

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**

IN CITY COUNCIL



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Vincent Vespia
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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 75 City Council Regular Meeting Thursday, April 18, 1974, 8:00 P.M. (DST)

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ROBERT J. HAXTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Goldin, Johnson, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, J. Murphy, W. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti and Xavier—26.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
HARRY A. JOHNSON.

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

COUNCILMAN THOMAS L. PAYNE leads the
Members of the City Council and the Assemblage
in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the
United States of America.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 74 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 4, 1974, and Posted April 15, 1974, on that Bulletin Board located on the ground floor of the City Hall, is approved as printed on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

MEMBER OF THE HOUSING BOARD OF REVIEW

In Accordance with the Provisions of Article III, Section 13-62 of the Providence Code of Ordinances as amended by Chapter 222 of the Rhode Island Public Laws of 1972, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., notifies the City Council, in writing, that he has on April 10, 1974 Reappointed Dr. Louis C. Bruno of 741 Smith Street, Providence, as a Member of the Housing Board of Review for a term to expire in June of 1976, and Respectfully Submits the Same for Approval.

MEMBER OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In Accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 1621 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, 1947, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., notifies the City Council, in writing, that he has on April 8, 1974 Reappointed Reverend Frederick J. Halloran, Diocesan C.Y.O. Director, as a Member of the Recreation Advisory Committee for a Term Ending in January of 1981, and Respectfully Submits the Same for Approval.

MEMBER OF THE HOUSING BOARD OF REVIEW

In Accordance with the Provisions of Article III, Section 13-62 of the Providence Code of Ordinances as Amended by Chapter 222 of the Rhode Island Public Laws of 1972, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in Writing, that he has on April 10, 1974 Reappointed Mrs. Howard Presel of 291 President Avenue, Providence as a Member of

the Housing Board of Review for a Term to Expire in June of 1978, and Respectfully Submits the Same for Approval.

MEMBER OF WATER SUPPLY BOARD

In Accordance with the Provisions of Section I of Chapter 1243, Public Laws of 1942, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in Writing, that he has on April 10, 1974 Reappointed John J. Tierney of 54 Sycamore Street, Providence to Serve as a Member of the Providence Water Supply Board for a Term Ending in January, 1977, and Respectfully Submits the Same for Approval.

Communications Severally Read and Appointments Collectively Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

MEMBER OF THE BUILDING BOARD OF REVIEW

In Accordance with the Provisions of Section 128-2 of Chapter 1079 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in Writing, that he has on April 10, 1974 Reappointed Domenic J. Mainelli of 240 Gentian Avenue, Providence as a Member of the Building Board of Review for a Term to Expire in March of 1979, and Respectfully Submits the Same for Approval.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH moves that the Reappointment be Approved, and this Motion is seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN moves that the

Reappointment be Not Approved, and this Motion is seconded by **COUNCILMAN LORENZO**.

who has Resigned, for a Term to Expire on December 1, 1974.

The Motion to Approve the Reappointment is put to Vote and Passed.

Received.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

In Accordance with the Provisions of Article XV $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 2-255 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in Writing, that he has on April 11, 1974 Appointed Miss Emily L. Nelson of 1 Chestnut Street, Providence as a Member of the Community Mental Health Board to Fill the Unexpired Term of James McGovern

In Accordance with the Provisions of Article XV $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 2-255 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Notifies the City Council, in Writing that he has on April 11, 1974 Appointed Mrs. Marie Presel of 291 President Avenue, Providence as a Member of the Community Mental Health Board to Fill the Unexpired Term of John Rao, Jr., who has Resigned, for a Term to Expire on December 1, 1974.

Received.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE BUILDING BOARD OF REVIEW

Communication from Councilman Donald E. McKiernan Informing the President of the City Council of his Resignation as a Councilmanic Member of the Building Board of Review.

Received.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

Street Lighting Bill for the Month of March, 1974 in the Amount of \$79,368.27.

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Council-

men Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Brown, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Goldin, Johnson, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti and Xavier—23.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Bradshaw, J. Murphy and W. Murphy—3.

PRESENTATION OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing A One Thousand Dollar Assessed Valuation Real Property Exemption from Taxation to Any Person Sixty-Five Years of Age or Over Who Qualify.

