

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**

IN CITY COUNCIL
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APPROVED:
Vincent Vespia
CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

No. 23 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 2, 1975 8:00 P.M. (EDT)

**PRESIDING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ROBERT J. HAXTON**

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Cirelli—1.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
ROBERT F. LYNCH.

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

COUNCILMAN THOMAS W. PEARLMAN
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. 22 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Thursday, September 18, 1975, and Posted September 26, 1975, 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 September 26, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Appointment of Beatrice Gallo, 118 Daboll Street, Providence, as a Member of the Historic District Commission Effective this date, to Replace L.

W. Kent who has Submitted His Resignation Effective this date, for the Ensuing Term of Three (3) Years Ending September 1, 1978.

Received.

VETOES BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, dated September 22, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Disapproval and Veto of the Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to Study the Policy of Administration of the John P. Cronin Camp.

September 22, 1975

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

Dear Members:

Under authority granted to me by Chapter 3, Section 3.18 of the Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, I hereby disapprove and veto the Resolution of the City Council of Providence requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to study the policy of administration of the John P. Cronin Camp. I take this action because the Committee on Public Welfare not only already has such powers to act on such a matter, should it choose, but because this Resolution is

an undue infringement on the executive branch of government.

Respectfully yours,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor

Received.

Communication, dated September 22, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Disapproval and Veto of the Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to Conduct a Hearing with the Chief of Police Being Required to Discuss Unfulfilled Promises Regarding Public Safety.

September 22, 1975

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

Dear Members:

Under authority granted to me by Chapter 3, Section 3.18 of the Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, I hereby disapprove and veto the Resolution of the City Council of Providence requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to conduct a hearing with the Chief of Police being required to discuss unfulfilled promises regarding public safety. I take this action because the Committee on Public Welfare already has such powers to summon the Chief of Police to any hearing, and also because the Resolution does not clearly define the term "unfulfilled promises."

Respectfully yours,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor

Received.

Communication, dated September 22, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Disapproval and Veto of the Resolution Requesting the Providence Redevelopment Agency Refrain from Selling Any of Its Real Estate to a Prospective Buyer who has not Corrected or Otherwise Removed Any Violations or Charges Still Pending Against Him Under the Minimum Housing Code.

September 22, 1975

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

Dear Members:

Under authority granted to me by Chapter 3,

Section 3.18 of the Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, I hereby disapprove and veto the Resolution of the City Council of Providence that requests the Providence Redevelopment Agency refrain from selling any of its real estate to a prospective buyer who has not corrected or otherwise removed any violations or charges still pending against him under the Minimum Housing Code. I take this action because this resolution not only is highly restrictive of bidders, but also because it is patently unconstitutional in that it is vague, indefinite, and highly proscriptive.

Respectfully yours,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor

Received.

Communication, dated September 22, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Disapproval and Veto of the Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Property to Cause the Mount Pleasant Elementary School to be Secured and Returned to the City as Surplus Property.

September 22, 1975

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

Dear Members:

Under authority granted to me by Chapter 3, Section 3.18 of the Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, I hereby disapprove and veto the Resolution of the City Council of Providence, requesting the Director of the Department of Public Property to cause the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School to be secured and returned to the City as surplus property. I take this action

because there is substantial evidence that this building is structurally sound, needs only a moderate amount of refurbishment, and should be kept in service by the Providence School Department as it is needed.

Respectfully yours,

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor

Received.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN and COUNCILMAN STRAVATO:

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN GARAN.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1974-25, Approved September 9, 1974, Rescinding the Authority Delegated to the City Solicitor to Settle Small Claims Against the City.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

MAYOR CIANCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON And Members of the City Council:

Resolution Expressing Best Wishes and Complete Recovery for Councilman Vincent J. Cirelli.

