

To the Honorable
The City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 108 of the Charter of the City of Providence,
I am presenting herewith a budget for the fiscal year 1962-1963.

Anticipated revenues total \$43,392,813. Proposed expenditures amount to \$43,334,668, leaving a net surplus of \$58,144. Compared with the present fiscal year the proposed budget provides for increases in expenditures of \$792,238, and \$817,140 in receipts, or percentage-wise an increase in each of less than 2 percent from the current year.

Receipts for the forthcoming year 1962-1963 are forecast substantially as follows:

Approximately 68 percent of the City's income will be derived from the tax upon real and personal property.

Although the tax levy for the forthcoming year is \$231,000 above the levy for the current fiscal year, it has been necessary to exclude from estimated collections \$285,000 in taxes upon property of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, with the result that estimated receipts from real and personal property taxes in the budget for the next fiscal year will be \$55,000 less than the amount in the budget for the current fiscal year.

It is expected that State-shared taxes will amount to \$226,000 in excess of that for the present year. This net increase will be provided by \$240,000 in the City's share of a general state increase in anticipated receipts from horse racing due to the introduction this year of night racing at Rhode Island tracks.

The receipt for general city purposes is estimated at \$14,000 less than the present year's estimate as it is expected that the certified tax levy, upon which the distribution is based, will be slightly less in relation to the total certified by all cities and towns within the state.

In grants-in-aid from the State of Rhode Island there is an anticipated decrease of \$228,637. The amount which the City expects to receive from the State of Rhode Island for General Public Assistance is \$390,000 less than estimated in the present year's budget.

This is offset by an increase of \$21,000 in payment for school debt and an increase of \$140,000 in aid for education. While the principal reason for the decrease in General Public Assistance continues to be a change in federal legislation noted last year whereby the children of unemployed breadwinners are permitted to qualify for aid to dependent children, it should be noted that community-wide there appears to be a definite improvement in the general level of prosperity as noted in a recent front page Providence Evening Bulletin article reporting that the State of Rhode Island has reached a new high in the number of jobs available to its citizens. I have no doubt that the success of the West River Industrial Park together with the program of industrial recruitment carried on by the Providence Redevelopment Agency is responsible in part for this encouraging development.

The revenue of general departments in the forthcoming year is expected to be up \$110,000 for the following principal reasons:

This administration sought and received from North Providence an increase from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually in services rendered to North Providence for the treatment of sewerage. New leases at the Municipal Wharf and renewed former leases, together with increased activities in storage and wharfage, will yield the City of Providence an estimated \$40,000 more next year.

You Gentlemen will recall that the Providence port has been identified as one of two in the United States which has consistently showed an annual profit. I know that you will be pleased - as I am also - to note that next year's profits will be substantially larger. Other items of increase in the revenue of general departments includes \$12,000 from the Triggs Golf Course reflecting an increase of greens' fees necessary to finance further development of the course. Civilian Defense expects to receive \$23,000 next year under a new program in which the Federal Government assumes a portion of the City's program costs. Miscellaneous other items in this category are expected to increase approximately \$40,000. Losses in revenue to general departments will occur in the office of the Recorder of Deeds where receipts are expected to be \$20,000 less than the current year, since a change in legislation this year requires chattel mortgages to be recorded by the Secretary of State.

Also, the Providence School Department estimates that collection of revenues by that department in the form of tuitions and other items will be \$35,000 under receipts for the current year.

Modest increases are anticipated for the category of fines and forfeits, expected to be up \$38,000, and in the category of rents and interest from which an additional \$14,000 will be due, the larger part of which will come from low rent housing. Dexter Manor, the Providence Housing Authority's recently completed housing project for the elderly, will contribute \$8,000 to this total. Water receipts by virtue of expanded water consumptions will be up by \$99,200. I would remind you gentlemen that we enjoy higher receipts from the Board of Water Supply by reason of a differential rate established two years ago by which users outside Providence pay a fair price for water and Providence owners and taxpayers pay a lower price for this essential commodity.

To bring this budget into balance this administration by prudent management has retained a surplus from the present year's income and proposes the appropriation of \$600,000 from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures as a necessary revenue for the forthcoming year.

Recommended expenditures for the fiscal year 1962-1963 may be summarized as follows:

Debt service will require the appropriation of an additional \$800,000.

Increases in debt service represent the necessary payment for a constructive program in developing public facilities for schools, recreation, highways, sewers and like items as well as for an active redevelopment program to bring new investment and new employment to the City of Providence.

Because of general pay increases last year to policemen, firemen, school teachers and other city employees necessitated by the rising cost of living, the city's requirement to meet pension obligations will be up a total of \$148,000 including provision for an additional one-half of one percent in Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance effective January 1, 1963 in accordance with the Social Security Act.

