

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 1 City Council Organizational Meeting, January 4, 1999, 12:00 o'clock Noon (E.S.T.)

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CONVENTION

This being the date fixed by law for the Organization of City Government of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, under the Home Rule Charter of 1980, adopted by the Voters of the City of Providence at the General Election held November 3, 1998.

ROLL CALL

Present: Presiding Officer DiRuzzo, Councilman Allen, Councilmen-Elect Aponte, Butler, Councilmen Clarkin, DeLuca, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan, Romano, Williams and Young--15.

Absent: None.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 4 1999

APPROVED

*Michael R. Clement* CLERK

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by REVEREND  
NAOMI E. CRAIG, Pastor of Sheldon Street  
Church, Providence, Rhode Island.

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

COUNCILMAN RONALD W. ALLEN leads  
the members of the City Council and the  
Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to  
the Flag of the United States of America.

## CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk, Michael R. Clement reads the  
several Certificates from the Board of  
Canvassers attested to on November 18, 1998  
certifying the following have been, by the  
Electors of the City of Providence, Rhode  
Island, duly elected as Councilpersons to hold  
their respective Office for the ensuing Four  
Years ending on the first Monday in January,  
2003.

WARD ONE  
Robert M. Clarkin

WARD TWO  
Rita M. Williams

WARD THREE  
Kevin Jackson

WARD FOUR  
Carol A. Romano

WARD FIVE  
Patrick K. Butler

WARD SIX  
Joseph DeLuca

WARD SEVEN  
John J. Igliozi

WARD EIGHT  
Ronald W. Allen

WARD NINE  
Patricia K. Nolan

WARD TEN  
Luis A. Aponte

WARD ELEVEN  
Balbina A. Young

WARD TWELVE  
Terrence M. Hassett

WARD THIRTEEN  
John J. Lombardi

WARD FOURTEEN  
Peter S. Mancini

WARD FIFTEEN  
Josephine DiRuzzo

## OATH OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The Solemn Oath of Office to the Several  
Members-Elect of the City Council of the  
City of Providence, Rhode Island for the  
ensuing term of Four Years, ending on the  
First Monday in January A.D., 2003, is  
thereupon administered by the Honorable  
John E. Martinelli, Esquire, Judge of the  
Probate Court of Providence.

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## ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

PRESIDING OFFICER DiRUZZO calls for Nominations for the Office of President of the City Council for the Term 1999-2003.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN nominates COUNCILMAN JOHN J. LOMBARDI, and this nomination is seconded by COUNCILMAN JACKSON.

PRESIDING OFFICER DiRUZZO calls for further nominations and there being none, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILMAN JACKSON, it is voted that Nominations be Closed and the Clerk is directed to cast

One Ballot for COUNCILMAN JOHN J. LOMBARDI.

The Clerk casts one ballot as directed.

PRESIDING OFFICER DiRUZZO thereupon declares COUNCILMAN JOHN J. LOMBARDI duly elected as President of the City Council for the ensuing term of Four Years ending on the first Monday in January, 2003.

The Solemn Oath of Office is administered by the Honorable Frank S. Lombardi, Esquire, Acting Probate Court Judge.

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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI IN THE CHAIR

To my honorable colleagues, I just want to thank you for what you have bestowed upon me. I am completely humbled by this. I can only say that a rough little kid from Federal Hill probably had no shot in life but for the support of certain people. I guess it's synonymous to someone in the mailroom elevating himself to being the CEO of a corporation. Or a school teacher becoming superintendent of schools. Or a patrolman becoming the chief of police. A

fireman becoming the fire chief. If you had asked me 17 years where I would be and you told me this scenario, I would have said God oh God, I don't know where you got that from, but you are not talking about John Lombardi. There are a couple of people I want to recognize. Certainly my colleagues for their support and understanding and hopefully the next four years are going to be inclusion, working together collaboratively, cooperating. That was

the tenure of my campaign and that is what I will continue to do for the next four years. You have my commitment on that. Those of you who know about me and the way my brother and I have grown. We lost our parents very, very young. What happens is sometimes you close one door and you open up another one. My maternal uncle, my uncle Mario, married a woman who didn't have her own children, she married late in life, and she forego having a family to raise two pretty tough kids. I want to recognize my Aunt Mary, "Babe".

I usually have a joke to say, and I guess the joke is that the Journal can now finally say that I am the President of the Council.

The second individual was someone who, early on I knew he was something special. Certainly one of the (inaudible) people I know, and certainly someone I always bounced things off. In many ways I guess I am a surrogate father, but then again, I try to do what I have to do. I am very proud of him, his family, his wife, my twin nieces, Cassandra and Cristina. He is my right arm, he is my foundation, my brother Frank.

And the person who I bounce off the negative things late at night when I am surfing the TV on the couch and probably the person who has to take the most crap from me. I don't know how she does it, my wife, Denise.