Whereas, Our personable and respected colleague, Vincent J. Cirelli, is presently recovering from a temporary physical setback, and

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor and Councilman Cirelli's associates in the City Council note his absence from his official duties at City Hall and sorely miss his pleasant personality.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Council President Haxton and Each Member of the City

Council, do hereby express their most sincere best wishes for his speedy and complete recovery, that he may once again take his rightful place in the deliberative sessions of the Municipal Government of the City of Providenc.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMEN ADDISON, AHERN, ALMAGNO, BRADSHAW, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMEN COLA, CROWLEY, FARGNOLI, FLYNN, GARAN, GORODETSKY, HENRIES, JOHNSON, MANSO-LILLO, McKIERNAN, MEROLA, PEARLMAN, PETROSINELLI, SALVATORE, STRAVATO, TOMASSO, TURCHETTA and XAVIER.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI and COUNCILMAN LYNCH:

Resolution Requesting the Acting Commissioner of Public Safety to Establish a Crossing Guard Post at the Intersection of Academy Avenue with Smith Street.

Whereas, Several primary school students must cross either Academy Avenue or Smith Street, at that intersection, when coming or going to Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School, and

Whereas, Smith Street, being a portion of Route 44 and a direct route to the Town of North Providence and to the westerly portion of the State of Rhode Island, therefore, is heavily traveled,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Acting Commissioner of Public Safety is requested to cause the establishment of a crossing guard post at the intersection of Academy Avenue with Smith Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking to Corner" Signs for a distance of 100 feet, along both sides of Magdalene Street, from its intersection with Laurel Hill Avenue.

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

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW and COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO:

Resolution Authorizing the President of the City Council to Permit Members of Standing Committees of the City Council to Act as Substitutes for Named Members to Said Committees.

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

COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "Stop" Signs along Stella Street, at Its Intersection with Barbara Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the Installation of Stop Signs along Stella Street at its intersection with Barbara Street.

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL and COUNCILMAN XAVIER (By Request):

Resolution Requesting His Honor the Mayor to Authorize the Former Fox Point Library to be Used as the Fox Point Senior Citizens Center.

Whereas, That building formerly occupied and used as a branch of the Providence Public Library, located along Wickenden Street, has been phased out for such use, and

Whereas, The Senior Citizens of the Fox Point Area are without the benefit of a meeting and recreational place,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor is requested to authorize the use of the building formerly occupied as the Fox Point Branch of the Providence Public Library, no longer useful for such purposes, to be offered to the Senior Citizens of the Fox Point Area, for their use and occupancy.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "No Parking to Corner" Signs, for a Distance of 100 Feet, along Both Sides of Magdalene Street, at Its Intersection with Laurel Hill Avenue.

**COUNCILMAN COLA for COUNCILMAN CI-
RELLI, In Absentia (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of a Motor Vehicle Traffic Signal Light at the Intersection of Mount Pleasant Avenue with Atwells Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a Motor Vehicle Traffic Signal Light at the intersection of Mount Pleasant Avenue with Atwells Avenue.

**COUNCILMAN FLYNN, COUNCILMAN ADDI-
SON, COUNCILMAN CROWLEY and COUN-
CILMAN MANSOLILLO:**

Resolution Requesting the Members of Congress from the State of Rhode Island to Memorialize the Federal Government for Funds for Highways and Sidewalk Improvements.

Resolved, That the Members of Congress from the State of Rhode Island are hereby requested to memorialize the Federal Government for financial assistance in furnishing funds to the several cities and towns in the State of Rhode Island, for the purpose of highway and sidewalk construction and/or improvements, and

Be it Further Resolved, That upon the adoption of this Resolution by the City Council and its approval by His Honor the Mayor, a duly engrossed copy, thereof, be transmitted by the City Clerk, to the Chief Executives of the several Cities and Towns in the State of Rhode Island.

COUNCILMAN GARAN:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Implement the New Elmwood Traffic Pattern, so-called, along Congress Avenue.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to implement the new Elmwood Traffic Pattern, so-called, along Congress Avenue.

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

**COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN ADDI-
SON and COUNCILMAN GARAN (By Re-
quest):**

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Specified Amounts of Monies for the Overpayment of 1974 and 1975 Taxes to the City Collector.

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

**COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCIL-
MAN SALVATORE:**

Resolution Requesting His Honor the Mayor to Consider the Construction of a Recreational Facility within the Fourth Ward from Such Federal Funds that May Accrue to the City.

