

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 29 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 3, 2000, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Lombardi,
Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin,
DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Council-
men Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini,
Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Wil-
liams—14.

Absent: Councilwoman Young—1.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 6 2000

APPROVED:

Michael R. Clement

CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-
WOMAN PATRICIA K. NOLAN.

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

COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS
leads the members of the City Council and
the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance
to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated December 28, 1999,
Informing the Honorable Members of the City
Council that he is this day appointing Mr.
Robert L. Ricci of 12 Peter Street, Providence,
Rhode Island, as the Administrator of the
Providence/Cranston Workforce Investment
Area, formerly known as the Providence/
Cranston Job Training Partnership Act.

Received.

COMMUNICATION

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Communication dated January 7, 2000,
Informing the Honorable Members of the City
Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the
Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and
Section 5(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws,
Chapter 306, he is this day appointing Mr.
Marvin Holland of 4 Woodland Terrace,
Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the
Providence Off-Street Public Parking Commis-
sion for a term to expire in August, 2004 and
respectfully submits the same for approval.

Received and Referred to the Committee
on Finance.

Communication dated January 7, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Howard Phengsomphone of 61 Russo Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2002 and respectfully submits the same for approval.

Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication dated January 7, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Gary St. Peter of 248 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, Rhode Island, as a Member of the Providence

Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January, 2003 and respectfully submits the same for approval. (Mr. St. Peter will replace the late Nicholas Lucarelli.)

Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication dated January 24, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day seeking approval to appoint Victor Fera of One Regency Plaza, Apartment 1050, Providence, Rhode Island, as City Registrar of the City of Providence.

Received and Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN JACKSON (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 1999-22, approved August 5, 1999, of the Ordinances of the City of Providence making an appropriation of four hundred fourteen million, three hundred fifty two thousand, seven hundred thirty one dollars

(\$414,352,731.00) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2000, as amended.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

An Ordinance establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1999-23, approved August 5, 1999, as amended.

An Ordinance establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1999-24, approved August 5, 1999, as amended.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, Severally Refers the Ordinances to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 1996-23 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence approved May 23, 1996 and entitled "An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan and the attached restrictions for the Douglas Avenue Revitalization Project" for the acquisition of Lot 495 on Plat 68, 51 Douglas Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on

Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN MANCINI (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 564 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved June 27, 1994, as amended, by amending Providence Zoning District Map number 102 of the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning District Designation of certain Lots from R-2 to R-M.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN (By Request):

An Ordinance approving and adopting the Official Redevelopment Plan for the Ninth Ward Redevelopment Project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

An Ordinance in amendment of Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1999-33, effective October 19, 1999, as amended.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

An Ordinance in amendment of Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and repealing Ordinance Chapter 1999-34, effective October 19, 1999, as amended.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to develop written policies and procedures for the disposal and removal of hazardous waste in the City of Providence.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to develop written policies and procedures for the disposal and removal of hazardous waste in the City of Providence.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to Elsa V. (Ginny) Dwyer, upon her retirement from the City of Providence after 12 years of dedicated service.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Best Wishes to Elsa V. (Ginny) Dwyer, upon her retirement from the City of Providence after 12 years of dedicated service.

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to Shirley Mazzatta, upon her retirement from the City of Providence after 25 years of dedicated service.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Best Wishes to Shirley Mazzatta, upon her retirement from the City of Providence after 25 years of dedicated service.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI,
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN
APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER,

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilman Joseph DeLuca.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilman Joseph DeLuca.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI,
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN
APONTE, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN,
COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilman Patrick K. Butler.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilman Patrick K. Butler.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting partial abatement of demolition and boarding liens for the property located at 552-554 Cranston Street, Assessor's Plat 31, Lot 74.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN:

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the catch basins to be cleaned along Stanford Street.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the catch basins to be cleaned along Stanford Street.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILMAN DeLUCA:

Resolution Reporting receipt of certain gifts of moneys by the Board of Park Commissioners for the preservation and care of specified burial lots in North Burial Ground.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):

Resolution Supporting the construction of a new Elementary School and School Modernization Funds Build-Out of the Mall School and the acquisition of land for a Professional Development Center.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUN-

CILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Requesting the Providence Ambulatory Health Care Centers and the Members of Local Union 1199 to resume and continue negotiations until a mutually acceptable agreement is reached.

