

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 2 1978
APPROVED:

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 87 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 19, 1977, 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

RALPH FARGNOLI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinehi, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—21.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Henries and Turchetta—4.

IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 1978

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by Reverend Monsignor Daniel M. O'Grady, Chief Judge of the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Providence.

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

COUNCILMAN THOMAS M. GLAVIN 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. 86 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 5, 1978, and Posted January 17, 1978, on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Floor of the

City Hall, is Approved as Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, dated January 4, 1978, Informing the Honorable City Council, in Writing, that He is Nominating for Appointment, Robert S. Walker of 35 Brenton Avenue, Providence, to the Zoning Board of Review to Fill the Vacancy Created by the Death of William A. Greene, viz:

January 4, 1978

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

Dear Honorable Members:

I am this day nominating for appointment to the Zoning Board of Review, Mr. Robert S. Walker of 35 Brenton Avenue, Providence. Mr.

Walker will fill the vacancy on the Board created by the untimely death of the late William Greene.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor of Providence

Communication Read and Received and Appointment Disapproved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW, PEARLMAN and MANSOLILLO desire to be recorded as Voting "No."

COUNCILMEN GARAN, GORODETSKY and TOMASSO desire to be recorded as "Not Voting."

A MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Consideration of the Office of City Councilman from the Tenth Ward.

Whereas, Councilman Donald E. McKiernan has, on February 3, 1977, resigned from the Providence City Council, and

Whereas, His resignation was accepted by the City Council on February 3, 1977, and

Whereas, On January 5, 1977, Mr. McKiernan was duly elected by the City Council to the Office of City Treasurer, and

Whereas, Mr. McKiernan took the Oath of Office as City Treasurer on January 5, 1978,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That this City

Council does hereby declare that Donald E. McKiernan ceased to possess the qualifications for Office of City Councilman from Ward Ten on January 5, 1978, and said Office be declared vacant in accordance with Section 3.8 of the City Charter of the City of Providence.

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

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN TOMASSO desire to be recorded as Voting "No."

COUNCILMEN GORODETSKY, JOHNSON, MANSOLILLO and SALVATORE desire to be recorded as "Not Voting."

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

Street Lighting Bill for December, 1977, in the Amount of Eighty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Four Dollars, Ninety-Two Cents (\$82,904.92).

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fargnoli

and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Glavin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Pearlman, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—15.

Noes: Councilmen Flynn and Merola—2.

Not Voting: Councilmen Gorodetsky, Petrosinelli and Tomasso—3.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Garan, Henries and Turchetta—5.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The following Ordinance was in City Council January 5, 1978, Read and Passed the First Time and Is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance Granting the Consent of the City of Providence to the Acquisition of Its Property, Estate and Interest in Certain Real Property in the Downtown Providence Renewal Project by the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Title 45, Chapter 32, Section 25 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956 (as amended) the City of Providence hereby consents to the acquisition by the Providence Redevelopment Agency by eminent domain proceedings, or by purchase, of the fee to, and all of the estate and interest of the City of Providence in and to the following described lots or parcels of land together with all buildings or improvements thereon and all air space and air easements in connection therewith, to wit:

ASSESSOR'S PLAT 19 (Nineteen), LOTS 31 (Thirty-one) AND 32 (Thirty-two) being generally described as the parking deck in front of Union Station and the east and west approaches thereto.

Sec. 2. The said acquisition is in conjunction with the Downtown Providence Renewal Project approved by the Providence City Council on February 14, 1977 by Chapter 1977-5 No. 64 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE RENEWAL.

Sec. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fagnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Johnson,

Lynch, Mansolillo, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore and Stravato—19.

Noes: Councilman Xavier—1.

Not Voting: Councilman Tomasso—1.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Henries and Turchetta—4.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1977-35, Approved July 18, 1977, by Appropriating a Sum Not to Exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the City of Providence, Law Department, Spe-

cial Items 3, for Claims Against the City of Providence.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI:

Resolution Requesting that the Director of Public Works Inform Each City Council Member as to the Responsible Person for Snow Removal in Their Respective Wards.