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

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Cause the Installation of "Stop" Signs along Russo Street at Its Intersection with Greely Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of Stop Signs along Russo Street, at its intersection with Greeley Street.

the existing Street Light, located on Pole No. 2, along Bodell Avenue with a Sixty Thousand Lumen Mercury Vapor Street Light.

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

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Acting Public Service Engineer to Order the Replacement of the Existing Street Light, located on Pole No. 2, Along Bodell Avenue with a Sixty Thousand (60,000) Lumen Mercury Vapor Street Light.

Resolution Establishing Ralph Street in a Southerly Direction from Plainfield Street to Dorchester Street, as a One-Way Street.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the replacement of

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN LAURENCE K. FLYNN, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Severally Adopted:

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as a Public Highway of a Portion of Medway Street.

Resolved, Decreed and Ordered: That the following named highway shown as shaded areas on the accompanying plan entitled "Providence, Rhode Island, Department of Public Works — Engineering Office, Street Line Section Map No. 063943, dated August 22, 1975," viz:

Medway Street beginning at a point in the northerly line of Medway Street at its junction with land of the State of Rhode Island; thence

running westerly, bounding northerly on land of Bethany Home of Rhode Island, 245 feet to land of others; thence crossing Medway Street at right angles to its northerly line; thence running easterly, bounding southerly on land of Bethany Home to land of the State of Rhode Island; thence running northerly, bounding easterly on land of the State of Rhode Island, to the point of beginning as shown in Area (A-B-C-D-A), having ceased to be useful to the public and the same are abandoned as public highway and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded, provided that the Beth-

any Home of Rhode Island, the petitioner grant a satisfactory perpetual easement to the Water Supply Board, and it is further

Ordered, That the Director of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words "Not a Public Highway," and it is further

Ordered, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper published in the County of Providence at least once each week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which has been abandoned, who is known to reside within this state.

Resolution Ordering the Abandonment as a Public Highway of a Portion of Cortez Street.

Resolved, Decreed and Ordered: That the following named highway shown as shaded area on the accompanying plan entitled "Providence, Rhode Island, Department of Public Works—Engineering Office, Street Line Section Map No. 063925, dated June 2, 1975," viz:

Cortez Street (portion) from the southerly extension of the westerly lot line of Lot 273 on Assessor's Plat 34 to the easterly extension of the northerly lot line of Lot 286 on Assessor's Plat 34, the same being a distance of 681 feet, more or less, measured along the northerly and westerly side of Cortez Street as shown in Area (A-B-C-D-E-F-A), having ceased to be useful to the public and the same are abandoned as public highway and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded, and it is further

Ordered, That the Director of Public Works, be and he is hereby directed to cause a sign

to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words "Not a Public Highway," and it is further

Ordered, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper published in the County of Providence at least once each week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which have been abandoned, who is known to reside within this State.

Resolution Establishing Capron Street, from Julian Street to Chaffee Street, as a One Way Street.

Resolved, That Capron Street, from Julian Street to Chaffee Street, is established as a One Way Street.

Resolution Requesting a Survey be Undertaken, Relative to Establishing Morris Avenue, in a Southerly Direction from Rochambeau Avenue to Sessions Street, as a One Way Street.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause a survey to be undertaken for the purpose of establishing Morris Avenue, in a southerly direction from Rochambeau Avenue to Sessions Street, as a One-Way Street.

Resolution Ordering that Thackeray Street, from Elmwood Avenue to Melrose Street, be Repaved.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Thackery Street from Elmwood Avenue to Melrose Street to be repaved.

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

Resolution Ordering that School Street, from Harris Avenue to Valley Street, be Repaved.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause School Street, from Harris Avenue to Valley Street to be repaved.

The following is Returned with Recommendation the Same be Denied:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to Undertake a Survey to Consider Removal of Existing Traffic Control Sign along the Biltmore Hotel Sides of Dorrance, Washington, Eddy and Worcester Streets, and Cause Parking Meters to be Installed in Place Thereof.

