELLI:**

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause All Catch Basins Located At or Near the Atwells Avenue-Manton Avenue Intersection, to be Cleaned.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause all catch basins located at or near the Atwells Avenue-Manton Avenue Intersection, to be cleaned.

**COUNCILMAN FLYNN and COUNCILMAN HENRIES:**

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Employee Relations to Investigate the City of Providence Employment Status of Robert Harootunian, former Director of Civilian Defense of the Providence Civil Preparedness Agency and Karl S. Kritz, former Deputy Director of the Providence Civil Preparedness Agency.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Employee Relations is requested to investigate the City of Providence Employment Status of Robert Harootunian, former Director of Civilian Defense of the Providence Civil Preparedness Agency and Karl S. Kritz, former Deputy Director of the Providence Civil Preparedness Agency.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

*Whereas*, Walter H. Reynolds, the distinguished former Mayor of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, during his fourteen years of Mayoralty Stewardship in the said City, left many physical monuments, each attributing to his highly professional administration, and

*Whereas*, Notably amongst such landmarks is the Hurricane Barrier, constructed for the purpose of eliminating flood damaging of the Downtown Area of Providence, as experienced by unprecedented Hurricanes which devastated the business area of Providence.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in tribute to the regressive administration of Walter H. Reynolds as the Twenty-Eighth Mayor of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, that structure in the Providence River Basin is hereby designated as "Mayor Walter H. Reynolds Hurricane Barrier."

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

**COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL, Chairwoman  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

An Ordinance in amendment of the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1977-35, approved July 18, 1977, by Appropriating a Sum Not to Exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), to the Providence Civic Center War Memorial.

**Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Stravato, Turchetta and Xavier—19.**

**Noes: Councilman Mansolillo—1.**

**Not Voting: Councilmen Gorodetsky, Henries, Pearlman, Petrosinelli and Tomasso—5.**

**Absent: Councilman Salvatore—1.**

An Ordinance Requiring any Severance Pay Accruing to Retiring City Employees shall be Approved by the City Council.

**Read and Passed, the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Petrosinelli, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—23.**

**Noes: Councilmen Mansolillo and Pearlman—2.**

**Absent: Councilman Salvatore—1.**

Resolutions Reporting Receipt of Certain Gifts of Monies by the Board of Park Commissioners for the Preservation and Care of Specified Burial Lots in North Burial Ground.

*Resolved*, That the following gifts of the following sums of money, to the Board of Park Commissioners, in trust, the income thereof to be applied, under the provisions of Chapter 367 of the Public Laws, January Session 1861, to the preservation and care of the following specified burial lots in said ground be and the same are hereby respectively accepted.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer, Acting Under the Direction of the Committee on Finance, to Borrow Necessary Sums Not Exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), in accordance with the provisions of the Redevelopment Act of 1956, such sums of Money to be Used Exclusively for the Redevelopment Plan for Downtown Providence Renewal.

**Referred Back to Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN XAVIER, seconded by COUNCILMEN FARGNOLI and FLYNN.**

**Councilman Mansolillo desires to be recorded as Voting "No".**

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Specified Sums of Monies Representing Overpayment of City Taxes for the Year 1973 to 1976, Inclusive.

*Resolved*, That the accompanying certificates, numbers 5625 thru 6132 (except nos. 5626, 5708, 5716, 5730, 5736, 5741, 5800, 5847, 5882, 5890, 5912, 5975, 6056 and 6110, which are under one dollar and not refunded), but all others are representing overpayment of City Taxes for the years 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976, are hereby refunded in the amounts overpaid.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fargnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Stravato, Turchetta and Xavier—24.**

**Not Voting: Councilman Tomasso—1.**

**Absent :Councilman Salvatore—1.**

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer, Acting Under the Direction of the Committee on Finance, to Borrow Not to Exceed Three Million, Fifty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,053,546.00), such Sums of Money to be used Exclusively for the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Federal Hill East Project Area.

*Resolved*, That the City Treasurer, acting under the direction of the Committee on Finance, be and hereby is authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, in such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding Three Million, Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,053,546.00) in accordance with the provisions of Title 45, Chapter 32, Section 42, and Title 45, Chapter 33, Sections 1, 2, 4 and 17 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, entitled "Redevelopment Act of 1956," and to issue the City's notes therefor, signed by him and countersigned by the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and to renew any such notes from time to time as the same become due. The money thus obtained shall be used exclusively for carrying out the official Redevelopment Plan for the Federal Hill East Project area, which was approved by City Council Ordinance No. 267, Chapter 1977-15, dated April 28, 1977.

