

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 388

Approved JULY 10, 2007

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has adopted a budget for fiscal year 2008 that has effectively cut the amount the State will provide to fund public schools in the City of Providence and all Rhode Island municipalities as compared with the prior fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The reduction of education funding by the State of Rhode Island has widened the Providence School Department budget gap by \$6 million; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has not provided a predictable school aid formula to cities and towns for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council and the General Assembly's Joint Committee to Establish a Permanent Education Foundation Aid Formula have both recently issued reports proposing school aid formulas that remove the heavy reliance on local property taxes and the creation of adequate and predictable school aid funding; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence School Department has the largest and most diverse student population of any school district in Rhode Island, with nearly 25,000 students enrolled; 88 percent from "minority" backgrounds, with over 94 countries and 49 languages represented in the student population; and 30 percent of students receiving English Language Learning services; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 80 percent of Providence school children live in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Over 5,000 students (20 percent) in Providence schools are identified as having disabilities and receive special education services; and

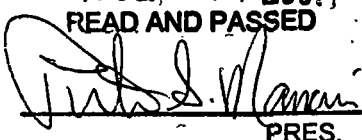
WHEREAS, Due to the specialized student needs and unique challenges faced in Providence's urban school district, the State's reduction of education funding will create undue hardship and deprive Providence students from adequate resources necessary to achieve a basic education.

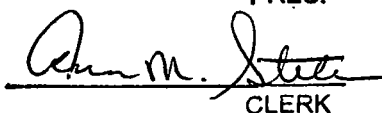
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1) That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby authorize the hiring of outside legal counsel to work in conjunction with the City Solicitor to advise the City Council in the investigation and preparation of legal action against the State of Rhode Island, including Governor Donald L. Carcieri, the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Rhode Island Commissioner of Education, and the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, seeking adequate, fair, equitable and predictable state funding for primary and secondary education in the City of Providence, and

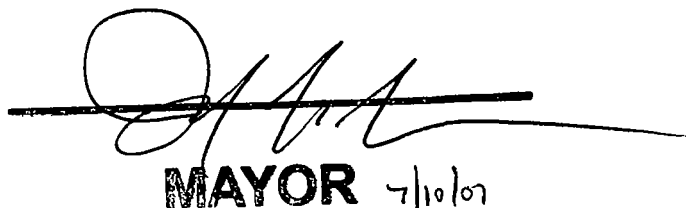
2) That the City Council does hereby authorize the expenditure of not more than \$75,000.00 for said legal counsel.

CITY COUNCIL
JULY 5, 2007
READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

APPROVED


MAYOR 7/10/07

Councilman Igliozi, Council President Mancini, Councilmen Hassett, Tejada, Wood, Aponte, Deluca, Jackson, Luna, Narducci, Solomon, Councilwoman Young
and Councilman Yurdin

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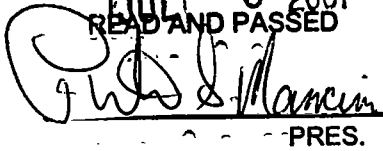
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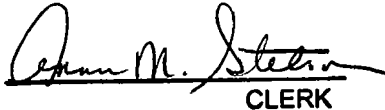
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RESOLVED, That that prior to the disbursement of Master Lease funds to the Providence Public Library in the amount of \$250,000.00, that the City Council hereby requests these funds be used to increase branch services and not for capital repairs.

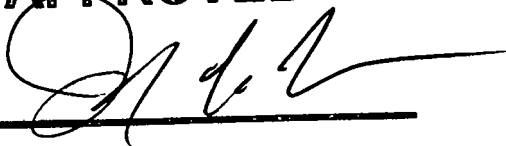
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MAYOR

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Councilman Solomon, By Request, Council President Mancini, Councilmen Aponte, Deluca, Hassett, Iglioizzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Luna, Narducci, Tejada, Wood
and Yurdin, Councilwomen DiRuzzo and Young

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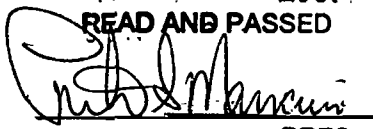
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WHEREAS, The City of Providence is required by Rhode Island State Law to undertake a property revaluation every three (3) years; and

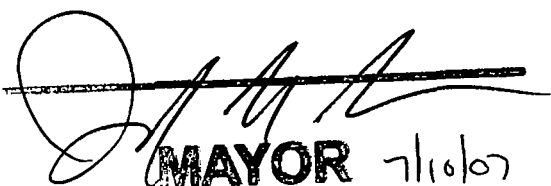
WHEREAS, The City of Providence has complied with such requirement in completing a revaluation of all property subjected to such revaluation; and


WHEREAS, There are city residents who, in the interest of protecting any and all rights associated with the 2006 revaluation, need to be granted a reasonable opportunity to protest, if necessary, the conclusion of the revaluation.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby authorizes the extension of the deadline for appealing the 2006 revaluation to July 6, 2007, and further, that the City Council shall not act on the implementation of such revaluation before July 6, 2007, by the city contracted firm.

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THE COMMITTEE ON
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Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

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Councilmen Hassett, Igliozi, Council President Mancini, Councilmen Aponte, Deluca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Jackson, Lombardi, Luna, Narducci, Solomon, Tejada, Councilwoman Young and Councilman Yurdin