Denied, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Cause that Area of Robin Sewer, so-called, Between Greeley Street and Aventine Avenue, to be Brought to its Legal Grade.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause that area of Robin Brook Sewer, so-called, between Greeley Street and Aventine Avenue, to be brought to its legal grade.

The following is Returned with Recommendation the Same be Received and Transmitted to the Director of Public Works for Processing:

Communication from the State Department of Transportation, Informing the Honorable City Council that as of July 1, 1975, the City Maintained 14.74 Miles on the State Highway System in Providence and is Entitled to the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) During the Current Year for Said Maintenance.

Resolution Changing of Name of Gerardi Street to Bassi Lane.

Resolved, That the street name of Gerardi Street is changed to Bassi Lane.

Received and a Copy Referred to the Director of Public Works, for Processing, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN LOUIS R. STRAVATO, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS

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

Certificates from the City Assessor Recommending the Same be Severally Cancelled, Pursuant to the Provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended, as follows:

11-M, Page 1 to 3, Inclusive
15-M, Page 1 to 21, Inclusive;
20-M, Page 1 to 2,
21-M, Page 1 to 2,
24-M, Page 1 to 5, Inclusive;
25-M, Page 1 to 4, Inclusive;
26-M, Page 1 to 6, Inclusive and
27-M, Page 1 to 6, Inclusive.

Severally Approved, 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 Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—25.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilman Cirelli—1.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Finance Director, dated September 15, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of His Appointment of James R. Bernardo, as Acting City Controller for the City of Providence.

Received.

Communication from Bureau of Licenses, dated September 26, 1975, Addressed to Councilman John P. Garan, as Chairman of the Committee on Licenses of the City Council, Inform-

ing that the Said Bureau has Lifted the Freeze on Class "D" Club Full Privilege Licenses.

Received.

Communication from the Department of Public Schools, dated September 26, 1975, Transmitting Copy of School Committee Resolution No. 817 Declaring Almy Street School Surplus Property.

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

PETITIONS

COUNCILMAN ADDISON (By Request):

Petition of Louis Dashoff, et ux, 45 North Avenue, et als, to Change the Street Name of "North Avenue" to "Lippitt Parkway."

Referred to the Committee on Naming Buildings, Expressways, Bridges, Edifices and Other City Constructions, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Grade be Defined for Gay Street, from Somerset Street to Pearl Street.

COUNCILMAN MEROLA and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA (By Request):

Petition of Deborah Della Ventura, 12 Weeden Street, Providence, et als that Weeden Street from Federal Street to Atwells Avenue be Established as a One-Way Street.

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

COUNCILMAN MANSOLILLO and COUNCILMAN HENRIES (By Request):

Petition of Rhode Island Hospital, that Resolution of the City Council No. 222, Approved April 10, 1974, be Amended to Define More Specifically, Certain Area Donated by the Rhode Island Hospital in the Proposed Relocation of Gay Street.

Petition of Rhode Island Hospital to Lay Out as a Public Highway, Relocation of Gay Street, from Somerset Street to Pearl Street.

COUNCILMAN STRAVATO (By Request):

Petition of Albert DiFilippo, 230 Sterling Avenue, Providence, for Appointment as an Auctioneer.

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

Petition of Rhode Island Hospital that the

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

(In Memoriam)

**COUNCILMAN CROWLEY and COUNCILMAN
AHERN:**

Resolution of Sympathy Upon the Passing of
Archibald M. Morrison, Formerly a Member
of the Common Council from the Twelfth
Ward of the City of Providence.

Resolved, That in memory of the recent pass-
ing of Archibald M. Morrison, formerly a Mem-
ber of the Common Council from the Twelfth

Ward of the City of Providence, from January
5, 1931 to January 4, 1937, His Honor Mayor
Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., and the Members of the
City Council do hereby express their sincere
sympathy.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of
COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by **COUNCIL-
MEN ADDISON, ALMAGNO, FLYNN and ME-
ROLA**, the City Council adjourns at 9:30 o'clock
P.M. (EDT), to meet again on **THURSDAY,**
OCTOBER 16, 1975 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EDT).

Vincent Vapio

City Clerk

October 2]

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