

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

---

No. 21 City Council Special Meeting, Thursday, September 23, 1999, 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

---

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. LOMBARDI

ROLL CALL

**Present:** Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aponte, Butler, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiRuzzo, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozzi, Jackson, Mancini, Councilwomen Romano and Williams—12.

**Absent:** Councilman Clarkin, Councilwomen Nolan and Young—3.

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 21 1999

APPROVED:

497

*Richard R. Clement*

CLERK

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCIL-  
WOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS.

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

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH DeLUCA leads  
the members of the City Council and the  
Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to  
the Flag of the United States of America.

## CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI

Request filed with the City Clerk September  
21, 1999, requesting a Special Meeting of the  
Providence City Council be called on the 23rd  
Day of September 1999 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.  
(E.D.T.)

September 21, 1999

Honorable Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk  
City Hall

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Clement:

In accordance with the provisions of Section  
406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of  
1980, I am this day calling a Special Meeting  
of the City Council to be held on Thursday, the  
23rd day of September 1999 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.  
in the City Council Chamber, City Hall for the  
purpose of acting upon the following:

Communication from His Honor, Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., dated September 8, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 17-27 of the Code of Ordinances, he hereby transmits and requests ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City of Providence and the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1033,

Laborers' International Union of North America (L.I.U.N.A.), with an effective term of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. LOMBARDI  
*City Council President*

Received.

## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

The City Clerk reads the following Warrant with the City Sergeant's return endorsed thereon, certifying that he did notify the Members of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be held the 23rd day of September 1999, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall.

September 21, 1999

*To Ralph Guglielmino, City Sergeant:*

Whereas, Council President John J. Lombardi has, pursuant to Section 406 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, requested the City Clerk, in writing, to call a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on the 23rd day of September, A.D., 1999, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of enacting the following:

Communication from His Honor, Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., dated September 8, 1999,

Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 17-27 of the Code of Ordinances, he hereby transmits and requests ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City of Providence and the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1033, Laborers' International Union of North America (L.I.U.N.A.), with an effective term of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001.

You are therefore, hereby commanded and required to summon each Member of the City Council to that Special Meeting, as Called.

*Hereof, Fail Not*, and make true return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal of the City of Providence, State of Rhode and Providence Plantations this 21st Day of September, A.D., 1999.

**MICHAEL R. CLEMENT**  
*City Clerk*

August 21, 1999

I, Ralph Guglielmino, City Sergeant, do hereby certify that I have notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 23, 1999 at 7:00 o'clock in the Chamber of the City Council,

City Hall, Providence, in accordance with the subject warrant by delivering to each member, a copy thereof.

**RALPH GUGLIELMINO**  
*City Sergeant*

**Received.**

## COMMUNICATION

Communication from His Honor, Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., dated September 8, 1999, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 17-27 of the Code of Ordinances, he hereby transmits and requests ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the City of Providence and the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1033, Laborers' International Union of North

America (L.I.U.N.A.), with an effective term of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001.

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

**The motion to Receive and Refer is Sustained.**

## PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"I would like to acknowledge a very special event that is going to happen at 9:26 tonight that Mayor "Buddy" Vincent Cianci, Jr., will

be serving as the longest Mayor of the City of Providence. Since we are having this special Council meeting, I think it is only appropriate that we talk about a very special Mayor. I am very excited about that. I am excited that he is the longest serving Mayor. I am excited about the fact about everything that he has been doing. I am excited about everything that is going on in Providence and I really feel that we are at a very special time in the City of Providence coming upon the Millennium that we have someone who is so dedicated and so committed to the City of Providence and its neighborhoods, and who is willing to extend, work with and be a friend . . . at least I know the people in my neighborhood, and I know people in some of my colleagues neighborhoods, and a guy is simply not just a Mayor, but he is basically the people's Mayor. I think it is a great thing. Last night we had an event. This morning we had an event, and high marks to the presentations to the people that were there and I think we should all take a moment to reflect on that we are actually witnessing history, and we should all be proud of that fact. The people who have been involved in city politics for many years, and people who have been involved in city politics for just a few years were working with someone who is making history and who has made history and who will make history. I want to commend the Mayor. I am proud that he is the Mayor of Providence, and I am proud that I support him, and I am glad that he is going to be Mayor into the next Millennium, and I am proud that he has already stated that he is going to run for reelection, and I give him my thumbs up, and my vote of approval because I think it is a great thing for all of us, a great thing for Providence and a great thing for our neighborhood. With that said, thank you Mr. President and Honorable Body."

**COUNCILWOMAN DiRUZZO requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a point of personal expression and states:**

"I want to echo some of the comments that were made in regard to the present Mayor, Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., who will, after 9:00 o'clock p.m. this evening, have completed 19 years of service to the city. He is an incredible person, say what you wish, think what you wish, we all have our personal opinions, but he has really been an outstanding Mayor for the city. He has put Providence on the map. There has been such a distinct change in all the years that he has been Mayor, and I have served right along with him. He has served for 19 years and I have served the City of Providence for 27 years. Ten as a School Committee person, four as Chair of the School Committee and 17 years on the City Council, so I kind of watched him grow up. We grew up in the same neighborhood, the City of Cranston, Laurel Hill Avenue. I knew him when he was small, he and his sister Carol and his brother-in-law. We all grew up in Silver Lake. Even Trafficante, he is the former Mayor of Cranston. We were just one big community. So I have watched him progress as Assistant Attorney General, and then as Mayor of the City of Providence, and I must say that I am very proud of what he has done for the city. We all have our positive things and our negative things, and we all have to see our goodness, and this is the way God wants it. You must see the goodness in things that people do. I see a lot of goodness in what he has done. People in my neighborhood and all over the City of Providence, all over the North-east coast. I don't care where I go, breakfast, lunchtime, dinner, bedtime, all you hear are comments about what a wonderful job the Mayor has done in the City of Providence. I want to compliment him, I did so this morning

at his breakfast, I was happy to be there. I am glad that the Chamber of Commerce did have this breakfast to honor his 19 years of service. As we all know, it is no easy task serving in elected office. We don't all do everything right, we don't all do everything wrong. So it's a lot of stress, a lot of giving up your personal life. A lot of marrying your job. You marry your job

is what you do. That is why I am not married. I am married to my jobs. So congratulations to Mayor Cianci once again for the fine job he has done for the City of Providence. I wish him the very best of luck in years to come."

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN ALLEN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 7:25 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

*Michael R. Clement*

City Clerk



September 23]

504

[1999