

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 15 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, July 2, 1987, 7:30 P.M. (E.D.T.)

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
AUG 6 1987

APPROVED:

PRESIDING

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

**LOUIS R. STRAVATO**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present: Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brasil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Farmer, Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, O'Connor, Rollins and Stravato—14.**

**Absent: Councilman Petrosinelli.**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN DAVID G. DILLON.

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

COUNCILMAN ANDREW J. ANNALDO leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOUIS R. STRAVATO relinquishes the Chair to COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON in the Chair.

## APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated June 26, 1987 Informing the Honorable City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is appointing Mary Smith of 668 Prairie Avenue, Providence, RI, as a Member of the Providence School Board for a term expiring in January of 1990 replacing Lynn C. Ellis whose term has expired, and respectfully submits same for approval.

June 26, 1987

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

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Section 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this

day appointing Mary Smith of 668 Prairie Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence School Board for a term expiring in January of 1990 replacing Lynn C. Ellis whose term has expired, and I respectfully submit same for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
*Mayor of Providence*

**Communication Received and Appointment Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR.**

**The motion of Approval is Sustained.**

## SCHEDULE OF BILLS

### FROM ACTING CITY CONTROLLER:

Street Lighting Bill from Narragansett Electric Company for June 1987, in the amount of One Hundred Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$105,355.80).

**Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Council President Easton, Council-**

**man Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fargnoli, Councilmen Farmer, Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, O'Connor, Rollins and Stravato—14.**

**Noes: None.**

**Absent: Councilman Petrosinelli—1.**

**The motion for Approval is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN COLA, (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Stop" signs along Parnell Street, at its intersections with Atwells Avenue.

*Resolved,* That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "Stop" signs along Parnell Street, at its intersections with Atwells Avenue.

**Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Cola, Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fargnoli, Councilmen Farmer, Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, O'Connor, Rollins and Stravato—14.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Councilman Petrosinelli—1.

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILMAN DILLON (By Request):**

Resolution authorizing His Honor, the Mayor, to apply for a Housing Development Grant on behalf of the City of Providence from the United States Government for the purpose of providing assistance to Vineyard Associates for the rehabilitation of 72 Units of Housing in the former Vineyard Street School.

*Whereas,* the Vineyard Street School is a major neighborhood landmark in the West End and its vacant condition is a source of concern and its rehabilitation will have a major positive impact, and

*Whereas,* the need for additional decent, housing is a major concern of Mayor Paolino, City Council members and citizens of Providence, and

*Whereas,* the West End neighborhood with a population of 13,680 persons (1980 Census) is diversified, strongly integrated neighborhood, and

*Whereas,* the West End contains some 5,000 households with a median income of \$8,215 (1980 Census), and

*Whereas,* the West End contains some 6,000 housing units, many of which are in need of substantial repair, and

*Whereas,* the severe cutbacks in Federal housing and community development programs have seriously delayed needed housing creation and public improvement projects in the West End, and

*Whereas,* the Vineyard project will assure that the area of the West End neighborhood surrounding the project will be stronger and more stable, and

*Whereas,* Mayor Joseph R. Paolino, Jr. and members of the City Council wish to offer this continuing encouragement and support for the revitalization of the West End neighborhood.

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved,* by the City of Providence, that the City Council of the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island hereby authorizes the Honorable Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., Mayor of the City of Providence to apply for a Housing Development Grant on behalf of the City of Providence from the United States Government for the purpose of providing assistance to Vineyard Associates for the rehabilitation of 72 Units of Housing in the former Vineyard Street School, Vineyard Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

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**COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Director of Grounds Maintenance Services to cause a tree to be planted along 290 Mt. Pleasant Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Grounds Maintenance Services is requested to cause a tree to be planted along 290 Mt. Pleasant Avenue.

Resolution requesting the Director of Grounds Maintenance Services to cause two trees to be planted along 110 Naples Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Grounds Maintenance Services is requested to cause two trees to be planted along 110 Naples Avenue.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Four-Way Stop" signs at the intersections of Sharon Street and Wabun Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "Four-Way Stop" signs at the intersections of Sharon Street and Wabun Avenue.

**Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer, is Sustained.**

Resolution requesting the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services to cause a tree to be planted along 729 Academy Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services is requested to cause a tree to be planted along 729 Academy Avenue.

Resolution requesting the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services to cause that tree located along 69 Elmcroft Avenue, to be removed.

*Resolved*, That the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services is requested to cause that tree located along 69 Elmcroft Avenue, to be removed.

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to order the installation of street lights on Poles numbered 52 and 54½ located across from Mount Pleasant High School.

*Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to order the installation of street lights on Poles numbered 52 and 54½ located across from Mount Pleasant High School.

**COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs across from 29 Eudora Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No

Parking Anytime" signs across from 29 Eudora Street, as soon as practical.

Hope Street and North Main Street; and Sixth Street and Hope Street.

