

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 6 1975

APPROVED:

Ernest Vespa
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 2. City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 16, 1975, 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST)

**PRESIDING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
ROBERT J. HAXTON**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—26

Absent: None.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
JOHN P. GARAN.

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

COUNCILMAN EDWARD W. XAVIER leads
the Members of the City Council and the Assem-
blage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of
the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 1 of the Or-
ganization Meeting of the City Council held Jan-
uary 6, 1975, and posted January 14, 1975, on
that Bulletin Board located on the ground floor
of the City Hall, is approved as printed, on mo-
tion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by
COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

VETO BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication Informing the City Council, in Writing of His Disapproval and Veto of the Resolution Adopting the Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term 1975-1979.

January 13, 1975

The Honorable
The City Council of
The City of Providence, R. I.
City Hall
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

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, Rhode Island proposing Rules and Regulations of said Council for the ensuing term 1975-1979.

I have taken this action because the Resolution does not contain provisions for all meetings of all committees of the City Council of Providence to be open to the public and to the news media at all times.

Respectfully yours,
Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
Mayor

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

RECESS

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted that the City Council be in Recess at 9:05 o'clock P.M. (EST) to Reconvene at the Call of the Chair.

RECONVENTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON Reconvenes the City Council at 10:40 o'clock P.M. (EST) and directs the Clerk to call the Roll to ascertain if there is a quorum present.

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky,

Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Pearlman, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso, Turchetta and Xavier—26.

Absent: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, dated January 11, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day withdrawn those Certain Named Appointments submitted for Approval on January 6, 1975.

January 11, 1975

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

Gentlemen:

I hereby withdraw those names submitted to you for your approval on January 6, 1975.

Specifically: Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., as Acting Commissioner of Public Safety; Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., as Acting Director of the Department of Planning and Urban Development; Joseph P. Duffy, as Director of the Department of Finance; Michael J. Farina, as Director of the

Department of Public Property; Corinne Sormanti, as Recorder of Deeds; Alfred J. Mello, as Director of the Department of Communications; Daniel Healy, as Director of the Department of Public Works; and, Roland Dumont as Superintendent of Weights and Measures.

This in no way effects my communications to you of January 8, 1975, informing you of the appointment of the aforementioned as acting directors or superintendents of their respective departments.

Respectfully,
Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
Mayor

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Employee Relations, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, dated January 8, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day appointed His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. as Acting Commissioner of Public Safety for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Communication, dated January 8, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day appointed His Honor Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. as Acting Director of Planning and Urban Development for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Communication, dated January 8, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day appointed Joseph Duffy as Acting Financial Director for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Communication, dated January 8, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day appointed Daniel Healy as Acting Director of Public Works for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Communication, dated January 8, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day appointed Michael Farina

as Acting Director of Public Property for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Communication, dated January 8, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day appointed Alfred Mello as Acting Director of Communications for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Communication, dated January 8, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day appointed Roland A. Dumont as Acting Superintendent of Weights and Measures for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

Communication, dated January 11, 1975, informing the Honorable City Council, in writing, that he has this day appointed Corinne Sormanti as Acting Recorder of Deeds for the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted the several appointments be Laid on the Clerk's Desk.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication, dated January 18, 1975, Informing the City Clerk of his Appointments of the following Members of the City Council to the Committee on Employees' Relations of the City Council, as follows:

January 18, 1975

Vincent Vespia, City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Vespia:

This is to inform you that I have this date appointed the following Members of the City Council to the Committee on Employees' Relations of the City Council:

Councilman Edward W. Xavier
Councilman Donald E. McKiernan
Councilman Robert F. Lynch
Councilman Ronald G. Henries
Councilman Thomas W. Pearlman

Sincerely yours,
Robert J. Haxton
Council President

Received.