Whereas, Members of the City Council receive numerous complaints from constituents within their respective Wards, concerning the removal of snow within their area, and

Whereas, Said Members desire information, as to the person responsible for the removal of snow in each area of the City,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Director of Public Works be requested to inform each Member of the City Council as to the person responsible for snow removal within their respective Wards so that the said Members may contact that person.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARG-NOLI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to Order the Installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 3, Located along Joy Street.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of a Street Light on Pole No. 3, located along Joy Street.

COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Requesting His Honor the Mayor Report to the City Council as to the Present Status of the Acquisition of the Certain Lots for Playground Purposes Renovation and New Construction at the Vineyard Street School and Certain Lots for Renovation of the Asa Messer Street School.

Whereas, On February 17, 1977, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 107, approved by the Mayor on February 25, 1977, authorizing the Board of Contract and Supply to acquire Lots 84, 85, 86, 87, 182 and 183 on City Assessor's Plat 36, for the Renovation of the Asa Messer School, thereby ratifying the Action of the Board of Contract and Supply taken February 7, 1977, and

Whereas, On November 3, 1977, Resolution No. 703 was adopted by the City Council, approved by the Mayor on November 11, 1977, authorizing the acquisition of Lots 952, 953 and 954 on City Assessor's Plat 43, for Playground Purposes at the Vineyard Street School and for the Renovation and New Construction of said School, ratifying the Action of the Board of Contract and Supply taken July 12, 1976,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., is requested to report back to the City Council as to the present status of acquiring said lots, as specified, so that

Construction and Renovation of the Asa Messer School and the Vineyard Street School will commence.

Resolution Requesting the Providence Redevelopment Agency Inform the City Council Periodically as to Their Intended Use for the Expenditure of the One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000.00) Fund Proposed to be Reserved for a Renewal Plan for the West End Section of the City of Providence.

Whereas, It has recently been reported that the Providence Redevelopment Agency proposes to allocate One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to the West End Section of the City of Providence for a Renewal Plan, and

Whereas, The West End Section is in dire need of such Renewal, so that the deterioration of that area will be arrested, to better that section of our City and to solve the neighborhood problems, and

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council hereby respectfully requests the Providence Redevelopment Agency to inform it periodically, as to their intended use for the expenditure of the One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000.00) Fund proposed to be Reserved for a Renewal Plan for the West End Section of the City Providence.

Resolution Protesting the Decision of the Public Utilities Commission is Allowing the Narragansett Electric Company to Assess "Interest" Against Municipalities on Overdue Bills.

Whereas, The City of Providence has been charged a high rate of interest by the Narragansett Electric Company, due to payment not

being received by said Company within One (1) Month, and

Whereas, Members of the City Council protest the decision of the Public Utilities Commission in allowing the Narragansett Electric Company to assess municipalities "interest" on such billings,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Solicitor is requested to investigate and report back to the City Council as to the legality of said ruling.

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "Stop" Signs on Hart Street, at Its Intersection with Ivy Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to Cause the Installation of "Stop" Signs, on Hart Street, at its intersection with Ivy Street.

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

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY and COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the Department of Planning and Urban Development, on Behalf of the City of Providence, to Prepare and Submit an Application for Second Year Activities Under Section 302 (a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act as Amended in 1974.

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

COUNCILMAN MEROLA:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare of the City Council to Undertake a Study of the Feasibility of Recommending to Private Industry, the Utilization of Experience and Talent of Senior Citizens Who have Retired Mandatorily from Gainful Employment.

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

COUNCILMAN MEROLA (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Replace the Sign "Public Library Square" formerly Located at the Corner of Washington Street and Empire Street.

Whereas, There had previously existed, a Sign having the words "Public Library Square" located at the corner of Washington Street and Empire Street,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause a Sign to be placed above the Street Sign located at the corner of Washington Street and Empire Street having thereon the words "Public Library Square."

COUNCILMAN MEROLA, COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

Resolution Extending the Sincere Best Wishes of the City Council to the Providence Public Library Upon the Occasion of Their One Hundredth Anniversary.