I just want the administration to know that I am not going to obstruct . . . I am going to work with you. We have a long journey together.

It is going to be a four year journey. No one has an agenda here. We have one agenda. That is the people of the City of Providence. We will be looking forward to working with the unions, the business community, but more importantly, the people of the City of Providence. They put us here. I am not going to let anybody on this council forget that. We work for you, we work at your pleasure, and we will continue to do that.

I have a prepared speech that I want to read.

We are here to celebrate not my election as Council President, but to embrace and welcome a new era. An era of new philosophy, a spirit of cooperation and inclusion; a rediscovery of dignity and importance of our legislative body to the City of Providence.

As a council, we function as an indispensable arm of our city's government, as one of our city's greatest political resources. The cultural and ethnic richness of our political body ennobles us in our commitment to a common purpose; the welfare of our residents; preserving, maintaining and improving the quality of life for all those comprising our fair city.

I am not going to read this because it doesn't mean anything to me. It has to come from my heart. You just heard my commitment. I am going to be working for you for the next four years. Thank you.

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## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI calls for Nominations for the Office of President Pro Tempore of the City Council for the Term 1999-2003.

COUNCILMAN APONTE nominates COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG, and this nomination is seconded by COUNCILMAN ALLEN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI calls for further nominations and there being none, on motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILMAN ALLEN, it is voted that Nominations be

Closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG.

The Clerk casts one ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI thereupon declares COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG duly elected as President Pro Tempore of the City Council for the ensuing term of Four Years ending on the first Monday in January, 2003.

The Solemn Oath of Office is administered by Michael R. Clement, City Clerk.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS POLICE CONSTABLES

The following Members of the City Council present are appointed and sworn as Police Constables for the Ensuing Term Ending on the First Monday in January, 2003 by Raymond Dettore, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Licenses:

Council President JOHN J. LOMBARDI

Councilman RONALD W. ALLEN

Councilman LUIS A. APONTE

Councilman PATRICK K. BUTLER

Councilman ROBERT M. CLARKIN

Councilman JOSEPH DeLUCA

Councilwoman JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO

Councilman TERRENCE M. HASSETT

Councilman JOHN J. IGLIOZZI

Councilman KEVIN JACKSON

Councilwoman CAROL A. ROMANO

Councilman PETER S. MANCINI

Councilwoman RITA M. WILLIAMS

Councilwoman PATRICIA K. NOLAN

Councilwoman BALBINA A. YOUNG

## ELECTION OF CITY CLERK

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI calls for Nominations for the Office of City Clerk for the Ensuing Term 1999-2003.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS nominates MICHAEL R. CLEMENT, and this nomination is seconded by COUNCILMAN ALLEN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI calls for further nominations and there being none, on motion of COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, seconded by COUNCIL-

MAN ALLEN, it is voted that Nominations be Closed and the First Deputy City Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for MICHAEL R. CLEMENT.

The First Deputy City Clerk casts one ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI thereupon declares MICHAEL R. CLEMENT duly elected as City Clerk for the ensuing term of Four Years ending on the first Monday in January, 2003.

## OATH OF OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

The Solemn Oath of Office to MICHAEL R. CLEMENT as City Clerk is administered by COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG.

## AT EASE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI declares the City Council stand at ease at 12:45 o'clock P.M. while COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE YOUNG, MAJORITY LEADER ALLEN and DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER WILLIAMS

escort HIS HONOR, MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR., into the City Council Chamber at which time he addresses the City Council.

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## RECONVENTION

At 1:50 o'clock P.M. HIS HONOR, MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR., is escorted from the Council Chamber to His Executive Office and COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI declares the City

Council back in session and directs the Clerk to record that there is a quorum present.

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## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated December 23, 1998, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) and 603 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day reappointing Mr. Charles R. Mansolillo of One Chestnut Street in the City of Providence as City Solicitor for a term to expire January 6, 2003, and respectfully submits the same for approval.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Receives the Communication and Refers the same to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to Receive and Refer is Sustained.

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## COMMUNICATION

Communication from Michael R. Clement, City Clerk, dated December 31, 1998, Informing the Honorable 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 date re-

appointing Mrs. Jean M. Angelone as First Deputy City Clerk and Mrs. Barbara A. Poirier as Second Deputy City Clerk.

**Received.**

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## FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

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

Jan Feldman

Christopher J. Hallam

Victor Orellana & Selvin Orellana (Christopher E. Fay, Esq.)

Rosa Florimon, p.p.a. Eladio Cabrera

William Marchetti

John D. Forte

Michael S. Foulk

Destiny Brown (Arthur E. Chatfield, III, Esq.)

William Lindsay (Eva Marie Mancuso, Esq.)

Shannon Rae Burns

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

**The motion to Refer is Sustained.**

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

*Richard R. Clement*

City Clerk