Communication, dated January 6, 1975, Informing the City Council of his Appointment of Henry F. Murray of Providence, as Administrative Assistant to the City Council.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN moves the Communication be Referred to the Committee on Employee Relations and this motion is seconded by **COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW**.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves the Communication be Received and this motion is seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

The motion to Refer, is Put to Vote and Not Passed.

The motion to Receive is thereupon Read and Passed.

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

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

Street Lighting Bill for the Month of November, 1974 in the amount of \$80,204.82 and of December, 1974, in the Amount of \$80,163.83.

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

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Council-

men Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Bradshaw, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Fagnoli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Johnson, Lynch, Mansolillo, McKiernan, Merola, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Tomasso and Xavier—24.

Noes: Councilman Turchetta—1.

Absent: Councilman Pearlman—1.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN ADDISON and COUNCILMAN GARAN (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1974-19, Approved June 19, 1974 by Appropriating the Sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to a Capital Fund Designated "Merino Bridge Replacement (3-25-00), Item 791—Other Structures and Improvements".

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1974-19, Approved June 19, 1974 by Appropriating the Sum of Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$55,888.00) to the School Department Various Items.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN ADDISON, COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW, COUN-

CILMAN GARAN and COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN:

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1974-19, Approved June 19, 1974 by Appropriating the Sum of Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$79,750.00) to Various Departments.

Severally Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN ADDISON**.

COUNCILMAN MEROLA and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1079, Approved December 21, 1956, as Amended, Requiring All New Structures and Remodeled Structures, to Include Food Waste Disposal Units.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW:

An Ordinance Adopting Conflict of Interest Regulations Concerning City Officials and Employees.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Employee Relations, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Section 1 of Chapter 1974-55, approved December 20, 1974, 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 Mayor's Office.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1974-58, entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence," approved December 20, 1974, relative to Mayor's Office.

Severally Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON and COUNCILMAN FLYNN:

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Building Inspection to Enforce the Zoning Ordinances Apparently Being Violated by Guys Motors, Inc., 696 Cranston Street.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing

Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and TURCHETTA.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Recreation to Cause that Broken

Fence Around the Tot Lot along Waldo Street to be Repaired, Gate Replaced and Lock Installed.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and TOMASSO.

Resolution Requesting the Director of the Department of Public Works to Cause a Clean-Up on those City Owned Lots Situated Between Benedict Street and Potters Avenue.

COUNCILMAN ALMAGNO:

Resolution Requesting the Installation of a Motor Vehicle Traffic-Signal Light at the Intersection of Union Avenue with Laurel Hill Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Installation of Street Name Signs along Moorefield Street Between Pocasset Avenue and Plainfield Street.

COUNCILMAN CIRELLI:

Resolution Requesting Stop Signs along Chaucer Street, at its Intersection with Leah Street.

COUNCILMAN CROWLEY and COUNCILMAN AHERN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting No Parking Anytime be Permitted along Either Side of Bergen Street, Fifty (50) Feet from Regent Avenue; along Either Side of Regent Avenue, from Bergen Street to Harold Street; and Stop Signs be Installed along Wisdom Avenue at its Intersection with Huron Street.

Severally Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and TOMASSO.

COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY and COUNCILMAN TOMASSO:

Resolution Requesting the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, the School Administration and Any Officials of the School Administration Not to Refuse the Admission to Classical Senior High School, of Any Student, Otherwise Qualified, Solely on the Basis of Color, When a Vacancy Exists at said School.

Whereas, It has come to the attention of the sponsors of this resolution that a student has been refused admission to Classical Senior High School because of the color of his skin, and

Whereas, Classical Senior High School differs from the other high schools of the City since it employs the "open enrollment concept", and the other senior high schools employ the "attendance area concept", and

Whereas, It appears that there is classroom space at Classical Senior High School for admission of a student or students, and

Whereas, It appears that there is no list of so called minority group students awaiting admission,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, the School Administration, and any Officials of the School Administration, be requested not to refuse the admission to Classical Senior High School of any student otherwise qualified solely on the basis of color, when a vacancy exists at said school.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GORODETSKY, seconded by COUNCILMEN LYNCH and TOMASSO.