PREAMBLE

Whereas, The final date for computer input, for the purpose of timely certification of the City Tax Roll, is May 22, 1974, and

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor and the City Assessor anticipate in excess of Six Thousand Applications for real property exemptions from taxation, authorized by the General Assembly, effective April 12, 1974, and

Whereas, In the opinion of His Honor the Mayor and of the City Assessor, in order to effect the provisions of the related Statute, time is of the essence,

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Authority of City Council. — The City Council of the City of Providence is hereby authorized to grant a \$1,000 real property exemption from taxation to any person 65 years of age or over, who owns and occupies residential property located in the City of Providence, provided, however, that only one such exemption shall be granted to co-tenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety, even though all of said co-tenants, joint tenants, or tenants by the entirety are 65 years of age or over. Such exemption shall be granted upon proof of the following:

- (1) Age;
- (2) Ownership of said residential property for a period of three (3) years next prior to the filing of an application for tax exemption;
- (3) Occupancy of same;

(4) That said taxpayer is legally domiciled in the City of Providence.

Such proof shall conform to the provisions of Section 2 of this act. Nothing contained herein shall abrogate or affect the authority conferred upon the City Assessor by the provisions of Section 44-3-3, sub-paragraph 16 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

Section 2. Filing of Application. — Proof of Right to Exemption. — No person shall be entitled to any exemption herein authorized in any year without first filing an application with the City Assessor on forms furnished by the Assessor. Each application shall be sworn to by the applicant or applicants under penalty of perjury. Proof of age, ownership, occupancy, and legal domicile shall be furnished in the following manner:

(a) *Proof of age:* Age may be proved by furnishing to the City Assessor either a birth certificate, certificate of citizenship, baptismal certificate, affidavit of a third party, or by such other means as may be approved by the Assessor.

(b) *Ownership:* Ownership may be established by furnishing the City Assessor with the date of purchase and land record citation of same by the applicant of the residential property involved.

(c) *Occupancy:* Occupancy of the residential property may be proven by incorporating such fact in the sworn application for exemption.

(d) *Legal Domicile:* Legal domicile may be established by the production of (1) voter's registration certificate or (2) by the production of a license to operate a motor vehicle, or a registration certificate or by such other means as the Assessor may reasonably require.

(e) *Other forms of proof:* An applicant may provide proof of right to exemption if the above specified methods are not available to him or her

by furnishing military records, passports, certificate of citizenship, or by such other evidence of proof as may be required by the City Assessor.

(f) Residential property shall be defined as not more than a three (3) family dwelling unit.

In the event that the applicants for exemption are co-tenants, joint tenants, or tenants by the entirety, the proof enumerated above by any one of the applicants shall be sufficient to be entitled to the exemption.

Section 3. Termination of Exemptions. — All exemptions shall terminate upon the conveyance of the subject property, death of the person or persons exempted or the moving of such person or persons from the City of Providence.

Section 4. Severability Clause. — If any provision or provisions or parts of this act are declared to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision or provisions or parts thereof shall be deemed to be void, and the remainder of said provision or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect as an Emergency Ordinance upon its passage.

Read and Passed, as an Emergency Ordinance, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN BEATINI and DARIGAN, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Brown, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Fagnoli, Goldin, Johnson, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, J. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti and Xavier—24.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Bradshaw and W. Murphy—2.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):

(\$1,177,000) to Various Items in the School Department.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1973-28, Approved June 25, 1973 by Appropriating the Sum of One Million One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON (By Request):

COUNCILMAN AHERN and COUNCILMAN CROWLEY:

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Finance to Study the Granting of A Tax Exemption for Owners of Real Property in Providence Who are Disabled.

Resolution Requesting "One Way Traffic" Sign be Replaced along Lydia Street.

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

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the "One Way Traffic" sign along Lydia Street to be replaced.

COUNCILMAN ADDISON (By Request):

Resolution Requesting "One Way Traffic" Signs be Erected along Young Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Use of Collyer Field, Located along Cemetery Street, for a Providence Jaycee Sponsored Rodeo and Wild West Show.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the erection of "One Way Traffic" signs along Young Avenue.