Whereas, The Providence Ambulatory Health Care Centers provide primary medical care for hundreds of low and moderate income families in the City of Providence, and

Whereas, The employees of the Providence Ambulatory Health Centers, many of whom are residents of our city, consistently serve many families with a high degree of professionalism and compassion, and

Whereas, The recent labor dispute has caused an interruption in the delivery of these deperately needed services for families in our city at a time where access to health care is a major concern for all.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Members of the Providence City Council strongly encourage the parties to resume and continue negotiations until a mutually acceptable agreement is reached.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN CLARKIN requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:

"The Providence Ambulatory Health Centers, this is an organization that is very close to my heart. This is health maintenance organization that I helped start. I was one of the original incorporators of these centers. I also was the first chairman of this organization. It was in the late 1960's. A group of us saw the need for health care for low income people living in our city. We opened nine storefront centers throughout the city. Before we started these centers, low income people could only see a doctor after they became sick, usually in a hospital emergency room. We looked after the people before they became sick and we had a sliding scale for charges with Three Dollars (\$3.00) being at the low end, although many paid nothing because they had nothing. Today, 30 years later, they charge \$10.00 at the low end and it is still a good deal, it is still a bargain for great health. I only bring this up because it is my understanding that the health centers had a four hundred thousand dollar (\$400,000.00) deficit in the last two years, and while I would like to see those that work for the centers make more money, I am concerned

as to where the money is going to come from. Certainly, we don't expect the low income users of these centers to pay more. I am very concerned that if we put pressure on the centers to pay more than they can afford they may have to close one or more centers to balance the books. And someday all books have to balance. Just look at Harvard Pilgrim. They tried to be all things to all people. They tried to provide all the services without having enough cash to pay the bills. I have been out of the health loop for a long time. Somewhere around 28 or 29 years. I don't know the financial strength of these centers, and I don't know their reserves or even if they have reserves. But I do know that the same thing that happened to Harvard Pilgrim can happen to Providence Ambulatory if they pay out more than they take in. If we expect the centers to pay higher wages then we must either ask the state to pay more through the Rite-Care Program to the centers, or we, the city, must make a financial stake in these centers. These centers have been a vital part of the health care in this city for the last 30 years. It is my hope that they will be providing health care for the next 30 years. They have to be financially viable. Thank you."

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMAN BUTLER (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "slow children" signs at the intersection of Fallon and Chalkstone Avenues and Fallon Avenue and Pleasant Valley Parkway.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to rename Mancini Drive to Buttonhole Drive.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "four-way stop" signs at the intersection of Unit Street and Almira Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause Amity Street and Karen Court to be paved.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Amity Street and Karen Court to be paved.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the installation of a street light on that pole located in front of 960 Manton Avenue.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the installation of a street light on that pole located in front of 960 Manton Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Forestry Division of the Parks Department to cause the removal of that tree located in front of 113 Sisson Street as it is causing the clogging of sewer lines.

Resolved, That the Forestry Division of the Parks Department is requested to cause the removal of that tree located in front of 113 Sisson Street as it is causing the clogging of sewer lines.

COUNCILMAN DeLUCA and COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO:

Resolution Extending Sincere Appreciation to the Members of the Manton Community Police Office for their gallant efforts in eliminating various drug and gang activities in that area.

Resolved, That Sincere Appreciation is hereby extended to the Members of the Manton Community Police Office for their gallant efforts in eliminating various drug and gang activities in that area.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO and COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Brendan P. Doherty upon being promoted to the rank of Captain Assigned as Commander of the Detective Bureau of the Rhode Island State Police.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Congratulations to Brendan P. Doherty upon being promoted to the rank of Captain Assigned as

Commander of the Detective Bureau of the Rhode Island State Police.