The following desire to be recorded as Voting "No": Councilmen Addison, Bradshaw, Henries, Garan and McKiernan.

Not Voting: Councilmen Flynn, Mansolillo and Stravato.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to Undertake a Complete Survey of the Existing Storm and Sanitary Sewer Drainage Facilities, Within the Vicinity of the Area, Immediately to the North of the Providence College Complex.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN MEROLA and COUNCILMAN TURCHETTA:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Public Welfare to Promulgate a Motor Vehicle Parking System for Persons Having Official Business Before the Providence Municipal Court.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, MEROLA and TURCHETTA.

COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW:

Resolution Requesting that all New Buildings Proposed to be Named for Any Person or Official be Effected While They Are Living.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the Same shall be Referred to the Committee on Naming of Buildings, Expressways, Bridges, Edifices and Other Construction, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW.

Resolution Requesting a Survey be Made of All Rental Agreements in Effect by the City Whereby it Either Leases; Pays or Derives Income.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN
BRADSHAW (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to File a Pre Application for Federal Assistance to the United States Department of Labor of the City's Intent to Seek Federal Financial Assistance to Sponsor the 1976 Comprehensive Employment and Training NCA Program.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN, seconded by COUNCILMAN LYNCH.

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

Resolution Requesting the Installation of a Motor Vehicle Traffic-Signal Light at the Intersection of Hawkins Street with Branch Avenue.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and MEROLA.

Resolution Requesting a Motor Vehicle Traffic-Signal Light be Installed at the Intersection of Admiral Street with River Avenue.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by

**COUNCILMEN ADDISON, MEROLA and TO-
MASSO.****COUNCILMAN SALVATORE and COUNCIL
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FARGNOLI:**

Resolution Requesting the Providence School Committee to Review the Practice of Dual Control of its Business Office with a View Vesting the Sole Responsibility in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, for the Conduct of all Business Functions.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Welfare, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, FARGNOLI and STRAVATO.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER:

Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor to Inform the Providence Journal Company that it Shall Provide Liability Insurance Coverage on its Newspaper Boxes Indemnifying the City of Providence Against any Claim for Injury or Damages.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate with the Providence Journal Company for Rental of Office Space it Presently Occupies Within the Building at 209 Fountain Street.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMAN XAVIER and COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate with Rhode Island Professional Soccer Club, so-called, for Use of Conley Stadium for its Soccer Games.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS

FROM CITY CLERK

Communication Informing the City Council of His Appointments of Rose M. Mendonca, of Providence, as First Deputy City Clerk and Michael R. Clement, of Providence, as Second Deputy City Clerk and the Designation of Grace Nobrega as Stenographic Reporter of the City Council.

Received.

FROM BUREAU OF LICENSES

Reports for the Quarter Ended December 28, 1974, and the Calendar Year Ended December 28, 1974.

Severally Received.

FROM PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Report Informing the City Council of its Proposed Sale of Real Property Within the West Broadway NDP A2-1 to Corporation of the Church of the Holy Ghost, 472 Atwells Avenue, Providence, and to Louis DiSpirito, 57 Hudson Street, Providence.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

PETITIONS

**COUNCILMAN PEARLMAN and COUNCILMAN
BRADSHAW (By Request):**

Petition of Sarah M. Keegan, 10 Belair Avenue, et als, for the Installation of a Motor Vehicle Traffic Signal Light at the Intersection of Hope Street and Cypress Street, and Installation of Stop Signs along Belair Avenue, at its Intersection with Cypress Street.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

**COUNCILMAN XAVIER and COUNCILWOMAN
BRASSIL (By Request):**

Petition of Nino D. B. Scotti, 179 Hope Street, Providence, for Appointment as an Auctioneer.

Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Licenses, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

**Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and
Damages, viz:**

Aetna Casualty & Surety Company, Subrogee
of Bernardine Lanzi

Ruth Brannon

William C. Giampietro

Michele Jarvis

Marguerite M. Monti

Michael C. Monti, ppa Michael R. Monti, parent and guardian

Michael Monti

Lillian Silberman

Severally Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Claims, and pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16 of Resolution of the City Council No. 1, approved January 4, 1971, in order to allow the introduction of the following Matters Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, Dated January 15, 1975 Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Donald Capuano, as Acting City Assessor.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is Voted the Appointment be Layed on the Clerk's Desk.

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

Communication, Dated January 15, 1975 Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Rudolph DeVito, as Commissioner of Bureau of Licenses.

Severally Layed on the Clerk's Desk pending the Adoption of Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979 at which time the same shall be Referred to the Committee on Employee Relations, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON.

COUNCILMEN BRADSHAW and PEARLMAN desire to be Recorded as Voting "No."

Communication, Dated January 15, 1975, Informing the Honorable City Council of his Appointment of Richard Worrell as Commissioner of Bureau of Licenses.

PRESENTATION OF RULES

COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN ADDISON and COUNCILMAN GARAN:

Rules of the City Council for the Ensuing Term, 1975-1979.

Rule 1. The President of the City Council, and in his absence the President Pro Tempore of the City Council, shall preside over all Regular and Special Meetings of the City Council. In case of the absence of both the President and President Pro Tempore, or the inability of both of them to discharge the duties of the office of President, or President Pro Tempore, the City Council shall, with the Senior Member in point of service presiding, elect one of its other Members to perform such duties during the absence or disability of both the President and President Pro Tempore.

Rule 2. The City Council shall hold regular Meetings of the City Council in the Chamber of the City Council in the City Hall at Eight (8:00) o'clock P.M. on the First and Third Thursdays in each month excepting, however, in the months of July and August, and during the said months of July and August the City Council shall hold meetings at Eight (8:00) o'clock P.M. on the First Thursday of said months.

All meetings of the City Council shall be open to the public; but the City Council may, upon the affirmative votes of two-thirds of its Members, authorize an Executive Session. If any regular meeting day shall fall on a Legal Holiday, the meeting shall be held on the day following or a day certain voted by the City Council.

Rule 3. Special meetings of the City Council shall be called by the City Clerk, or in his absence by one of his Deputies thereunto duly authorized by said City Clerk or by said City Council, upon the written request of the Mayor, or of One-Sixth of the Members of the City Council.

Notice of any Special Meeting shall be served personally on each Member, or at least two days' notice thereof shall be given each member in any other manner prescribed by Ordinance.

Rule 4. At all Special Meetings called by the Mayor or the City Council or the City Clerk, as provided for in Section 20, Chapter 832, Public Laws of 1940, the first order of business shall be the Special Business for which such meeting is called and shall be taken up and exclusively considered until it is finally acted upon or considered at such meeting, and no other business should be acted upon or considered at such meeting except by the consent of a majority of the whole number of members elected to the City Council.

Rule 5. The President shall take the Chair at the hour designated for the meeting of the City Council and shall promptly call the members to order. A majority of all members of the City Council shall constitute a quorum. A less number of members of the City Council than a quorum may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by Ordinance.

The President shall preserve decorum and order; he shall decide all questions of any points of order, subject to an appeal to the City Council by any one member. No other business shall be in order until the question on appeal shall have been decided by a majority of the members present. He may speak on points of order, in preference to other members and may speak on general questions as other members, but he shall take the floor to do so.

Rule 5.1. The President shall invite to regular meetings of the City Council, a Member of the Clergy for the purpose of offering a prayer at such regular meetings.

In the absence of a Member of the Clergy at such regular meetings, the President shall appoint a Member of the City Council, or the City Clerk, to offer a prayer at such meetings.

