

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

JULY 29, 1996

The Committee on Public Works meets this day at 6:00 o'clock P.M.,
Committee Room "A", City Clerk's Department, City Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Clarkin, Vice-Chairman DeLuca, Councilwoman
Williams and Councilman Allen.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Young.

Also present are Patricia McLaughlin, Deputy City Solicitor; Andrew M.
Teitz, Attorney, Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd.; Nancy E. O'Connell, Regional
Counsel for the General Services Administration; Barbara A. Poirier, Second
Deputy City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

**PETITION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF MEMORIAL SQUARE,
ALSO KNOWN AS FULTON STREET AND FORMERLY KNOWN
AS POST OFFICE SQUARE.**

CHAIRMAN CLARKIN: We have all the correspondence I take it. Is there
any problem with this?

PATRICIA MC LAUGHLIN: There doesn't seem to be.

ANDREW TEITZ: I received a letter today from Public Works and we had
not yet seen that. As been stated we don't have any problem with any of the
conditions other than the questions of the payment of the sum of money and we
have already discussed and Ms. O'Connell can discuss the parking. The parking
has been there for a while and this is a recommendation but this isn't something
that the city is going to be getting money that they are going to be losing which is
a potential or a fund that is not there now so it is not something that they are going
to be losing and mainly the fact that this is a public use. I think the events this
weekend in Atlanta brought forward that society is getting more and more
dangerous and this will be something that will be for the safety of not just the
people who work in the court house but for those people that use it every day.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: I just want to make sure I understand
where it is. Is it behind the Federal Building?

CHAIRMAN CLARKIN: It is facing Memorial Square.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS: And that is being abandoned?

CHAIRMAN CLARKIN: Currently and basically in all things except
officially it has been abandoned. It is being used now for the judges parking and
prisoner exchange and all this is doing is legalizing something of existence right

now. For the last ten to twenty years it has been used for parking for the Chief Judge of the court, members and prisoners. What they are looking for now is they want to enclose that so that prisoner exchange can be more safe.

PATRICIA MC LAUGHLIN: I would like to point out on page two subsection seven in the event that the land subject to abandonment is no longer used for governmental purposes; the land shall automatically revert to, without the need for any other action by the City of Providence, to the City of Providence. I just want to make sure there is no problem with that.

NANCY O'CONNELL: The reverter is something we are perfectly comfortable with and we seek no use for this except parking for the Federal Building and hopefully that would go some distance to midigate the concern about lost meter revenues. Should we not use it exactly as we are requesting for the use tonight we would be perfectly happy to include a reversionary provision so that the city gets title back.

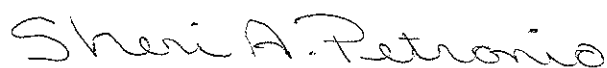
CHAIRMAN CLARKIN: Let's just get into the one thing that Public Works has in here about parking revenues. There has never been any parking revenue from that area so I think that is a good cause. Is anyone willing to move this?

COUNCILMAN DE LUCA: Yes, my reasoning to support this proposal is that this is basically a current public use to other public use and it is not being transferred to any private party. Since it is going to continue to be public use I am going to make a motion to waive the recommended fee for the transfer of this property that Public Works has recommended and move passage to transfer this parcel for zero dollars.

On motion of Councilman DeLuca, seconded by Councilman Allen, it is voted to pass the foregoing Petition.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman Allen, seconded by Councilman DeLuca, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 o'clock P.M.


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