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

Resolution Requesting Survey be Undertaken of All Streets within the Twelfth Ward for the Purpose of Causing, Where Necessary, the Same be Resurfaced.

Resolved, That the Acting Director of Public Works is requested to cause a survey to be undertaken of all streets within the Twelfth Ward for the purpose of causing, where necessary, resurfacing of the same.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN AHERN, CROWLEY and DARIGAN.

Purpose of Causing Potholes to be Repaired Wherever Necessary.

Resolved, That the Acting Director of Public Works is requested to undertake a survey of all streets within the Eleventh Ward for the purpose of causing, wherever necessary, potholes to be repaired.

COUNCILMAN BRADSHAW (By Request):

Resolution that the Section of Lloyd Avenue, between Prospect Street and Congdon Street, is Renamed "Lloyd Lane."

COUNCILMAN CIRELLI:

Resolution Congratulating the Order of Felician Sisters Upon the Centennial Celebration of its Founding in the United States of America.

Whereas, The Roman Catholic Order of Felician Sisters are celebrating the Centennial Celebration of its Founding, in the United States of America, and

Resolution that the Unnamed Street from Hope Street to Morris Avenue, situated between Doyle Avenue and Montague Street, is named "Doyle Lane."

Whereas, The good Sisters of this most worthy order have been prominent in their work in the Saint Adalbert's Roman Catholic Parish in Providence.

Resolution that the Dead End Section of Highway with Entrance on Thayer Street and Lying between Barnes Street and Keene Street is Named "Thayer Lane."

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That His Honor Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council express their best wishes for Almighty God's continued blessing in their endeavors, and congratulating the Order of Felician Sisters in its century of humanitarian and religious program.

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

COUNCILMAN CROWLEY and COUNCILMAN AHERN (By Request):

COUNCILMAN BROWN:

Resolution Requesting a Survey be Undertaken of All Streets in the Eleventh Ward for the

Resolution Requesting that all "Stop" and "One Way Traffic" Signs, Authorized along Delaine, Chaffee and Appleton Streets and All Streets Leading from the Said Streets, be Inspected.

Resolved, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause an inspection to be undertaken

and where, in his opinion, replacements be effected, if found necessary, of all "Stop" and "One Way Traffic" signs which have previously been authorized along Delaine, Chaffee, and Appleton Streets, and along all streets leading from the said Streets.

Headquarters, Located along Netop Drive in Providence.

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

Resolution Requesting that Canton Street; Putnam Street, from Atwells Avenue to Appleton Street and Harold Street, from Chalkstone Avenue to Valley Street, be Repaired.

Resolved, That the Acting Director of Public Works is requested to cause Canton Street; Putnam Street, from Atwells Avenue to Appleton Street, and Harold Street, from Chalkstone Avenue to Valley Street, to be repaired.

COUNCILMAN KELLY:

Resolution Applauding Hank Aaron, Baseball's Indomitable New Home Run Champion.

Whereas, Hank Aaron, indomitable baseball luminary, with the Atlanta Braves Baseball Team, culminated a twenty year dream when he became baseball's new home run champion, and

Whereas, Champion Hank Aaron's 715th homer, has erased the previously held championship from one of baseball's immortals, the late Babe Ruth,

COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Acting Director of Public Works to Cause to be Removed forthwith, that Rubbish and Debris Deposited in Roger Williams Park, Near the Broad Street Entrance.

Resolved, That the Acting Director of Public Works is requested to cause that rubbish and debris deposited in Roger Williams Park, near the Broad Street entrance, to be removed forthwith.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMEN AHERN, BROWN, CIRELLI and DARIGAN.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in applauding Hank Aaron as the new "King of Swat," His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., and the Members of the City Council, not unmindful of the credit that he has brought to himself as an outstanding athlete, but also to those members of his race who have catapulted themselves into the sports headlines and the hearts of the vast sports minded citizens of our Nation, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Hank Aaron, Baseball's Current Home Run Champion.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN KELLY, seconded by COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAXTON, COUNCILMEN ADDISON, AHERN, BEATINI, BRADSHAW, BROWN, CIRELLI, COLA, CROWLEY, DARIGAN, DeVITO, FARGNOLI, GOLDIN, JOHNSON, LORENZO, LYNCH, McKIERNAN, MORAN, J. MURPHY, W. MURPHY, PAYNE, PEARLMAN, PISATURO, STORTI and XAVIER.