Rule 5.2. The President shall appoint, at each regular meeting of the City Council, one of its Members, or a guest, or the City Clerk, to lead the City Council in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America."

Rule 6. The President of the City Council shall distinctly put every question.

On all Ordinances, Resolutions and questions, in relation to and involving the expenditure of City Funds, the selling and leasing of City Property and acting on the Mayor's Veto the vote shall be by Roll Call. The "Yeas" and "Nays" of the members of the Council shall, at the request of one-sixth of those present be taken and entered on the Records of said City Council. After a Roll Call vote has been ordered, said Roll Call shall not be interrupted, delayed or stopped by the President or any member of the Council for any reason whatsoever, including points of order, personal privilege or for a member to explain his vote. After the Roll Call and before the President announces the result any member may change his vote. All Roll Calls shall be taken alphabetically, except that the name of the President of the Council shall be called first. In case of a tie vote, the motion is not carried or passed. No motion shall be debated until it has been seconded. A member may explain his vote only with the unanimous consent of the body. Any motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the taking of a vote thereon or before an amendment is made to such motion.

Rule 7. Any member desiring to speak, shall address the President, and after his right to speak has been recognized he shall not be interrupted, while speaking, except by a call to order, or for the correction of a mistake, or to yield to a member. He shall confine his remarks to the question under debate and shall avoid personalities. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until all other members de-

siring to speak thereon shall have done so, and in no event, shall a member speak more than twice on any question. There shall be no conversation among members while a member is speaking, while a roll call is being taken, while any paper is being read or while a question is being stated by the President.

Rule 8. The President shall enforce order and decorum among persons outside the rail and any person addressing the City Council, by permission or by request shall, while speaking, be subject to the same rules and shall be entitled to the same privileges or order as pertain to a member of the City Council; provided, however, that a member of the City Council may interrupt such speaker for the purpose of asking a question or of obtaining information. No persons, other than the Mayor, Members of the City Council, Members of the Department of City Clerk, Members of the City Sergeant's Office, Members of the Law Department and members of the press shall be allowed inside the rail and on the floor of the City Council, without receiving an invitation from the President, or from a member of the City Council through and with the approval of the President. On request of one-sixth of the members of the City Council present, a department head or any employee of the City of Providence shall appear before the City Council to answer questions of members and explain any matter members may desire information about.

Rule 9. The order of precedence of Motion shall be as follows:

1. Fix the time to which to adjourn.
2. Adjourn.
3. Take a recess.
4. Raise a question of Privilege.
5. Lay on the Table.
6. Suspension of the rules.
7. Previous question.
8. Limit or extend limits of debate.

9. Postpone to a certain time.
10. Commit or refer.
11. Amend.
12. Postpone indefinitely.
13. A main motion.

The lowest in rank being at the last of the list, and the highest in rank being at the beginning of the list. When any one of them is immediately pending the motions before it on said list are in order and shall be acted upon first, and those below are out of order.

Rule 10. The following motions shall be undebatable.

1. Fix the time to which to adjourn.
2. Adjourn.
3. Take a recess.
4. Raise a question of Privilege.
5. Lay on the table.
6. Suspension of the rules.
7. Previous question.
8. Limit or extend limits of debate.

Rule 11. The following motions only, can be amended:

1. Fix the time to which to adjourn.
2. Take a recess.
3. Postpone to a certain time.
4. Commit or refer.
5. Amend.
6. A main motion.

Rule 12. Votes on the following motions cannot be reconsidered:

1. Adjourn.
2. Take a recess.
3. Lay on the table.
4. Take from the table.
5. Suspend the rules or order of business.
6. Reconsider, including the reconsideration of a Resolution, Ordinance or item of appropriation vetoed by the Mayor.

Rule 13. When a vote has been passed, it shall be in order for any member voting with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration thereof, in accordance with the provisions of these rules, at the same meeting. The same Ordinance, Resolution, Paper or Vote shall come but once before the City Council for reconsideration.

