

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 50 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 15, 1988, 7:30 P.M. (E.S.T.)

IN CITY COUNCIL

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PRESIDING

APPROVED:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

NICHOLAS W. EASTON

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilman Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fargnoli, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, O'Connor, Rollins and Stravato—12.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Farmer and Petrosinelli—3.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILMAN
DAVID G. DILLON.

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

COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRAS-
SIL leads the Members of the City Council
and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Alle-
giance to the Flag of the United States of
America.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Journal of Proceedings No. 49 of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council held
December 1, 1988 and Posted December 9,
1988 on that Bulletin Board located on the
Ground Floor Level of City Hall, is Approved
as Printed, on motion of COUNCILMAN
GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN
FARGNOLI.

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication, dated November 30, 1988, Informing the Honorable City Council that Pursuant to Sections 302 (b) and 1101 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, He is this Day Appointing Edward F. Burke of 47 Lyndhurst Avenue, Providence, R.I. as a Member of the Water Supply Board for a Term Expiring in January of 1989.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
Providence, Rhode Island

November 30, 1988

The Honorable Members
The City Council of the
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302 (b) and 1101 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I am this day appointing Edward F. Burke of 47 Lyndhurst Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as a member of the Water Supply Board for a term expiring in January of 1989, fulfilling the unexpired term of George Calcagni who has resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.
Mayor of Providence

Received.

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

FROM CITY CONTROLLER:

Street Lighting Bill from Narragansett Electric Company for November, 1988, in the Amount of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$114,993.74).

Approved, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Council-

man Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilman Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, O'Connor, Rollins and Stravato—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Farmer and Petrosinelli—3.

The motion for Approval, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON and
COUNCILMAN ROLLINS:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of and in Addition to Section 54, Article V, of Chapter 544 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "An Ordinance Zoning the City of Providence and Establishing Use, Height, and Area Regulations", as Approved September 21, 1951.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE STRAVATO, COUNCILMAN ANNALDO, COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL, COUNCILMAN COLA, COUNCILMAN DILLON, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, COUNCILMAN FARMER, COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI, COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR, COUNCILMAN PETROSINELLI and COUNCILMAN ROLLINS:

Resolution of the City Council Extending their Congratulations to Councilman and Mrs. Donald J. Lopes upon the Birth of their Grandchild, Ronald Steven Machado, Jr.

Whereas, At 12:24 A.M. on December 3, 1988 nine pound five ounce Ronald Steven Machado, Jr. became Providence's newest citizen, and

Whereas, Ronald is the son of Ronald and Lynette Machado and the grandson of Danny and

Marilyn Lopes, our eminent colleague from the Third Ward, and

Whereas, The two council members who made up the "Class of 1986" have often been known to seek one another's counsel on political matters as well as the advice of our esteemed City Clerk, but it seems that these days have as much talk in the City Clerk's Office about grandchildren, as there is about city government,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Members of the City Council extend sincere congratulations to the proud parents, Ron and Lynette Machado along with best wishes for continued good fortune.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN BRASSIL (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to cause the Installation of a Bus Shelter along 244 Weybosset Street.

Resolved, That the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority is requested to cause the Installation of a Bus Shelter along 244 Weybosset Street.

COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI (By Request):

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the Lumen to be Increased on Poles Numbered 4, 64, 66 and 74, located along Pleasant Valley Parkway.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the Lumen to be Increased on Poles Numbered 4, 64, 66 and 74, located along Pleasant Valley Parkway.

Resolution requesting the Narragansett Electric Company to cause Pole No. 66 located along Pleasant Valley Parkway, to be Replaced.

Resolved, That the Narragansett Electric Company is requested to cause Pole No. 66 located along Pleasant Valley Parkway, to be Replaced, it having been damaged by a vehicle.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, COUNCILMAN DILLON and COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI (By Request):

Resolution Adopting the "City of Providence Affirmative Action Plan" as the Official Equal Opportunity Policy by which All City Personnel Operations shall be Governed.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN LOPES and COUNCILMAN ROLLINS (By Request):

Resolution requesting His Honor the Mayor, to Convey Eighteen Parcels of Land, located in Mount Hope Walkway, to the Providence Redevelopment Agency, for the Sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) for Each Lot.