Whereas, On Saturday, the fourth of February, 1978 the Providence Public Library will celebrate its one-hundredth year of distinguished service to the City of Providence, and

Whereas, The Library has served the educational, recreational and informational needs of the citizens of Providence, and

Whereas, The Library has been a national leader in the field of library services and informational sciences, and

Whereas, The dissemination of knowledge and information to the citizens of Providence play a vital role in the life of the community, and

Whereas, The Library was founded on the principle that an educated and informed public requires a strong and open library system supported and recognized by all of the citizens of Providence,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council extend to the Providence Public Library their sincere best wishes on the occasion of its One-Hundredth Birthday.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, MANSOLILLO, MEROLA and STRAVATO.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Arrange for the Redemption or Sale of Lots 663 and 664, on City Assessor's Plat 53, Located on Mini Court; An Offer Having Been Received by the City Treasurer from H. Charles Tapalian of Providence, of Two Thousand Five Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$2,005.90) for Lot 663, and One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$1,698.41) for Lot 664.

Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

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.

Severally Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCILMAN SALVATORE (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Works to Install a Guard Rail at the Termination of Everson Street, at Its Intersection with Lakeside Street.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works

is requested to Cause the Installation of a Guard Rail at the Termination of Everson Street, at its Intersection with Lakeside Street.

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

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO and COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Allow the Purchase and Conversion Into a Park, of the Former Saint Bartholomew's Church.

Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Employee Relations to Investigate the Increase in the Number of Trainees Accepted to the Providence Police Academy.

Resolved, That the Committee on Employee Relations is requested to investigate the increase in the number of Trainees accepted to the Providence Police Training Academy which has been increased from the initial limited amount.

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

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

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

An Ordinance Amending Section 58 of Chapter 1977-30, Approved July 5, 1977, Entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments," Relative to Board of Canvassers and Registration.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1977-30. Approved July 5, 1977, Entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments," Relative to Department of City Clerk.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1977-35, Approved July 18, 1977, by Transferring Certain Sums of Money Within the Department of Public Schools.

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

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fagnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Gorodetsky, Lynch, Merola, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—17.

Noes: Councilmen Mansolillo and Pearlman—2.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Henries, Johnson, Tomasso and Turchetta—6.

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY desires to be recorded as Voting "No" relative to "An Ordinance Amending Section 58 of Chapter 1977-30, Approved July 5, 1977, Entitled, 'An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees, and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments,' Relative to Board of Canvassers and Registration," and "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1977-30, Approved July 5, 1977, Entitled, 'An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments,' Relative to Department of City Clerk."

Recapitulation of Vote on the foregoing Two (2) Ordinances Amending that Ordinance Establishing Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in the City Departments Relative to Board of Canvassers and Registration and Department of City Clerk.

Ayes: 16.

Noes: 3.

Absent: 6.

Resolution Authorizing the City Solicitor to Apply to the General Assembly at Its Next Session, to Urge Passage of "An Act Authorizing the City of Providence to Issue Bonds in an Amount Not Exceeding Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for Redevelopment Purposes," Substantially in Accordance with the Accompanying Draft Act.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be and he hereby is directed to apply to the General Assembly at its present session to urge passage of "An Act Authorizing the City of Providence to Issue Bonds in an Amount not Exceeding Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for Redevelopment Purposes," substantially in accordance with the accompanying draft act.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ADDISON, seconded by COUNCILMEN FLYNN, MEROLA and STRAVATO, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Addison, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Flynn, Garan, Glavin, Merola, Pearlman, Salvatore, Stravato and Xavier—12.

Noes: Council President Pro Tempore Fagnoli and Councilmen Almagno, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo and Petrosinelli—6.

Not Voting: Councilman Cirelli—1.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Gorodetsky, Henries, Tomasso and Turchetta—6.

Resolution Authorizing the City of Providence to Purchase from the Town of North Providence, a Portion of the Water Supply System of Said Town, for Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$247,500.00), Payment to be Made Over a Period of Ten Years.