A motion for reconsideration must be seconded by a member of the prevailing side and must be voted upon at the same meeting in which it was made.

Rule 14. The order of business at each meeting shall be as follows:

1. ROLL CALL.
2. APPROVAL OF RECORDS.
3. EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS — Elections and Approval of Appointments.
4. HEALTH BUSINESS, including all Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders in relation to the Health of the City.
5. SCHEDULE OF BILLS.
6. CONTINUED BUSINESS, including all matters Laid on the Table.

7. NEW BUSINESS, including Ordinances, Resolutions, and Reports from Committees and Heads of Departments, and other miscellaneous business.

Rule 15. Every Ordinance, Resolution, order, report or paper shall be in written or printed form on the proper form to be furnished by the City Clerk and shall bear the written signature or name in ink of the authorized person presenting same. The Chairmen of Committees shall sign for their respective committees.

Rule 16. The City Clerk shall prepare and/or cause to be prepared for the information of the members of the City Council a docket on which there will be a definite statement or summary of all Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders and other business to be considered at each meeting of the City Council.

The Mayor, Members of the City Council, all Committees of the City Council, and Heads of Departments having Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders, Reports and other business to present to the City Council for consideration, shall file with the City Clerk, in his Department in proper form, said form to be Original papers and not copies of said Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders and other business, Eighty hours before each meeting of the City Council in order that the same may be prepared for the docket. No Ordinance, Resolution, Order, Report or other business shall be considered as having been introduced unless notice of same shall have been filed with the City Clerk as herein provided, and said Ordinance, Resolution, Order, Report or other business appears on the prepared docket, or unless the Council, by a majority of those present, shall allow the introduction of such from the floor without it appearing on the printed docket.

The City Clerk shall cause said docket to be mailed to each Member of the City Council at his mailing address at least Forty-Eight (48) Hours previous to each Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Rule 17. Every Ordinance or Resolution shall

upon introduction be referred by the Presiding Officer of the Council to the Proper Committee. The Council, however, by a majority vote of its members present, may immediately put such Ordinance or Resolution on its passage. Any Ordinance or Resolution so passed shall then be referred to the proper Committee for further consideration. Every Ordinance and Resolution when read as provided in the Charter shall be passed or adopted by a majority of the Members of the Council then present. No Ordinance shall be passed until it has been read on two separate days, nor until at least Forty-Eight (48) hours shall have elapsed between such two readings provided, however, that the above requirements for a second reading may be dispensed with in the case of emergency ordinances by a vote of not less than three-fourths of all the Members of the City Council. The first reading of an Ordinance and the reading of all Resolutions may be by title and description unless otherwise ordered. The second reading of each Ordinance shall be in full, unless a copy thereof shall have been furnished to each Member of the Council prior to such reading.

Rule 18. The City Council may reconsider any Ordinance or Resolution vetoed or disapproved, or any separate appropriation item or items vetoed or reduced by the Mayor; and, if after such reconsideration, two-thirds of all the Members of the City Council shall vote in favor of passage thereof, it shall become effective notwithstanding the Mayor's action in regard thereto. Such vote must be taken by calling the roll of the Members of the City Council and the "Yeas" and "Nays" of said Members voting thereon shall be recorded in the Journal of Proceedings of said City Council. If a larger vote is required for the adoption of a measure by the provisions of Chapter 832, Public Laws, 1940, such larger vote shall be required to overcome the veto by the Mayor. The vote of reconsideration of each such vetoed Ordinance, Resolution or separate appropriation item or items shall be taken at the convenience of the City Council. If the Ordinance or Resolution or separate appropriation item or items is not passed over the Mayor's veto within thirty days from the date

of the delivery thereof to the Mayor, as hereinbefore provided, the measure or items shall be lost or shall stand reduced, as the case may be.