Resolution Requesting the City Assessor to Present to the City Council the Statutory Authority, or City of Providence Ordinance, Exempting from City Taxes Johnson and Wales, as a Non-Profit Institution.

*Resolved*, That the City Assessor is requested to present to the City Council the Statutory Authority, or City of Providence Ordinance, Exempting from City Taxes Johnson and Wales College, as a Non-Profit Institution.

Resolution Reimbursing Deborah Costa, an Employee in the Office of the City Collector, the Sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) Representing Her Payment to the Industrial National Bank for Having Accepted a Counterfeit Bill in that Amount.

*Resolved*, That the City Treasurer and the City Controller are authorized and directed to reimburse Deborah Costa, an employee of the City Collector's Office, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for her reimbursement to the Industrial National Bank on April 28, 1977 of said sum representing her having received a counterfeit bill in that denomination, a copy of the receipt issued by Industrial National Bank is attached hereto, and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the City Council orders, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, that the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be paid to Deborah Costa be charged to the Contingencies Appropriation.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan,

**Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—25.**

**Absent: Councilman Salvatore—1.**

Resolution Creating a Baby Hoover Study Commission.

*Whereas*, Studies to improve economy in Government have been adopted on the Federal, State and Municipal Levels in this Nation, and

*Whereas*, Such studies have resulted in the substantial financial savings and has been met with a great measure of success and good will, and

*Whereas*, The City of Providence has not had such an independent study since the adoption of the Providence Charter Act, April 26, 1940.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That an independent study be undertaken forthwith and a Commission of Seven (7) Members, Not Less than Four (4) of whom shall be Members elected by the City Council and Three (3) appointed by the Mayor, with duties as follows:

1. The Commission shall make an indepth study of the operation of the Government of the City of Providence and make recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council with a view toward consolidating and/or eliminating Agencies, where there is a duplication or outmoded services.
2. The Commission shall recommend economy in Governmental operations to the end that services shall be delivered to the Taxpayers of Providence at the least possible cost and the greatest possible efficiency.
3. The Commission shall make a study of existing Statutes, relating to the Assessment and Collection of Taxes and if nec-

essary and nature of a revision of the tax system; of the costs and operation of all phases of Providence Municipal Government; of possible Inter-City compacts and combining and pooling of facilities to economize ; and of review and better control of purchase and sale procedures and use of Multi-City pool purchasing.

4. The Commission shall make its report to the Mayor and the City Council prior to April 1, 1978.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and PEARLMAN.**

**Resolution Requesting Certain Procedures Providing for Tax Abatements for Abandoned Real Property.**

*Resolved*, That the City Collector is requested to be guided by the following procedure on the sale of tax delinquent property as set forth below:

SWAP is a non-profit, grassroots community organization incorporated on August 25, 1976. SWAP is constituted for the purpose of improvement of inner city neighborhoods by working with the residents to promote the rehabilitation and renovation of vacant and abandoned houses. All activities of the corporation are performed on a non-profit basis.

All corporate powers of the corporation are exercised by or under the authority, the business and affairs of the corporation are controlled by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors consists of corporate members of no more than forty-five and no less than ten members. Presently, there are thirty-seven Board Members with Board Meeting held on a monthly basis. Board Resolutions are passed by simple majority.

All corporate activities of SWAP are designed

toward working toward alleviating the blight on the neighborhoods of Providence of vacant and abandoned houses which cause deterioration of property values of the neighborhood and community.

*Whereas*, SWAP's purpose is to cause the improvements of inner city neighborhoods by promoting the rehabilitation of vacant abandoned property and whereas, back taxes are a detrimental factor towards that rehabilitation. SWAP is requesting tax abatements for abandoned houses under the following procedures:

1. Abatements shall be considered on an individual basis. Neighborhood associations such as SWAP, however, may make recommendations for abatements on behalf of its members. SWAP shall certify for the Finance Committee that it has checked the documents required below and that SWAP will not base any certification on race, sex or religion.

2. Any interested person or association may file with the City Clerk's Office to be notified by letter at least one week before the Finance Committee meets in order to contract qualified homeowners.