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Parking to Corner" signs along all corners of Dudley Street and Gay Street, thirty feet from corners to accommodate the bus route.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "No Parking to Corner" signs along all corners of Dudley Street and Gay Street, thirty feet from corners to accommodate the bus route.

Resolution requesting the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services to cause that tree located along 23 Vassar Street, to be removed.

*Resolved*, That the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services is requested to cause that tree located along 23 Vassar Street, to be removed due to it causing damage to the sidewalk and property.

**COUNCILMAN LOPES (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Director of Recreation to cause water fountains to be installed at the Cypress Street Playground.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Recreation is hereby requested to cause water fountains to be installed at the Cypress Street Playground, and

*Be it further Resolved*, The the location for said fountains shall be one at the tot lot and one to be installed between the two basketball courts.

Resolution requesting the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services to cause that tree located along 606 Hope Street, to be trimmed.

*Resolved*, That the Director of the Division of Grounds Maintenance Services is requested to cause that tree located along 606 Hope Street, to be trimmed.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the sidewalks along 29 and 30 Fifth Street to be repaired.

*Resolved*, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the sidewalks along 29 and 30 Fifth Street to be repaired, due to it being damaged by tree roots.

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause cross walks to be painted along certain roadways.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is hereby requested to cause cross walks to be painted along the following roadways:

Hope Street and Cypress Street; Rochambeau Avenue at its intersections with Camp Street,

Resolution requesting the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of the Providence Police Department to undertake a survey of

the density and the congested traffic along Summit Avenue, Seventh Street, Highland Avenue and Fourth Street.

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of the Providence Police Department is requested to undertake a survey of the density and the congested traffic along Summit Avenue, Seventh Street, Highland Avenue and Fourth Street and

*Be it further Resolved*, That a report of the survey be transmitted to the sponsor of this Resolution.

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**COUNCILMAN ROLLINS and COUNCILMAN GLAVIN:**

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector, together with the Narragansett Electric Company, to review the possibility of causing the installation of high pressure sodium vapor lights, 10% each year, throughout the City.

*Whereas*, High pressure sodium vapor lights, once installed, will cost less money to the City of Providence, on the street lighting bill,

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Chief Electrical Inspector, together with representatives of the Narragansett Electric Company, are hereby requested to review the possibility of causing the installation of high pressure sodium

vapor lights, 10% each year, throughout the City of Providence.

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**COUNCILMAN ROLLINS (By Request):**

Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Slow — Children" signs along Lillian Avenue, from Broad Street to Baxter Street.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "Slow — Children" signs along Lillian Avenue, from Broad Street to Baxter Street.

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Resolution requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Slow — Children" signs along Carolina Avenue, from Allens Avenue to Tennessee Avenue.

*Resolved*, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of "Slow — Children" signs along Carolina Avenue, from Allens Avenue to Tennessee Avenue.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR.**

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

## COMMUNICATION AND REPORT

**FROM WILLIAM H. LOPES:**

Communication dated June 17, 1987 to the President of the City Council, submitting his resignation as designee on the City Plan Commission, effective immediately, due to his having accepted a position at Chicago State University in Illinois.

**Received.**

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE PORT DIRECTOR:**

Report for the month of May, 1987.

**Received.**

## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Michael Solomon to abandon a portion of Joslin Street, from Manton Avenue, 75 feet from the dead end portion.

Allied Investments of R.I.

Jean E. Black

James F. Cotter

Karapet Emdjyan

Eunice L. Mabray

Frances A. Richard

Marco J. Russo

Petition of Paul F. DiNobile, Jr., by his attorney Kenneth Kando, to abandon Farmer Street, from Douglas Avenue to Sunbury Street.

**Severally Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer, is Sustained.**

**Severally Referred to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion to Refer, is Sustained.**

Petitions for compensation for injuries and damages viz:



## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Congratulations"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON and  
the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolution extending Congratulations.

*Resolved*, That the Congratulations of the  
Members of the City Council are hereby extended  
to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campanella

**Read and Passed, on motion of  
COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by  
COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.**

**The motion for Passage, is Sustained.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### "In Memoriam"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON and  
the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:**

Resolution extending Sympathy.

*Resolved*, That the Sympathy of the Members  
of the City Council is hereby expressed to the  
families of the following:

Mafalda Maiorano

Von J. Folco

Eva Mazika

James J. Madden

Rose Fratantuono

Elvira F. Pistocco

Marjorie L. Robinson

Natalie Morelli

Antonio Matteo

Richard A. Puerini

Anna L. Connors

Gary E. George

Angelo Bianchi

A. Gertrude Laprad-Miller

Fred Simon Sr.

Marjorie M. Morgera

Carmine Forte

Joseph E. Tetreault

Kenneth F. Verry, III

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by  
COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

Marion A. Foley

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed,  
by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on  
motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN,  
seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARG-  
NOLI the City Council adjourns at 8:05  
o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) to meet again on  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1987 at 7:30  
o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

*Rose M. Mendonca*

City Clerk