Rule 19. All Ordinances and Resolutions involving the purchase or acquisition of land, or the sale or leasing of City owned land, or the change of the Zoning Map shall be accompanied by a print or plan showing the location, area and other necessary details of the same and copies of such print or plan shall be furnished each Member of the City Council at the meeting at which such matter shall be acted upon.

Such Ordinances and Resolutions shall also include the street and street number of the premises referred to therein and the Plat and Lot numbers.

Rule 20. There shall be quadrennially appointed, immediately after the organization of the City Government, the following standing Committees of the City Council, the Members of which shall hold office on such Committees until the expiration of the period for which such Members are elected to the City Council and until the expiration of the current municipal term, namely, a Committee on City Property; a Committee on Claims and Pending Suits; a Committee on Finance; a Committee on Ordinances; a Committee on Public Welfare; a Committee on Public Works; a Committee on Licenses; a Committee on Dr. Charles V. Chapin Memorial Award; a Committee on Employee Relations; a Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning, and a Committee on Bicentennial Celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

The duties of the several Committees of the City Council shall be as follows:

Section 1. The City Property Committee shall perform all duties heretofore performed by the following named committees:

Committee on City Property
Committee on Public Bath Houses
Committee on Public Comfort Stations

Committee on Municipal Stadium

Committee on Armories

The Committee on Claims and Pending Suits shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the following named committees:

Committee on Claims

Committee on Pending Suits

Committee on Damages under the Dog Law

The Committee on Finance shall perform all the Duties heretofore performed by the following named committees:

Committee on Finance

Committee on Accounts

Committee on New Forms of Revenue

Committee on Printing

The Committee on Ordinances shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the following named committees:

Committee on Ordinances

Committee on Departmental Organizations

Committee on City Charter Revision

Committee on Fire Department

Committee on Police

Committee on Hackney Carriages

Committee on Electric Rates and Charges

Committee on Employees' War Service

The Committee on Licenses shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the following named committees:

Committee on Licenses

Committee on Storage and Sale of Petroleum Products

Committee on Auctioneers

The Committee on Public Welfare shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the following named committees:

Committee on Public Welfare

Committee on Unemployment

Committee on Poor

Committee on Health

Committee on Dumps

Committee on Milk

Committee on Municipal Medal

Committee on the Distribution of Senator Anthony's Prize Fund

Committee on Providence Day

Committee on Education

The Committee on Public Works shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the following named committees:

Committee on City Engineer's Department

Committee on Highways

Committee on Harbors

Committee on Lights

Committee on Parks

Committee on Railroads

Committee on Sewers

Committee on Forestry

Committee on North Burial Ground

Committee on Bridges

Committee on Streets

Committee on Street Signs and Numbers

Committee on Electric Railways Company Affairs

The Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the following named committees:

Committee on Municipal Terminal Development

Committee on Housing and Slum Clearance

Committee on Greater Providence

Committee to Assist in Implementing the Downtown Master Plan

Committee on Naming of Buildings, Expressways, Bridges, Edifices, and Other City Constructions

The Committee on Bicentennial Celebration of Declaration of Independence.

Rule 21. Each of said Standing Committees shall consist of five Members of the City Council, of which, at least one Member thereof shall be a Member of the minority party. Said Members of said Standing Committees of the City Council shall be appointed by the President of the City Council; a list of the Members appointed to each Committee shall be filed by the President with the City Clerk.

Rule 22. All Committees of the City Council, whether standing or special, shall have power to elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and in default of such election, the Members first named on a Committee shall be Chairman and

Vice-Chairman respectively thereof, and in case of their resignation or inability, the other Members, in the order in which they are named, shall so act. The Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

The City Clerk shall be the Clerk of all Committees of the City Council. He shall cause a record of all Committee's proceedings to be kept in a suitable book provided by the City for that purpose. All Committee meetings shall be called, for the transaction of Committee business, by the respective Chairman of said Committee by notice to the City Clerk who shall notify the Members in writing. The City Clerk shall call a meeting of any Committee when a majority of the Members of said Committee request, in writing, such a meeting.