3. Abatements shall be brought before the City Council Finance Committee with the necessary documentation. The Committee shall consider the request and decide whether to recommend conditional abatement to full Council. Abatements shall be passed conditionally, pending completion of the following documentation and presentation of said documents to the City Collector.

4. The applicant for abatement shall provide the City Collector with the following information before receiving final abatement of back taxes:

\*Sworn affidavit of residency for at least one year;

\*Certification from the Building Inspector that the appropriate permits have been applied for and complied with;

\*Certification from the Division of Minimum Housing that the house has been in compliance with the Providence Minimum Housing Standards for a period of one year;

\*Proof evident of clear title but for tax liens.

5. Upon presentation of these documents to the City Collector the abatement of back taxes as specified by the City Council shall take effect.

6. All properties that shall be considered for abatement of back taxes by the City Council shall not be offered for tax sale by the City Collector and no current tax payments shall be used for payment of back taxes that are under consideration for abatement.

7. The categories of houses which qualify for abatement shall be abandoned structures with back taxes that are on or are potentials for the City's demolition list and that are acquired by qualified homesteaders. A qualified homesteader shall be any homeowner who shall occupy an abandoned house for at least one year, bring it up to minimum housing code within four years and maintain it at minimum housing code levels for at least one year.

Nothing shall preclude any individual from applying directly to the City Council for tax abatements without SWAP certification.

**COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves the Resolution be Referred Back to the Committee on Finance.**

**This motion being seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.**

**COUNCILMAN GARAN moves the Resolution be Passed.**

**This motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN FLYNN.**

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN moves the Resolution be Amended to incorporate the following:**

**First Paragraph, "The City Collector is requested to be Guided by the following procedures on the sale of Tax Delinquent Property as set forth below:"**

**This motion is seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN, GARAN and GORODETSKY.**

**The motion to Amend, having precedence over the Motion to Refer and the Main Motion for Passage is Put to Vote and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN moves the Resolution, as Amended, be Passed.**

**This Motion being seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN, GARAN, GORODETSKY and LYNCH.**

**The Resolution, as Amended, is thereup Read and Passed.**

**COUNCILMAN RALPH FARGNOLI, Chairman**  
**COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Received:**

Report of the Providence Redevelopment Agency Upon Its Proposed Sale of Real Property within the Comstock Redevelopment Project, viz:

Parcel 31, within the Comstock Project, consisting of 6,155 sq. ft. of land and delineated on

the attached map for the disposition price of \$615.00 to Curt and JoJ Ann Lucas of 12 Dartmouth Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, the parcel will be developed with residential construction.

**Received.**

**COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN, Chairman**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation  
the Same be Severally Adopted:**

Resolution Granting Accompanying Petition of Raymond G. Vincent, 13 Kenyon Street, Providence, to Complete Construction of a Masonary Wall and Iron Fence Which Encroaches Upon Abutting Sidewalks along Federal and Kenyon Streets.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of Raymond G. Vincent, 13 Kenyon Street, Providence, to complete construction of a masonry wall and iron fence which encroaches upon abutting sidewalks along Federal Street and Kenyon Street, is hereby granted, all in accordance with the accompanying Petition.

Resolution Abandoning as a Public Highway that Portion of Ives Street from Wickenden Street to Its Termination at Route I-195.

*Resolved, Decreed and Ordered:*

That the following portion of named street as shown as cross-hatched area on the accompanying Plan entitled, "Providence, R.I., P.W. Dept. — Engineering Office, Street Line Section, Plan No. 063951, dated November 20, 1975," viz:

That the entire portion of Ives Street, from Wickenden Street to its termination at Route I-195 has ceased to be useful to the public and the same is proposed to be abandoned as a public highway, depicted on the above noted and accompanying plan as cross-hatched area, having ceased to be useful to the public and the same is proposed to be abandoned as a public highway and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded, and it is further subject to that easement incorporated in communication dated July 29, 1977 from the Deputy Director — City Engineer, Joseph J. Campo, P.E., a copy of which is hereto attached and further subject to

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to

Providence, for Rental of the Almy Street Elementary School, Providence.

*Resolved*, That His Honor the Mayor is authorized to execute a Lease Agreement with the **PROJJECT HEAD START** of 100 North Main Street, Providence, for the Rental of the former Almy Street Elementary School Building, Providence, fo ruse as administrative offices, on a year to year rental basis for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) per annum; said **PROJECT HEAD START** to assume all renovations and the maintaining of the said Building.