Whereas, The TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE deems it advisable to arrange for a source of water from the CITY OF PROVIDENCE to the users in NORTH PROVIDENCE presently supplied water by the CITY OF PAWTUCKET, and

Whereas, The CITY OF PROVIDENCE is desirous of acquiring various fixtures consisting of pipes, mains, valves, connections, hydrants, etc. (hereinafter referred to as the "system"), from the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, and

Whereas, The TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE is desirous of selling said system to the said CITY OF PROVIDENCE, and

Whereas, The CITY OF PROVIDENCE is desirous of expanding the capacity of the Long Vue Reservoir on Mineral Spring Avenue in the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, and

Whereas, The CITY OF PROVIDENCE is desirous of entering into an agreement relative to the tax assessment of its land on Mineral Spring Avenue in the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE and

Whereas, NORTH PROVIDENCE and PROVIDENCE have negotiated an agreement, a copy of which is hereto annexed and made a part hereof, and

Whereas, The Town Council of the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE has approved a resolution authorizing the TOWN to sell said system, and

Whereas, The Town Council of the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE ratified and approved the assessment of the land and improvements, including any extensions of the same in the future,

belonging to the PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD at Two Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$214,980.00) as the total valuation for a period of ten (10) years from the execution of the agreement of sale, and

Whereas, The TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE has agreed to sell said system to the CITY OF PROVIDENCE for the Sum of Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$247,500.00), payable without interest as follows:

(a) The sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be paid by the CITY OF PROVIDENCE to the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE commencing the date on which the system is severed from the CITY OF PAWTUCKET;

(b) The sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be paid by the CITY OF PROVIDENCE to the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE each year thereafter on the anniversary date of the first payment, and a final payment of Twenty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on the tenth (10th) anniversary date;

(c) Upon the final payment from the CITY OF PROVIDENCE to the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE shall deliver a good and sufficient bargain and sale deed to the system to the CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Providence:

(1) That the CITY OF PROVIDENCE shall purchase such portion of the water supply system of the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE lying within the boundaries of the TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE in accordance with the terms and conditions of the copy of the agreement attached hereto;

(2) That the Mayor of the CITY OF PROVIDENCE shall cause the execution of a duplicate original for and in behalf of the CITY OF PROVIDENCE of said purchase and sale agree-

ment and to deliver and accept a duplicate original for and in behalf of the CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

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

Ayes: Council President Pro Tempore Fagnoli and Councilmen Addison, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Flynn, Glavin, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—19.

Noes: Councilman Garan—1.

Absent: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Ahern, Gorodetsky, Henries and Turchetta—5.

Resolution Requesting that Parcel of Land and Building, Comprising the Entire Block Bounded by Washington, Aborn, Fountain and Beverly Streets, Containing Approximately Forty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-Seven (43,567) Square Feet of Land, Designated as Lot 179 on City Assessor's Plat 25, be Exempt from Taxation for a Period of Seventeen (17) Years Beginning December 11, 1977; and that Any Real

Estate Taxes Assessed and Accrued on Said Parcel of Land, Which the Providence Redevelopment Agency Owes, be Abated.

Referred Back to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN TOMASSO, seconded by COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW.

Resolution Requesting the Acting City Solicitor Prepare, Cause to be Introduced and to Urge Passage at the Next Session of the General Assembly, of "An Act Requesting the State of Rhode Island to Readjust the Allocation or Allotment of Those Funds Used for Educational Purposes to the City of Providence."

Resolved, That the Acting City Solicitor is requested to prepare, cause to be introduced and to urge passage of an Act, at the January, 1978 Session of the General Assembly Requesting the State of Rhode Island to readjust the allocation or allotment of those funds for Educational Purposes, to the City of Providence, so that the City of Providence will have a greater percentage Budgeted for the Educational System to ease the burden from the Taxpayers.

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

The following is Transmitted with Recommendation the Same be Adopted, as Amended:

Resolution Naming a Special Committee for the Purpose of Studying the Feasibility of Separating the Pension Fund of the City Employees Retirement System.