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Duke Street to 27,500 lumens.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting along Duke Street to 27,500 lumens.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Reverend Robert Farrow, Pastor, Holy Cross Church of God in Christ, upon being elevated to Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, on January 7, 2000 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Resolved, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to Reverend Robert Farrow, Pastor, Holy Cross Church of God in Christ, upon being elevated to Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, on January 7, 2000 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the sewers to be baited on Daniel and Dorchester Avenues.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the sewers to be baited on Daniel and Dorchester Avenues.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN moves to dis-
pense with the reading of the foregoing
matters.

Collectively Passed, on motion of
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN:

Resolution Requesting the City Council to place a Moratorium on the relocation of McCauley House to 622 Elmwood Avenue until such time as they hold a public hearing convenient to the majority of the neighborhood on any and all existing and proposed projects is held. The neighborhood should be allowed time for an impact study.

Whereas, McCauley House has been a part of our community in Elmwood and in the City of Providence for over 20 years, and

Whereas, It has served the community as a whole, by providing food and social services for the needy, and

Whereas, It seems that McCauley House has distanced itself away from the community as a whole, concentrating solely on its mission as it sees it; and

Whereas, The Board is compiled of twenty seven (27) members, only one lives in Elmwood, seven (7) in the City of Providence, and the other twenty (20) members in other cities and towns in Rhode Island; and

Whereas, The whole community of Elmwood and the City of Providence have supported McCauley House for over twenty (20) years and will continue to support McCauley House in its current location on Niagara and Atlantic Avenue, despite complaints from nearby neighbors of public urination and defecation and the disposal of food on abutting and nearby properties. There has also been a problem with an alarm system that went off nightly with no response from McCauley House until recently when the alarm system was disconnected; and

Whereas, McCauley House has indicated they wish to move their facility from Niagara Street to 622 Elmwood Avenue in the heart of the Ward Nine Redevelopment Area; and

Whereas, The Director of McCauley Corporation did not notify the neighborhood or her Board until after a Purchase and Sales Agreement was signed between the Seller of 622 Elmwood Avenue and an anonymous donor; and

Whereas, The Community has attempted to schedule a meeting of the neighborhood as a whole with McCauley House; and

Whereas, The Director finally scheduled four meetings, none at a time or place convenient to working people who would like to attend the meeting; and

Whereas, The Director of McAuley House refused to reschedule a meeting, convenient to most folks in the neighborhood; and

Whereas, With a total of seventy seven (77) meal sites in the State of Rhode Island, thirty eight (38) are located in Providence (49%), and of that forty nine percent (49%), thirty four percent (34%) are located in the 02907 Zip Code area; and

Whereas, The residents of Elmwood and the City of Providence are requesting McAuley House inform the Community of any proposed plan by way of holding public hearings, which would be advertised in local and community newspapers.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Providence City Council place a Ninety (90) Day Moratorium on McAuley House relocating their meal site to 622 Elmwood Avenue until such time as they hold a public hearing on any and all existing and proposed projects, convenient to the majority of neighborhood people and in that time frame the community can do an impact study. All perspective building permits will be put on hold, and if such public hearings are not held in a timely fashion, said Resolution shall be extended.

Be it further Resolved, That McAuley House respond in writing to the Providence City Council as to what it intends to do about these problems within Ninety (90) Days of the passage of this Resolution.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing His Honor, the Mayor, to execute the agreement for certain roadway construction at the intersection of Broad Street and Elmwood Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN BUTLER, COUNCILMAN CLARKIN, COUNCILMAN DeLUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to the Reverend Carl H. Balark, Jr., Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Providence, as President of the Rhode Island Council of Churches.

Resolved, That Sincere Congratulations are hereby extended to the Reverend Carl H. Balark, Jr., Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Providence, as President of the Rhode Island Council of Churches.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Transmits the following with recommendation the same be severally approved:

Resolution Requesting that all abatement of taxes that come before the City Council should have certain information attached.