Resolved, That His Honor, the Mayor is hereby authorized to convey the following parcels of land located in Mount Hope Walkway to the Providence Redevelopment Agency, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) each lot:

Address	Plat	Lot
33 York Street	5	16
43 Evergreen Street	5	32
68 Grandview Street	5	201
26 Wilkins Street	5	198
137 Knowles Street	5	209
Knowles Street	5	190
Knowles Street	5	477
121 Knowles Street	5	358
117 Knowles Street	5	375
115 Knowles Street	5	194
Knowles Street	5	171
92 Abbott Street	5	265

<i>Address</i>	<i>Plat</i>	<i>Lot</i>
100 Abbott Street	5	177
101 Abbott Street	5	247
Cypress Street	5	461
Duncan Avenue	5	417
41 Paddleford	5	116
Western Street	5	114

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilman Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fagnoli, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, O'Connor, Rollins and Stravato—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Farmer and Petrosinelli—3.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to Order the Street Lights along Evergreen Street, from Ivy Street to North Main Street, to be Upgraded.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to Order the Street Lights along Evergreen Street, from Ivy Street to North Main Street, to be Upgraded.

Resolution requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to Order the Installation of a Stanchion and Street Light on Pole No. 2, located along Evergreen Street.

Resolved, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to Order the Installation of a Stanchion and Street Light on Pole No. 2, located along Evergreen Street.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause the Sidewalk along 148 Rochambeau Avenue, to be Repaired.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause the Sidewalk along 148 Rochambeau Avenue, to be Repaired.

Resolution requesting the Director of Public Works to cause Methyl, Eighth, Ogden, Sixth Streets and Overhill Road, from Hope Street to Lorimer Avenue, to be Repaved.

Resolved, That the Director of Public Works is requested to cause Methyl, Eighth, Ogden, Sixth Streets and Overhill Road, from Hope Street to Lorimer Avenue, to be Repaved.

COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON and COUNCILMAN DILLON:

Resolution of the City Council Extending Their Sincere Best Wishes to Frederick Clements for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from His recent Illness.

Resolved, That the City Council Extends Their Sincere Best Wishes to Frederick Clements for a Complete and Speedy Recovery from His recent Illness.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
STRAVATO and COUNCILMAN LOPES
(By Request):**

Resolution of the City Council Approving the Providence Housing Authority's Replacement Housing Plan and Application for the Demolition of 32 Units of Public Housing contained within Four Buildings on Barry Road, Providence, Rhode Island.

Whereas, It is not feasible for the Providence Housing Authority to include 32 dwelling units within four buildings on Barry Road in its proposed program of comprehensive modernization at the Hartford Park Public Housing Project because of applicable development limits, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will be exceeded, and

Whereas, The physical condition of the Barry Road area is overcrowded and adverse to the health, safety and welfare of Project residents, and

Whereas, It is the intention of the Housing Authority to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing and to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and requirements, and

Whereas, The Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR 970.8) requires a statement from the unit of general local government in which the project is located, indicating approval of the Authority's

replacement plan for units proposed for demolition, and

Whereas, The Housing Authority's replacement plan calls for the construction of thirty two new public housing units within the Hartford Park Development on land currently occupied by three high-rise buildings previously approved for demolition, and

Whereas, The Housing Authority has certified that: (1) the relocation resources for displaced families shall be decent, safe, sanitary and affordable, (2) no demolition shall take place until all displaced tenants have been successfully relocated, unless there is to be staged relocation and staged demolition, and (3) the Authority's action is in compliance with applicable civil rights laws and compliance agreements,

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby approves the Providence Housing Authority's replacement housing plan and application for the demolition of 32 units of public housing contained within four buildings on Barry Road, Providence, Rhode Island.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed,
on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN,
seconded by COUNCILWOMAN
FARGNOLI.**

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COUNCILMAN THOMAS M. GLAVIN, Chairman COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

Resolution requesting the Secretary of the Zoning, Building and Housing Boards of Review to Clarify Notices Transmitted to People regarding Public Hearings.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Zoning, Building and Housing Boards of Review is hereby requested to clarify the notices transmitted to the owners of property in our City so that they will

clearly understand the request presented to the various Boards.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN EVELYN V. FARGNOLI, Chairwoman COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved for Cancellation:

Certificates from the City Assessor (27-R, 2-S, 4-S, 5-S, 6-S, 8-S, 9-S and 12-S), 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 Approved for Cancellation, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Easton, Councilman Annaldo, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilman Dillon, Councilwomen DiRuzzo, Fargnoli, Councilmen Glavin, Lombardi, Lopes, O'Connor, Rollins and Stravato—12.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmen Cola, Farmer and Petrosinelli—3.

The motion to Approve for Cancellation, is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition of Downing Corporation, Submitted by Its Attorneys, Adler, Pollack and Sheehan, Incorporated, Requesting Permission to Construct and Maintain a Pedestrian Bridge Over and Across South Street, Connecting a Building Known as the Coro Building on Lot 244, Plat 21, to a Parking Garage on Lot 186, Plat 21.

Referred to the Committee on Public Works, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Mary Addeo

Allstate Insurance Co. as subrogee of Barbara Sgambato

Allstate Insurance Co. as subrogee of J. P. Warden

Erminio Cardi

The Diocese of R.I. and the Episcopal Housing Foundation of R.I.