Resolution Requesting the Acting Director of Public Property to cause to be razed, or otherwise Rehabilitated, that Structure formerly known as the Former Forestry Department

COUNCILMAN LYNCH (By Request):

Resolution Requesting Street Light along Pleasant Valley Parkway.

Resolved, That the Acting Public Service Engineer is requested to order the installation of an electric street light on Pole No. 62, located along Pleasant Valley Parkway.

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

497 and 498 on City Assessor's Plat 95, Located along Ruby Avenue; Lots 482 and 483 on City Assessor's Plat 95, Located along Ridgeway Avenue and Lots 505 and 506 on City Assessor's Plat 95, Located along Hillcrest Avenue; the City Treasurer having Received an Offer made by Albert Gemma of 22 Raritan Avenue, Providence, of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$3,895.70) for Said Lots.

Severally Referred to the Committee on City Property, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**.

COUNCILMAN LYNCH and COUNCILMAN DARIGAN (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Arrange for the Redemption or Sale of Lots 534 and 537 on City Assessor's Plat 28, Located along Hewitt Street; the City Treasurer, Having Received an Offer made by Richard J. Spaziano, President of the Federal Hill House Association of Providence of Two Thousand Ten Dollars and Thirty Nine Cents (\$2,010.39) for Said Lots.

Resolution Authorizing the City Treasurer to Arrange for the Redemption or Sale of Lots 279 and 280, on City Assessor's Plat 94, Located along Hillcrest Avenue; Lots 255 and 256 on City Assessor's Plat 94, Located along Brush Hill Road; Lots 490 and 491 on City Assessor's Plat 95, Located along Ridgeway Avenue; Lots

COUNCILMAN McKIERNAN:

Resolution Appropriating the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from Federal Revenue Sharing to the Department of Public Property for Playground Equipment.

COUNCILMAN PISATURO:

Resolution Requesting the Mayor and the School Administration to Consider the Feasibility of Utilizing the Multiple Use of Land Concept in Connection with the Construction of any Proposed New Schools.

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN EDWARD S. GOLDIN, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 544 of 1951, Changing from a C-2 General Commercial Zone to an M-1 General Industrial Zone, Lots 135, 134, 133, 136, 28, 139 and 140, as Set Out and Delineated on City Assessor's Plat 73;

Said Lots being Situated along the Northerly Side of Lester Street, from Bridgham Street.

Read and Passed the First Time, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN.

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL E. KELLY, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Transmits the following with Recommendation
the Same be Adopted:

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to Execute a Lease with the Mount Hope Day Care Center, Inc., of Certain Lot and Improvements Formerly Occupied by the Montague Street School for a Term of Five Years Ending on March 31, 1979.

Resolved, That His Honor, Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., is authorized to execute a lease with the Mount Hope Day Care Center, Inc., of that certain lot or parcel of land with all buildings and improvements, thereon, formerly occupied by the Montague Street School, for a term of five years beginning on April 1, 1974, and ending on March 31, 1979, subject to tenancy of the American Legion Post presently occupying a portion of the said former school building, and such

other terms and conditions that may be imposed by His Honor the Mayor and the City Solicitor.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Goldin, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, J. Murphy, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti and Xavier—23.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Fagnoli, Johnson and W. Murphy—3.

COUNCILMAN ROBERT F. LYNCH, Chairman
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1973-28 approved June 25, 1973, by Appropriating the Sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$107,500.00) to Various Departments.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor is requested to prepare an Act and cause the same to be introduced before the present session of the General Assembly, in Amendment of Title 42, Chapter 30; Section 14, of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, empowering Members of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island to act as Notaries Public.

An Ordinance Amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1973-28 approved June 25, 1973, by Appropriating the Sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars (\$173,000) to Various Items in Various Water Departments.

Resolution Requesting the Director of Finance to Transfer the Sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) from the Unexpended Balance of the Special Committee on Christmas Celebration, 1973, to the Committee on Bicentennial Celebration.

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

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Goldin, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti and Xavier—22.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Fagnoli, Johnson, J. Murphy and W. Murphy—4.