Resolved, That the following are hereby named as a Special Committee for the Purpose of Studying the feasibility of separating the pension fund of the City Employees' Retirement System:

Mayor;

Two Public Members presently serving on the Retirement Board;

One Class "A" Retired — City Employee;

One Class "B" Retired — City Employee;

One Class "A" Employee — City Employee;

One Class "B" Employee — City Employee;

Two Officials — Public Service Employees Local 1033 of Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO;

One Official — Fraternal Order of Police;

One Official — Local 799, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO;

Chairwoman — Committee on Finance of the City Council;

Finance Director;

Judge of Probate Court of Providence;

Two Members of City Council, Elected by the said Council; and

Two Additional Public Members, and

Be it further Resolved, That said Special Committee report back to the Committee on Finance, their findings, no later than October 31, 1978.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Certificates from the City Assessor (69-A) Representing Elderly Exemption Credits for the Tax Years Ended 1974 through 1977, Recommending the Same be Severally Approved.

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

Certificates from the City Assessor (53-A, 54-A and 68-A) Recommending the Same be Severally Approved for Rebate, Cancellation, Correction and/or Refund, as the Case May Be.

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

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

American Universal Ins. Co., as subrogee of
Valentino and Antonetta Longo

Antonio Baptista p.p.a. Mario J. Baptista

Michael Barnes

Corbin Gentry Inc. d/b/a Providence Motor-
cycle Outlet

Corsair Packing Company and Jona Leach

George and Maria Ferreira p.p.a. Mario J.
Ferreira

William T. and Sharon Hains

Norma Herd

Mrs. Hugo Iannucci

John Joaquin

Samuel Kaufman

Daniel E. Kieliszak

Laborer's International Union and Joseph Vir-
gilio

Mary Lanza

Benjamin Luftman

Kandi Meyer

Sherman Price

Willis Rueb

Isabel Tavares p.p.a. Carlos A. Tavares

Slinia Vascondeios

**Severally Referred to the 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 and COUNCILMAN ADDISON, COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO, COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILMAN COLA, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN GARRAN, COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY, COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO, COUNCILMAN MEROLA, COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN TOMASSO and COUNCILMAN XAVIER for Themselves and COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCILMAN AHERN, COUNCILMAN HENRIES and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA, In Absentia:

Resolution Expressing the Sympathy of the Members of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, Upon the Recent Passing of United States Senator Hubert Horatio Humphrey of the State of Minnesota.

Whereas, Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Late United States Senator from the State of Minnesota, was called by Almighty God, from this life, and

Whereas, A legendary political figure, Senator Humphrey was personally well known by Rhode Island's "Politicos" who were charmed by his warmth and astuteness, when he visited Providence during his campaigns, as Vice-President and then as President in 1968, and

Whereas, Internationally recognized as a Champion of Human Rights, Senator Humphrey became a valued advisor to President Jimmy Carter, often being publically critical of the President's Program, before Congress, and

Whereas, A devoted family man, the "Happy Warrior" was equally devoted to his calling as

a United States Senator and became an indefatigable speaker, much effective and sought after,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That in the tremendous loss, as a result of his demise, the Citizens of our Country though saddened, take consolation from having known of his contributions to them as a Legislative Leader and express to his devoted wife of nearly One-Half of a Century and to their five children, heartfelt sympathy in this their moment of bereavement and desire them to know of the respect in which he was held by the Members of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, and

Be it further Resolved, That upon the adoption of this Resolution by the City Council of said City and its approval by His Honor the Mayor, the City Clerk is directed to cause to be transmitted to his widow, a duly engrossed copy of this Resolution.

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

Minute on the Life and Character of Colonel Robert E. Ricci, Late Chief of the Providence Police Department.

M I N U T E

Colonel Robert E. Ricci, late Chief of the Providence Police Department was born in Providence, Rhode Island, July 24, 1927, the son of Ernest Ricci and Grace Ricci.

He was educated in the Providence Public School System and graduated from Central High School, Providence, Class of 1944.

A Veteran of World War II, he served in the United States Navy and the Merchant Marines.

Colonel Ricci became a Member of the Providence Police Department in 1949, where he compiled a most enviable record in police work, gaining a number of citations. He advanced to the Detective Division in 1954 and subsequently became head of the Juvenile Division, and later head of the effective C-Squad.

His advancements in the Department was promotion to Sergeant in 1958; Lieutenant in 1962; Captain in 1968 and appointment as Chief of the Department in August, 1976.