Whereas, That all Resolution authorizing the abatement of taxes that come before the Providence City Council for passage, the following information must be attached to said Resolution in order for Members of the City Council to make a fully informed decision:

- 1. Plat and Lot Numbers;**
- 2. The street address of the property being abated;**
- 3. The name(s) and addresses of the immediate prior owner, the present owner, and a prospective buyer, if applicable, (including, but not limited to, corporations, partnerships, etc.);**

4. Copy(s) of any Providence Redevelopment Agency's offer(s) to purchase agreement and/or type(s) of purchase and sale agreements for said property, if applicable;

5. Prior to submission to the City Council, any elected, appointed official, or employee of the City of Providence shall file a letter of disclosure of any conflict of interest regarding the application;

6. The City Tax Collector shall review if all taxes are current on those properties for which a present of prospective buyer, if applicable, owns at the time of the abatement request, by securing a Municipal Lien Certificate;

7. Prior to the submission to the City Council, the applicant shall disclose any and all principals, partners, and major shareholders of the entity(s) requesting the abatement;

8. Any and all information that will substantiate the need for such abatements.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the above requirements be implemented and the rationale for this Resolution is to uphold the public's trust in the City Council when it abates taxes on property that will benefit others.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—14.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Young—1.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Roosevelt Benton of 226 Gallatin Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

Read and Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Approval is Sustained.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Ms. Susan R. DeRita of 100 Isabella Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

Read and Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Approval is Sustained.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 27, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day appointing Mr. Samuel D. Zurier of 330 Grotto Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on the first Monday in January, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval. Mr. Zurier will replace Mr. Sydavong "Simon" Kue whose term has expired.

Read and Approved, on motion of
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCILWOMAN NOLAN, COUNCIL-
MAN APONTE and COUNCILMAN

BUTLER request to be recorded as voting
"No" on this matter.

The motion for Approval is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN PETER S. MANCINI, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS and PENDING SUITS

**Transmits the following with recommenda-
tion the same be Approved:**

Certificates from the City Assessor (4D through 7D inclusive) 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 the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

Severally Approved for Cancellation, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano and Williams—14.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Young—1.

The motion for Approval is Sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, dated January 14, 2000, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that in accordance with the provisions of Section 1201(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, entitled: "Deputies, Appointments", he is this day appointing Barbara A. Poirier as First Deputy City Clerk.

Received.

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. 9D and 10D) 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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Severally Refers the Certificates to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Report from Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, of all moneys received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of October 1, 1999 to and including December 31, 1999.

Received.

Annual Report of Richard O. Rafanovic, P.E., General Manager and Chief Engineer, Providence Water Supply Board for 1999.

Received.

Report from Alex Prignano, Director of Finance, of the City's Five Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2000-2004.

Received.

Annual Report from Frank S. Lombardi, Esquire, Clerk, Probate Court of the City of Providence for Fiscal Year July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

Received.

Annual Report from Christine Roundtree, Executive Director, Providence Human Relations Commission for 1998.

Received.

Annual Report from Deborah Melino-Wender, Executive Director, Capital Center Commission for the year July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

Received.

moneys received for licenses, etc., issued during the quarter ending December 31, 1999.

Received.

Report from Raymond Dettore, Jr., Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Licenses, of all

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Merlin A. DeConti, Vice President, Facilities Management, Johnson & Wales University requesting approval to alter the sidewalk on the northwest of Pine Street, adjacent to the southwest portion of the building at Plantations Hall, 8 Abbott Park Place to alter the grade of the sidewalk to afford handicapped accessibility to the building.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petition of Mark J. Beccia, Permit Specialist, Williams Communications requesting approval of an easement for a proposed Fiber Optics System to be located under the Route 6/10 Connector Bridge at the end of Magnolia Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Travelers Property Casualty a/s/o Ana Fernandez

CGU Insurance a/s/o Edward & Carolyn Smitkin

Debra Parrillo (John N. Calvino, Esquire)

Daniel Beagan

Linda Doggett (Charles J. Vucci, Esquire)

Susan Rao

Vivian de Mello

Progressive Insurance Company a/s/o
Jacqueline Daly (Thomas J. Glavick, Esquire)

Mike Bianco

Donna DeAngelis (Robert A. D'Amico, II,
Esquire)

Kenneth T. Perez

Cynthia M. Kennen

The Providence Gas Company

Paul G. Casavant

Allstate Insurance Company a/s/o Barbara
Broccoli Reynolds

Great American Insurance Companies a/s/
o Manuel Furtado, Matthew Perry & Sharon
Butler

Olga's Cup and Saucer, Inc.