Whereas, The Committee on Bicentennial Celebration in cooperation with the State organization, is planning certain celebration exercises, and

Whereas, On May 4, 1974, a Bicentennial Celebration Parade is proposed for Downtown Providence, to commemorate Rhode Island Independence Day, which preceded the Declaration of Independence on July 4 of 1776, and

Whereas, The said Committee on Bicentennial Celebration does not have an appropriation for expense it may incur in arranging and conducting celebration activities,

Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor to Prepare an Act, and Cause the Same to be Introduced before the Current Session of the General Assembly, Empowering Members of the City Council of the City of Providence, Rhode Island to Act as Notaries Public.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Director of Finance is requested to transfer the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), from the unexpended balance of the Special Committee on Christmas Celebration, 1973, to the Committee on Bicentennial Celebration.

Resolution Refunding to Certain Taxpayers Sums of Money Representing Overpayment of City Taxes to the City Collector for the Years 1966, 1969, 1971, 1972 and 1973.

Resolved, That the accompanying certificates numbers 2237 thru 2459 (except numbers 2330, 2398, 2402, 2415, 2418, 2442 and 2455) representing overpayment of City Taxes for the years 1966, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973 are hereby refunded in the amounts overpaid. (For details of Refunds, see files of City Council.)

Resolution Amending Resolution of the City Council No. 54, Approved February 5, 1960, Deleting therein Interest Rate of Three and One Half Per Cent (3½%) Per Annum.

Resolved, That Resolution No. 54 approved

February 5, 1960 is hereby amended to strike out the words "bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent (3½%) per annum," and said resolution and the sale of all notes thereunder is hereby confirmed in all respects.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN LYNCH, seconded by COUNCILMAN DARIGAN, by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: Council President Haxton and Councilmen Addison, Ahern, Beatini, Bradshaw, Brown, Cirelli, Cola, Crowley, Darigan, DeVito, Goldin, Kelly, Lorenzo, Lynch, McKiernan, Moran, Payne, Pearlman, Pisaturo, Storti and Xavier—22.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Fagnoli, Johnson, J. Murphy and W. Murphy—4.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS L. PAYNE, Chairman COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

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

Resolution Granting Accompanying Petition of Joe's Old Abandoned Grocery Store, Inc., Providence, for Permission to Clean by Sandblast Process Interior Walls of Portion of Building at 80 Fountain Street, Providence.

Resolved, That the accompanying Petition of Joe's Old Abandoned Grocery Store, Inc., for permission to clean by sandblast process three interior painted brick walls located on the sec-

ond floor level of that building situated at 80 Fountain Street, Providence, is hereby granted, the same having been approved March 21, 1974, by Director of the Department of Building Inspection.

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

FROM SECRETARY OF STATE

Communication Transmitting to the City Council a Certified Copy of House Resolution (74-H 7540) Respectfully Requesting Every City and Town Council to Pass An Ordinance Making Land Available to the Residents of That Particular City or Town for Planting Gardens.

Received. _____

FROM WATER SUPPLY BOARD

Annual Report for the Year Ended June 20, 1973.

Received. _____

FROM CITY CONTROLLER

Monthly Statements of Capital, General and School Funds for the Six Months Ended December 31, 1973 and the Seven Months Ended January 31, 1974.

Severally Received. _____

FROM BUREAU OF LICENSES

Detailed Statement Issued During the Quarter Ended March 30, 1974.

Received. _____

FROM DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

Annual Report for the Year 1973.

Received. _____

FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fifth Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 1972-1973.

Received. _____

FROM PORT DIRECTOR

Third Quarterly Report for the Period from January to March, 1974.

Received. _____

FROM CITY ASSESSOR

Certificates (98-J, 2-K, 3-K and 6-K) 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.

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

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages.

John H. Boland, Jr.

Mrs. Peter Cerce

Melvin A. Chernick

James S. Farrell

Eugene S. Fontaine

Hendrik J. Gerritsen

Varkes Kimatian

Saddie Siegel

Frank Tantimonico

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of **COUNCILMAN LYNCH**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN DARIGAN**, the City Council Adjourns at 9:05 o'clock P.M. (DST), to meet again on **THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1974 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (DST)**.

Vincent Vespia

City Clerk