Expenditures for the School Department will be increased in the forthcoming year \$139,000 including \$99,000 in school department receipts and a recommended new appropriation of \$40,000 to bring the maximum salary of teachers with bachelor's degrees to an even \$6,700 annually. With regard to school expenditures I have always endeavored to deal as generously with the School Department as our total financial situation would permit, feeling that no area of municipal expenditure is more important than the education of our youth.

In this matter this Honorable Council has consistently supported me. For your information, therefore, I wish to specifically note that the total appropriation recommended for the School Department in the proposed budget is \$833,988 in excess of the maximum required under the provisions of the Strayer Act.

Recreational activities, again a most important function for the welfare of all of our citizens, but more specifically for youth groups, will be increased by \$91,000 primarily for reconstruction of greens at the Triggs Memorial Golf Course and for new materials, supplies and employees to operate the new swimming pools to be dedicated in the forthcoming year. Also included are a small number of seasonal employees for Roger Williams Park. You Gentlemen have also vigorously supported me in the matter of increased appropriations for recreation activities, a function of which we can be justly proud, for it is these activities in conjunction with our excellent Police Department which we must largely credit with a 20 percent decrease in juvenile delinquency in our city while at the same time juvenile delinquency nationally has been rising at the rate of 4 percent annually.

Public Safety activities account for a net increase in the proposed budget amounting to \$24,000.

The largest item in the proposed increase is the provision within this budget of payment of 6 percent over and above salaries to members of the Police Department regularly assigned as detectives and as members of the C Squad to compensate them for overtime work. Also accounting for the increase are somewhat larger appropriations for services other than personal, and for materials for the several departments included within this group. The conservative amount of increase in this category is explainable to a considerable extent by the deletion within the Police Department of 4 mechanics and a patrol driver plus a decrease in the allowance for patrolmen.

The Public Works function is also recommended for a relatively small increase by virtue of the fact that increased cost anticipated in sewerage disposal, snow removal, street lighting and the Municipal Dock has been offset by savings instituted by this administration in reducing personnel and mechanical equipment in refuse and garbage collection, a saving made possible by the fewer households in Providence as a result of freeway construction and clearance of residential slum areas for redevelopment purposes.

In the legislative, judicial and administrative categories decreases to be made effective in this budget total a net \$44,000. This reduction comes about by reason of (1) a reduction of \$66,000 in the appropriation to the Mayor's Office, this item being a non-recurrent appropriation made last year in order to meet the local contribution to the community renewal program study of which two-thirds of the financing came from federal sources, (2) a reduction in the appropriation to the Board of Canvassers of \$7,000 in miscellaneous items and, (3) a net reduction in the budget of the Recorder of Deeds to save another \$7,000 because of a reduced work load due to chattel mortgage recording by the State.

Health activities will be reduced a net \$35,000 largely as a result of a program of gradual elimination of municipally operated bathhouses and comfort stations. Since the Minimum Housing Standards ordinance became operative in 1957 requiring complete bathing and toilet facilities in every dwelling unit, municipal facilities for this purpose are rapidly becoming obsolete. This permitted the administration to eliminate 18 positions in this department which together with supplies and building maintenance will save the City of Providence some \$67,000 annually. This gross saving is reduced approximately in half, however, by a \$32,000 increase required by Chapin Hospital for medical fees, maintenance and equipment.

It is significant, nevertheless; that savings such as these permit us to meet essential costs without over-all increases within individual categories - indeed in this case we are able to meet essential expenditures and at the same time present a saving in this particular function.

Welfare activities discussed under the heading of receipts will be decreased by \$ 590,000 by reason of the aid to dependent children legislation mentioned before. The Water Supply fund anticipates the expenditure of \$99,200 balancing that item discussed under the subject of receipts for this department. Total increases of \$35,000 in grants to outside agencies and institutions reflect additional assistance to the Providence Public Library and to the Elmwood Library, and include also an amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of an ambulance for the Rhode Island Hospital.

These are the more important items in the budget presented to you gentlemen of the City Council this evening. It has not been an easy task to prepare this budget. As Mayor of Providence, I have drawn upon my considerable experience and the intimate knowledge of the city's finance officers to present for your consideration a progressive budget document which will permit Providence to continue its growth toward prosperity, recognizing at the same time that prudence in fiscal affairs requires retrenching costs wherever possible to achieve thrift and economy.

I submit this budget for your consideration believing that you will find that it meets the goals which I have cited, and will produce for the citizens of our city a maximum of services and benefits at a minimum cost consistent with the high standards to which our citizens have become accustomed.