Rule 23. The City Council, by a majority vote of all Members present, may discharge a Committee from further consideration of any matter referred to said Committee.

Rule 24. All Ordinances, Resolutions, Reports and other papers submitted by a Committee to the City Council shall be on proper form, plainly legible on separate sheets of paper and shall be suitably endorsed by the Chairman of the Committee, or the Vice-Chairman, or if ordered, by the Clerk, presenting the same, and no other endorsement or report of any kind shall be made on the Ordinances, Resolutions, Reports, Memorials, or other papers which may be referred to any Committee, except such as may be made by the City Clerk. All reports shall be signed in ink by the Chairman of the Committee making said report unless otherwise ordered by the Committee. Members of Committee may make a minority report to the City Council, which report must be signed by all Members of the Committee concurring in said minority report.

Rule 25. No Chairman of any Committee of the City Council shall audit or approve any bill or account against the City for services or supplies unless the same shall have been ordered by the Committee, nor shall he approve any bill or account except by vote of the Committee.

Rule 26. From and after the time any Member of any Committee of the City Council, ceases to be a Member of the City Council, he shall thereupon cease to be a Member of such Committee, and the vacancy on such Committee so created shall be filled by appointment made by the Presiding Officer of the City Council. All vacancies on Committees caused by death, resignation, or any other cause shall be filled by the Presiding Officer of the City Council.

Rule 27. Whenever any Member of any Committee of the City Council shall be called into military service, which may interfere with his duties as a Member of such Committee, the Presiding Officer of the City Council, may appoint, some other Member thereof to act as a Member of such Committee Pro Tempore, and during the absence of such a Member, the Member Pro Tempore shall exercise all the powers and be subject to all the duties of such absent Member. The powers and duties of such Pro Tempore Member shall forthwith cease whenever said original Member shall report, in writing, to the Presiding Officer and to the City Clerk that his military duties will no longer interfere with his duties as a Member of such Committee.

Rule 28. The Mayor shall have the right to attend all Committee meetings and take part in any Committee discussions and to inspect all Committee reports and records.

Rule 29. The sponsor of any Ordinance or Resolution, upon request to the Chairman, shall be invited to attend the meeting of any Committee to which said Ordinance or Resolution has been referred when the same is to be considered.

Rule 30. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed at any time except by the vote of the majority of the whole number of Members elected to the City Council.

Rule 31. The City Council is a continuing body, and unfinished business pending before it shall not lapse or go down with the Council term, but all pending business before the City Council,

or any Committee thereof, at the termination of any Council term, shall be considered as pending before the City Council of the next succeeding Council term, or the corresponding Committee thereof, and may be acted upon and disposed of by the Council of such succeeding term in the same manner and with the same effect as if no change in such City Council had taken place by the expiration of a Council term.

Rule 32. All meetings of the Standing Committees of the City Council shall be open to the public, except that the Members of each Committee may, by majority vote, call an executive session of such Committee Meeting. Notice of all Committee Meetings shall be posted Three (3) days in advance in the Department of City Clerk.

Read and Passed, and Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON, and GARAN, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Almagno, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Fargnoli, Flynn, Garan, Gorodetsky, Henries, Lynch, McKiernan, Merola, Petrosinelli, Salvatore, Stravato, Turchetta and Xavier—21.

Noes: Councilmen Bradshaw, Mansolillo, Pearlman and Tomasso—4.

Absent: Councilman Johnson—1.

On motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDISON, it is voted to suspend Rule 2 of the Rules of the City Council

in order to Allow the City Council to meet on a day other than provided in said Rule 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN ADDISON and MEROLA, the City Council adjourns at 12:10 o'clock A.M. (EST), to meet at the Call of the Chair.

Vincent Vespia

City Clerk

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