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Lease Agreement with Rhode Island Energy Corp. of Providence for Certain Land at the Port of Providence.

*Resolved*, That His Honor the Mayor is authorized to execute a lease agreement with the

Rhode Island Energy Corp of Providence for a certain area of land containing nine hundred (900) square feet of land, more or less, for a period of five (5) years at an annual rental of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), located at the Port of Providence.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Fagnoli, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Petrosinelli, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—21.**

**Absent: Councilmen Cirelli, Flynn, Garan, Pearlman and Salvatore—5.**

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

### FROM CLERK OF PROVIDENCE MUNICIPAL COURT:

Communication, dated August 11, 1977, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Appointment of Robert Joyce as Deputy Clerk of the Said Court for the Term Ending on the First Monday in January, 1979, in Place of James P. O'Connor, Retired.

Received.

Communication, dated August 11, 1977, Ad-

dressed to the Justices of the Said Court, Informing them of His Appointment of Robert Joyce as Deputy Clerk of the Said Court and the Signed Approval by the Said Justices of the Same.

Received.

### FROM CITY CONTROLLER:

130th Annual Financial Report of the City of Providence for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1976.

Received.

**FROM DIRECTOR OF THE PORT OF PROVIDENCE:**

Annual Report for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977.

Received.

Referred to Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

**FROM PROVIDENCE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:**

Annual Report for the Period 1974-1977.

Received.

**FROM STATE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:**

Notice Informing the Honorable City Council of the Application of W.S.H. Realty, No. Canton, Massachusetts, for the State's Assent to Fill and Pave Property.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

**FROM PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:**

Report, dated August 25, 1977, Informing the Honorable City Council of Its Proposed Sale of Real Property within the Comstock Redevelopment Project, viz:

Parcel 19 within the Comstock Project consisting of 5,623 sq. ft. of land and delineated on the attached map for the disposition price of \$560.00 to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wulu Davis of 572 Potters Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

**FROM CITY ASSESSOR:**

Certificates (10-A and 11-A) Representing Elderly Exemption Credits for 1977 Tax Year, Recommending the Same be Approved.

Severally Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

## PETITIONS

**COUNCILMAN ADDISON (By Request):**

Petition Abandoning as a Public Highway Locust Street, from the range of Mount Hope Avenue to its easterly termination.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petition from John W. Mastrobuono, et al., Cranston, Rhode Island, to abandon as a public highway that portion of Crout Street between Trainor Street and the westerly boundary of Lot No. 424 on Assessor's Plat 28.

Referred to Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Petition for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Stella Allicon

Thomas Bisbee

William F. D'Iorio

Jerrold Dorfman

Gary F. Gallo

Beatrice T. Holmes

Morton H. Kessler

Dwayne R. Lehigh

Henry Page

John A. Parmelee

Mrs. George Pickering

St. Paul Insurance Cos. as subrogee of Mario A. Salvatore

Pasco Scetta

Carl Wilburn

Jeffrey Woodside

Severally Referred to Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

(In Memoriam)

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI:**

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Recent Death of John Joseph Cannon, Former Active Political Participant in our City.

Resolved, That with the passing from this life

of John Joseph Cannon, late Active Democrat of our Community, the City Council hereby offers its sympathy to his bereaved wife, Lena, and to their family.

Read and Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FARGNOLI.

**Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Death of Antonio Pace, Erstwhile Italian Language Radio Personality of Our Community.**

*Whereas*, Death has recently taken from our midst Antonio Pace, erstwhile Italian Language Radio Commentator, who, as such, kept his vast audience informed of events in their language, and

*Whereas*, The late Cavaliere Pace, a graduate of the Italian Naval Academy, was honored by the Government of the Republic of Italy as a Cavaliere del Lavoro and with the Star of Solidarity, and

*Whereas*, Cavaliere Pace, a pioneer in Italian Language Radio Broadcasting as early as the 1930's, became an important segment of that language, with daily radio shows over local stations within the hearing signal of the State of Rhode Island,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in the passing from this life of our distinguished bilinguist, Cavaliere Antonio Pace, the City Council of the City of Providence, pauses in its deliberations to offer prayers for his eternal repose and to express to his wife, Mary, and their family, their sympathy in this their period of bereavement.