Colonel Ricci, as a law enforcing agent, it has been stated, had no peers, his conduct as a policeman set the pattern of behavior for the entire Police Department.

Fair in his decisions, he was respected by his subordinates, for his concern of them and for his perfectionism.

Colonel Ricci came to the position of Chief without obligations to anyone, his selection was, without question, the result of his performance over the years as a police officer.

In respect to his memory, the citizens of Providence and of the State of Rhode Island, while shocked at his passing, at the early age of fifty years, will not easily forget his myriad of contributions to the society he literally gave his life for their protection.

Colonel Robert E. Ricci, as Chief of the Providence Police Department leaves this life, after having given his best as a person; devoted husband; son and father; devoted Roman Catholic layman and a most able law enforcer who truly was "One of God's Noblemen."

It is the fervent prayer of His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., the Members of the City Council, the personnel of the Police Department and his legion of friends, that his bereaved and devoted widow Margaret, their son Robert, Jr. and daughter Karen and his mother Grace take

consolation in his performance as one of the City of Providence's finest Policemen ever.

In being called to his eternal reward, all who knew him petition Almighty God, in his Divine Wisdom, to take unto Himself the soul of Colonel Robert E. Ricci, our late lamented brother.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI:

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Recent Death of Thomas J. McKiernan, Late Former Employee of the State Department of Transportation.

Resolved, That in the recent passing from this life of Thomas J. McKiernan. Late Husband of Gertrude L. McKiernan, the Members of the City Council hereby express their sincere sympathy to his survivors.

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Resolution of Sympathy Noting the Untimely Death of Patricia K. Johnson, Youthful Member of Our Community.

Whereas, Comely teen-aged Patricia K. Johnson, daughter of Robert J. and Ann K. Johnson and Niece of our distinguished associate, Councilman Harry A. Johnson, has been called by Almighty God Unto Himself.

Now, Therefore, bt it Resolved, That to the family of Patricia K. Johnson and to Councilman Harry A. Johnson, the City Council does hereby extend its sympathy in her untimely passing from this life.

Read and Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

L. "Dusty" Rhodes, Late Providence Policeman.

Resolved, That with the untimely passing, from this life of Donald L. "Dusty" Rhodes, formerly a Patrolman in the Providence Police Department, the Members of the City Council pause in their deliberations to honor his memory and to express to his bereaved widow Ann, and their family, their sympathy in his demise.

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

COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Noting the Untimely Death of Donald

MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and FLYNN it is Voted to Suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the

City Council in Order to Allow the Introduction of the following Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN ADDISON, COUNCILMAN CIRELLI, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN JOHNSON, COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN MEROLA, COUNCILMAN STRAVATO and COUNCILMAN XAVIER for Themselves and COUNCILMAN AHERN, In Absentia:

Resolution Requesting a State and Federal Investigation Into the Current Providence Police Complement at the Providence Training Academy.

Whereas, It has become evident that strong allegations have been made concerning the qualifications and method of selection of the present group of Providence Police Department trainees currently participants in the Police Training Academy, and

Whereas, The selection method for participation in this program is currently a subject of litigation in the courts of this State, and

Whereas, The Providence City Council is concerned that the proper procedures and qualifications for admission into this program have not been observed in the proper manner and that the rights of the applicants in said program have not been accorded to them in the selection process, and

Whereas, The City Council has a duty to the citizens of this City to insure that the most qualified applicants are selected for this training,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Providence City Council respectfully request the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy to direct Colonel Walter E. Stone, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police to conduct an investigation into the selection process and qualifications of the aforementioned trainees,

And be it further Resolved, That because of the serious question of the possibility of violation of the civil rights of the many persons who made application to become a trainee at the Police Trainee Academy,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That this City Council respectfully request the Attorney General of the United States, Griffin Bell, to direct the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct an investigation into the selection process of said trainees to determine whether or not any applicants' civil rights may have been violated.

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

COUNCILMEN ALMAGNO, BRADSHAW, COLA, MANSOLILLO, MEROLA and PEARLMAN desire to be recorded as Voting "No."

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, ALMAGNO, FLYNN and MEROLA, the City Council Adjourns at 10:20 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1978, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk