

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

FEBRUARY 27, 1986

The Committee on Finance meets this day at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Present: Chairwoman Brassil, Councilmen Dillon and Glavin.

Subsequently Councilwoman Fagnoli joins the Committee.

Also present are Director of Administration Simmons, City Internal Auditor Woerner, Alex Prignano of the Finance Department and Councilwoman DiRuzzo. (Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk)

REQUEST OF JUNCTION HUMAN SERVICE CORPORATION FOR FUNDING.

Mike Major and several representatives from Junction House are present.

Chairwoman Brassil explains she has received a communication from Mike Major, Executive Director of the Junction Human Service Corporation requesting to be heard concerning a contribution from the City in the amount of \$23,400.

She reminds the members that when Mr. Major met with the members last year and they granted his request, he was told it would be the last and to look elsewhere for the funding as they did not want to start annually to fund various organizations.

She has received several requests from Council people and former Council people to hear the proposal. She does not know where the money will come from.

Mr. Major states they appreciate the opportunity to come before the Committee. Last year they were instructed to go to MOCD and Procap, which they did and had no luck with either agency. They expressed cutbacks-no growth. They went to the Mayor's Office to find out what they could do and were instructed to come before this Committee.

Chairwoman Brassil explains to the members money is not funded to the Corporation out of the general operating budget, the Finance Committee did for three years in a row but last year the Committee told them no more.

Questioned by Councilman Dillon as to the amount needed, Mr. Major states \$23,400 is needed. Their funding begins July 1, 1985.

Mr. Major explains that they service up to 800 people from the City of Providence. They run the City of Providence outpatient alcoholic and drug treatment program. An adolescent and day care program, a tutorial program, job training to enter people into vocational schools etc.

Mr. Major continues on informing the members of the numerous services they provide.

He states they are not just a social service agency, they are licensed by the Department of Health and Retardation. They are a professional agency and duly licensed as such, not a typical social care program.

Chairwoman Brassil states there is no doubt they are a fine organization.

Mr. Major continues on stating they have an 8,500 sq. ft. building under construction on Elmwood Avenue. The money is State and Federal Bond money.

Three years ago the Federal Government indicated the local government should support this type of program such as theirs and they feel 5¢ on \$1.00 is not out of line.

One of their programs is located in the South Providence area. It is the only minority alcoholic and drug treatment program.

Mr. Major informs the Committee, he has never requested funds from the City prior to the federal government mandate to seek local support.

They have appropriated \$500,000 each year. It is a match between State and Federal Government. The State of Rhode Island has come forth and supported this program.

Their new building on Hartford Avenue will be done on April 30th. It has been under construction since the middle of December.

In 1977, Time Magazine cited the Corporation, it is a unique program and may well be the only one in the nation. It was a priority with the administration in terms of funding. There is a long term commitment 95% of the budget is a match between the federal and state government. Three years ago they asked the Corporation to go local for 5%.

They have received a grant from a private foundation for the work they do in South Providence in the amount of \$5,000. They worked with the population for one and one half years.

He continues on and states they opened the office on Broad Street as part of their alternate program and people were coming in off the streets to get warm and they found they had alcoholics and drug addicts.

They have cross referrals with Providence Mental Health.

Chairwoman Brassil questions whether they have ever requested funding from the School Department to which Mr. Major responds they

presently received \$3,967 from the School Department.

Councilwoman Fargnoli joins the Committee at this time.

Considerable discussion ensues and Councilwoman DiRuzzo questions as to why they have a deficit to which Mr. Major responds they are to come up with a 5% match in state and federal funds and through the course of the year they have to come up with that money. There is a deficit of \$14,000 projected, to go as high as \$28,000. They are taking steps to curtail that. They are not a member agency of United Way.

Questioned by Councilman Dillon as to whether they have received anything from other foundations, Mr. Major states they have from the R.I. Foundation for furnishings for the new facility.

He continues to explain their functions and informs the members they work with the very young. It is a prevention agency and a treatment agency. Their rate of success is much higher. They can work with young children and see success much more readily in the young than with a person who is much older.

When they deal with hard core people, they refer them to the proper agencies.

Questioned by Councilwoman Fargnoli as to how clients are referred to their agency, Mr. Major responds they come from any city or state agency such as schools, police, self referrals, friends and family members. Their staff has been with them for many years. They have a network of referrals. The Superior Court program refers first offenders and if they go to them for treatment, they can eliminate this from their records.

Chairwoman Brassil questions as to the cost of Administration out of the \$500,000 to which Mr. Major responds they are limited to 25%.

Chairwoman Brassil reads a communication from Representative Alfred W. Cardente in which he informs he wholeheartedly supports the Agency's request for a 5% budget match. He states that over the past thirteen years, they have operated numerous social and health services which include - an adolescent daycare facility and the State's largest outpatient facility.

Chairwoman Brassil suggests that next year Mr. Major go to the School Department and request they put the money in their budget as a match.

Mr. Simmons requests he be allowed to review this request and at the next meeting come back with something.

On motion of Councilman Glavin, seconded by Councilwoman Fargnoli, the request is continued.

The representatives of the Junction House are excused at this time.

REQUEST OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, WANDA GRACE - POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chairwoman Brassil states the request of Wanda Grace, Control Center Operator for a Leave of Absence from January 22, 1986 to April 19, 1986 with pay has this day been submitted.

Mr. Simmons states the request is made with pay due to the serious illness Ms. Grace has. She has been operated on for a brain tumor.

Although it is unusual to request the leave with pay, it is due to serious circumstances involved a person must be employed five years or they cannot have extended sick leave.

On motion of Councilwoman Fagnoli, seconded by Councilman Glavin, it is voted to approve the request of Wanda Grace for the Leave of Absence, which the department head has recommended.

REQUEST OF MATTHEW ZITO, EMPLOYED IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Chairwoman Brassil states the request of Matthew Zito, employed in the Law Department for a leave of absence, with pay, from March 3, 1986 to May 31, 1986 has this day been submitted.

Mr. Simmons states the request with pay is for the same reasons stated in the prior request, with the exception of the reason. Mr. Zito has had an acute myocardial infarction.

On motion of Councilman Glavin, seconded by Councilwoman Fagnoli, the request of Matthew Zito for a Leave of Absence, which has been recommended by his department head, is approved.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 40 OF CHAPTER 1985-85, AS APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSES OF POSITIONS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CLASSES IN THE CITY DEPARTMENTS", RELATIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - MUNICIPAL DOCKS.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1985-86, APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE", RELATIVE TO THE PARKS-OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 44 AND 45 OF CHAPTER 1985-85, AS APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSES OF POSITIONS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CLASSES IN THE CITY DEPARTMENTS", RELATIVE TO OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS ZOOLOGICAL AND SECURITY SERVICES.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1985-86, APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE", RELATIVE TO PARKS - OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND PARKS - ZOOLOGICAL AND SECURITY SERVICES.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 58 OF CHAPTER 1985-86, AS APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSES OF POSITIONS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CLASSES IN THE CITY DEPARTMENTS",

RELATIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1985-86, APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE", RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 49 CHAPTER 1985-85, APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSES OF POSITIONS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CLASSES IN THE CITY DEPARTMENTS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1985-70, APPROVED JUNE 25, 1985, AS AMENDED, RELATIVE TO RECORDER OF DEEDS.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1985-86, APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE", RELATIVE TO THE RECORDER OF DEEDS.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1985-86, APPROVED NOVEMBER 27, 1985, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE", RELATIVE TO THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

Chairwoman Brassil reads the compensation and classification changes in the Ordinances presented.

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Glavin, the foregoing Ordinances are approved and transmitted to the City Council with recommendation of adoption.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1985-69, APPROVED JUNE 25, 1985 BY TRANSFERRING VARIOUS SUMS OF MONEY WITHIN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AS AMENDED.

Chairwoman Brassil reviews the changes in the appropriation Ordinances presented.

She informs the members it is transferring funds to cover the increases and fringe benefits in the union contract. They are not appropriating a flat percentage in each department, only what is needed.

Mr. Simmons explains in detail.

On motion of Councilman Glavin, seconded by Councilwoman Fargnoli, it is voted to approve the foregoing Ordinance and transmit same to the City Council with recommendation of adoption.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 86-H 7324, PRESENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL SHARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION DIVISION OF TRAFFIC FINES.

Chairwoman Brassil explains the Act and it is voted, on motion of Councilman Glavin, seconded by Councilman Dillon and Councilwoman Fargnoli, to approve the Resolution and transmit same to the City Council with recommendation of adoption.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 86-H 7322, PRESENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, RELATING TO STATE AID TO ROGER WILLIAMS PARK.

On motion of Councilwoman Fargnoli, seconded by Councilman Glavin, it is voted to approve the Resolution and transmit same to the City Council with recommendation of adoption.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 86-H 7322, PRESENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, RELATING TO STATE AID TO ROGER WILLIAMS PARK.

On motion of Councilwoman Fargnoli, seconded by Councilman Glavin, it is voted to transmit same to the City Council with recommendation of adoption.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 86-H 7201, PRESENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM.

On motion of Councilwoman Fargnoli, seconded by Councilman Glavin, it is voted to transmit same to the City Council with recommendation of adoption.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY COLLECTOR TO GIVE A CREDIT OF THE DIFFERENCE TO PROVIDENCE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE FORCED TO PAY A HIGHER PAY RATE FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS TO THE CRANSTON SEWER SYSTEM.

Chairwoman Brassil requests this matter be continued as the Clerk is looking into the problem.

On motion of Councilwoman Fargnoli, seconded by Councilman Glavin, it is voted to continue the foregoing Resolution.

Adjournment. On motion of Councilwoman Fargnoli, seconded by Councilman Glavin, the Committee adjourns at 5:40 o'clock P.M.

Rose M. Mendonca
CLERK

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