**Read and Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FARGNOLI.**

**Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Death of Alfred Marcoccio, Late Prominent Businessman of Our Community.**

*Whereas*, Death has taken from this life, Alfred Marcoccio, in his Sixty-Third Year, and

*Whereas*, "Skeets" Marcoccio, a pleasant and most respected businessman in the Mount Pleasant Area of our City, where he had conducted a watch repair business, was a true professional and much regarded by his clients, and

*Whereas*, A Decorated Veteran of the United States Army in World War II, he has been an active Member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island, where his native born Italian was often intermingled with amusing stories of his native Italy,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in the death of Alfred Marcoccio, the City Council expresses to his wife, Marie, their daughter and his brothers and sisters, their sincere expression of sympathy.

**Read and Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FARGNOLI.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

### "In Tribute"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN ADDISON, COUNCILMAN AHERN, COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO, COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILMAN COLA, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN GARAN, COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY, COUNCILMAN HENRIES, COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO, COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN, COUNCILMAN MEROLA, COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN TOMASSO, COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA and COUNCILMAN XAVIER:**

Resolution Noting the Mandatory Retirement of Vincent Vespia, as City Clerk of Providence, Effective August 31, 1977.

*Whereas*, Vincent Vespia has graced the Department of City Clerk with his knowledge, warmth, dedication, courtesy, and integrity for thirty-six years from January 21, 1941 to September 5, 1963 as Second and First Deputy City Clerk and from September 6, 1963 to August 31, 1977, as the City Clerk, and

*Whereas*, During said thirty-six year tenure he has completed an enviable record as the City's outstanding public servant, ever mindful of his obligations and duties to the Citizens of Providence, the Mayor and as he so often has said, "His Bosses" — the Members of the City Council — regardless of political party; and

*Whereas*, Vincent Vespia's career has been one of great accomplishment, duly recognized by his peers in his election as President of the Rhode Island Town and City Clerk's Association in 1968; his Membership on the Board of Directors of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; his Membership and Leadership posts in

various organized Labor Unions, notably a Delegate to the Providence Central Federated Council, on behalf of Public Service Employees Local Union 1033 of Providence, Rhode Island, Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, and Social and Civic Organizations, and

*Whereas*, His International activities were so rewardingly crowned by the Republic of Italy as a Cavaliere Dell' Ordine "Al Merito Della Repubblica Italiana,"

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That His Honor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Mayor of the City of Providence, and the Members of this City Council, and previous City Council Members, join with his legion of friends to acknowledge their deep debt of gratitude and appreciation to Vincent Vespia for his many years of conscientious public service and by this Resolution record their happy association with him and extend their sincerity for the courteous and impartial treatment which he has, at all times accorded everyone who has come in contact with the Department of the Providence City Clerk, and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That Vincent Vespia be, and is designated as "City Clerk Emeritus"; said Title granting to him at all times permission to enter within the rail in the Chamber of the City Council at all of the Council Meetings and further grant him permission to use the Seal of the City of Providence, Rhode Island on his personal stationery to be supplied by the City as "City Clerk Emeritus," and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That his successor as City Clerk, is directed to cause all subsequent copies of Supplements to the Code of Ordinances of the City Council, be made available to him.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMEN ADDISON, AHERN, ALMAGNO, BRADSHAW, COUNCIL-**

**WOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN CIRELLI, COLA, FLYNN, GARAN, GLAVIN, GORODETSKY, HENRIES, JOHNSON, MANSOLILLO, McKIERNAN, MEROLA, PEARLMAN, PETROSINELLI, STRAVATO, TOMASSO, TURCHETTA and XAVIER.**

At this point Council President Haxton on behalf of Himself and all the Members of the City Council present to Vincent Vespia, last immediate City Clerk, a plaque inscribed as follows:

Presented To

**VINCENT VESPIA  
CITY CLERK**

**OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE**

**1963 — ~~1967~~ 1977**

*Rmm*

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF THE FOURTEEN YEARS OF DEVOTED AND UNSELFISH SERVICE TO THE PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL AND TO THE CITIZENS OF PROVIDENCE YOU ARE HEREBY FOREVER INSTALLED AND PROCLAIMED TO BE



**CITY CLERK EMERITUS  
OF THE  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

**BY THE MEMBERS  
OF THE PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 1977**

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN, GARAN, MANSOLILLO, MEROLA, TOMASSO and TURCHETTA, the City Council adjourns at 10:15 o'clock P.M. (EDT) to meet again on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1977 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EDT).

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
City Clerk

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