Andolfo Appraisal Associates, Inc. (Anthony
F. Muri, Esquire)

Manuel C. Furtado (Joseph P. Casale,
Esquire)

Jerome P. Morgan

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Patricia Dickens-Miller (Wm. C. Rogers,
Esquire)

Jake's Bar & Grille, Inc.

Lauretta Joslyn (Fred E. Joslyn, Jr., Esquire)

Kendall Hudson (Christopher E. Fay,
Esquire)

Maria Chippis

Claribel Perez

George Pearson

Timothy Ford

John A. Levesque

Dorothy Brouillard

Adelaide M. Egan

Gioacchino S. Maggiasomo

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI
Severally Refers the Petitions to the
Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.**

The motion to Refer is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

"In Congratulations"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Citations Extending Congratulations.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their sincere congratulations to the following:

Captain Guido A. Lorenza, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Major.

Lieutenant Thomas F. Oates, III, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Captain.

Sergeant Thomas A. Verdi, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Sergeant Timothy M. Lee, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Sergeant Steven A. Casbarro, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Officer Edward R. Ryan, Jr., in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Officer Francisco Colon, Jr., in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Officer Patrick J. McNulty, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Recruit William J. O'Donnell, II, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Recruit Edward A. Regine, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Recruit Michael Solitro, III, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Recruit Kevin P. Toole, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Recruit Frank T. DeAngelis, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Recruit Wayne D. Marshall, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Recruit Fernando Lopez, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Recruit John J. Lough, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Recruit Marsha J. Gaglione, in recognition of being promoted to the rank of Third Grade Police Officer.

Councilwoman Patricia K. Nolan, in recognition of the celebration of her birthday on January 17, 2000.

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, in recognition of the celebration of his birthday on January 20, 2000.

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, in recognition of the celebration of his birthday on January 26, 2000.

Gem Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc., in recognition of the celebration of their fifty years in business.

Reverend Robert F. Farrow, Pastor, Holy Cross Church of God in Christ, in recognition of being elevated to Bishop of the Church of God in Christ United on January 7, 2000 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sergeant Raymond F. Owens, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after twenty nine years of dedicated service to the Providence Police Department.

Pat O'Gara, in recognition of the celebration of his surprise 60th Birthday.

Reverend Carl H. Balark, Jr., in recognition of being named President of the Rhode Island Council of Churches.

Melissa E. Darigan, in recognition of being named a partner of the law firm of Partridge, Snow and Hahn, LLP.

Ann C. Farina, in recognition of the celebration of her 80th Birthday on January 27, 2000.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memorium"

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

Resolutions Extending Sympathy.

Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend their sincere sympathy to the families of the following:

Helen M. O'Rourke

Nicholas F. Ortoleva

Arthur Peters, Sr.

Theresa DiNocco

Nora Friedman

Dora Zompa

Theresa Petrucci

Mary L. DiTommaso

Edna E. Fox

John J. Vallone, Jr.

Edward R. Robalisky, Sr.

John F. Penkala

Anna Topalian

Antonio DiMartino

Peter T. Coyle

C. George Taylor

Pauline Rudis

Sergeant Cornel "Jai" Young, Jr.

Adeline A. Mansolillo

Florence E. Brewster-Silva Nunes

Ercole "Harry" Achille

Christine A. Micheletti

Beverly M. Howe

Rose G. Zangari

Jeffrey P. Carnevale

Maria Vitoria Sousa

Maria F. Pavao

Concetta Galante

James T. McElroy

Marion Finnegan

Michael H. Kearns

John Zuccarelli

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,
by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of
COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.**

The motion for Passage is Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:15 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) on a Moment of Silence and in the Memory of Sergeant Cornel Young, Jr., and Sergeant Steven Shaw, to meet again on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Michael R. Clement

City Clerk