Respectfully,

Walter H. Reynolds
Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL

AUG 2 1962

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

WALTER H. REYNOLDS
MAYOR

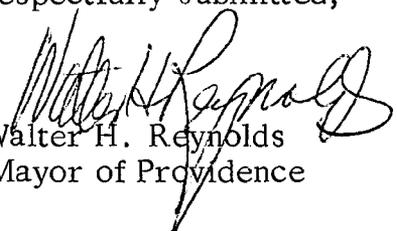
July 26, 1962

To the Honorable the City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 31 and 32 of Chapter 3654 of the Public Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, I have this day appointed Mr. Charles M. Smith of Providence, a member of the Redevelopment Agency, for the ensuing five year term ending on July 31, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,


Walter H. Reynolds
Mayor of Providence

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IN CITY COUNCIL
AUG 2 1962

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THE CITY OF



PROVIDENCE

I, CHARLES M. SMITH, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States
and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge
the duties of the office of*

Member - Redevelopment Agency

to the best of my ability.

Charles M. Smith

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I, Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

do hereby certify that on the 21st day of August, A. D. 1962,

I did administer unto CHARLES M. SMITH

duly appointed to the office of

Member - Redevelopment Agency

the above subscribed oath.

Walter H. Reynolds



CITY OF PROVIDENCE
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

WALTER H. REYNOLDS
MAYOR

July 26, 1962

To the Honorable the City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5,
Chapter 2255 of the Public Laws of 1935, I have this day appointed
Mr. Cornelius J. Mulcahy of Providence as a Commissioner of
the Housing Authority, for the ensuing five year term ending on
July 11, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Reynolds
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Mayor of Providence

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE - RHODE ISLAND - Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

The Public Service Engineer

Peter J. Hicks, Jr.
Public Service Engineer

112 Union St., Providence 3, R. I.

July 10, 1962

Mr. D. Everett Whelan
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Whelan:

I enclose herewith the bill of the Narragansett Electric Company for the month of June, 1962, for the street lighting of the City of Providence.

The total net amount of the bill is \$40,076.26.

Very truly yours,


Peter J. Hicks, Jr.
PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

PJH, JR:iat

IN CITY COUNCIL
AUG 2 1962

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE - RHODE ISLAND - Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ROGER T. CHANDLER
Traffic Engineer
JOHN I. LOGAN
Assistant Traffic Engineer

147 Fountain Street
Providence 3, R. I.

July 24, 1962

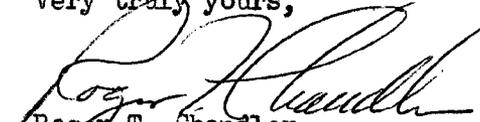
Honorable City Council
City Hall
Providence, R.I.

Gentlemen:

We have completed our investigation of your request for a study of traffic conditions at the intersections of Fruit Hill Avenue and Manton Avenue and Chalkstone Avenue and Manton Avenue.

Our studies show that although there are significant volumes of traffic on both Manton Avenue and Chalkstone Avenue, operating conditions at these intersections are reasonably good. Both intersections also have good accident records. In view of this we do not recommend the installation of additional traffic controls at either of these intersections at this time. However, we have added the intersection of Chalkstone Avenue and Manton Avenue to our crosswalk painting schedule to be painted during the current painting season.

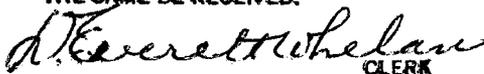
Very truly yours,


Roger T. Chandler
Traffic Engineer

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REPORT OF THE CITY MESSENGER

For the month of **J U N E**
1962

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Providence:

Complying with the provisions of the City Ordinances the undersigned reports to your honorable body the following statement of "the expenditures and liabilities incurred in the care and superintendence of the City Hall and adjacent sidewalks," for the months of

For lighting City Hall,.....	\$ 953.67
" power,.....	250.98
" fuel,.....	477.01
" pay-roll of clerks, engineer, fireman, janitors, elevator men, watchman, etc.,.....	1,183.96
" supplies,.....	463.76
" salary of City Sergeant and Deputy,.....	7,920.86
" new furniture,.....	
" furnishings and repairs,.....	
" telephone service, excess calls.....	2,877.31
Rental - 112 Union Street	1,000.00
	<u>\$15,127.55</u>

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Deverett Wheelan
CLERK

Respectfully submitted,

Def City Sergeant *H. C. Corman*
Acting as City Messenger.



CITY OF PROVIDENCE - F ISLAND - Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

JOHN J. CASHMAN
Finance Director

City Hall, Providence 3

July 31, 1962

To the Honorable the City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 832 of the Public Laws of 1940, as amended by the Providence Finance Act of 1945, I have this day appointed Anthony J. DeNicola of Providence as City Purchasing Agent of the City of Providence.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Cashman
John J. Cashman
Finance Director

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H. Everett Wheeler
CLERK

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**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
PROVIDENCE, R. I.**

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

THE CITY OF



PROVIDENCE

I, ANTHONY J. DeNICOLA, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States
and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge
the duties of the office of*

CITY PURCHASING AGENT

to the best of my ability.

Anthony J. De Nicola

I, Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

do hereby certify that on the 1st *day of* August, *A. D. 19* 62,

I did administer unto Anthony J. DeNicola

duly appointed to the office of

City Purchasing Agent

the above subscribed oath.

Walter H. Reynolds