Anthony Comella

Dionne E. Dubose

Daniel Harrington

Michael Leonard p.p.a. Eleanor Leonard

Robin Lopes a.k.a. Shakira Abdu Al-Wadood

Rosemarie Marco

Joan Zarra

Severally Referred to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion to Refer, is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"In Memoriam"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON and the MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL:

Resolution extending Sympathy.

Resolved, That the Sympathy of the Members of the City Council is hereby expressed to the families of the following:

Harold Kelman

Carrie Husband

Peter W. Lawson

Carmela Pillozzi

Angelina Nigri

Peter DiDomenico

Albina DiChiara

Antonetta Carnevale

Anthony Lucidi

Elvira A. DaPonte

Louis M. Kornstein

Gordon B. Simmons

Biagio M. Maggiacomo

John Bordieri

Joseph Lanfredi, Jr.

Mary H. Burns

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN STRAVATO and COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, it is Voted to Suspend Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council in Order to Allow the Introduction of the following Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE
COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DiRUZZO, Chairwoman
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL AND PLANNING**

Transmits the following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

Resolution Renaming the Dudley Street Recreational Center as the Davey Lopes Recreational Complex.

Read and Passed, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI.

Resolved, That the Dudley Street Recreational Center be Renamed the Davey Lopes Recreational Complex.

The motion for Passage, is Sustained.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR requests and is Granted the Floor to Speak on Personal Privilege.

COUNCILMAN O'CONNOR: This is my last

Council Meeting and I would like to say it has been an honor to serve with all of you. I will sincerely miss each and every one of you — Godspeed to you and all your families and Happy Holidays.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON RELINQUISHES
THE CHAIR**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE STRAVATO IN THE CHAIR

COUNCILMAN GLAVIN: As we know, tonight is our esteemed colleague, Thomas F. O'Connor, Jr.'s last official Meeting as a member of the Providence City Council and it would be remiss on my part if I did not say a few words. Very briefly, it has been a pleasure to serve ten years with Tom O'Connor and over that time since we began our tenure there has been respect among our colleagues. At that time, it was not the most peaceful time on this body. It was a different administration and different personalities and the City was faced with many problems. We had far to go to understand many of those problems we first addressed ten years ago. Many have been addressed or alleviated and in some way, Tom O'Connor had a hand in addressing those issues.

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of attending a conference with Tom O'Connor and we roomed together for five or six days in San Antonio, Texas. We got to know each other better than we did before. We learned many things and brought them back to the City of Providence and learned some things about each other. Tom is one of the more dynamic people on the council and I mean that in every sense of the word, he has been a leader in many ways. He was Chairman of the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning for many years and did an outstanding job in that capacity. I will miss Tom on the City Council and hope that he will stay in City Government, he has a lot to contribute. His dedication is his single most important quality.

All of us will miss him but do welcome his replacement, who will have the same enthusiasm as Tom O'Connor.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues, I wish Tom and his wife Donna and family, health and happiness and good things in the future.

COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO: I would be remiss if I did not say a few words. I met Tom sixteen years ago when I was appointed to the Providence School Committee. I missed him on the School Committee when he left and I will miss him on the council. He has served the City well in all his years on the Council and on the School Committee for the Betterment of the community and the people. He has served as an exemplar for his community and I know he will continue his diligence for as long as he lives in the City of Providence.

We will all miss his presence on the City Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT EASTON: I don't think anyone will be surprised when I tell you this is the most difficult evening on my job. I don't think anyone has had a closer relationship or benefitted more than my association with Tom O'Connor.

I have spent some time over the recent weeks to thank Tom for what he has done for the City, but it is not possible.

We are all familiar with Tom's qualities and what he brings to the services of the City of Providence. He has proven himself as a person of tremendous political skill.

He has been the ultimate gentleman on this body as well as being intelligent and honest. His sincerity and devotion to his community and family has been exemplary. (He refers to a library in Councilman O'Connor's home).

I got the closest when we went through the tax crisis. We all (names Finance Committee members at that time) realized the enormity of the issues we were dealing with and that we had to come

to a conclusion. (He refers to former Mayor Cianci and the City Council).

Tom O'Connor always knew what to do every day when we went through that crises. He said we made a decision, we knew what we had to do and we will do it.

Of the things he is most proud, they are his family, community, his nationality and his service as a Marine.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE STRAVATO: It has been a pleasure serving with him and I wish him and his family the best in the years to come and with the new year.

COUNCILMAN ROLLINS: It has been a pleasure serving with Councilman O'Connor for the past two years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of COUNCILMAN GLAVIN, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI, the City Council adjourns at 8:15 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) to meet again on THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1989 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

Rose M. Mandonca

City Clerk

