

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

JANUARY 31, 1983

The Committee on Finance meets this day at 4:00 o'clock P.M. in Committee Room "A", City Hall.

Present: Chairwoman Brassil, Councilmen Dillon and Easton, Councilwoman Fagnoli and Councilman Farmer.

Also present are Finance Director Baron, City Solicitor Pisaturo and Internal Auditor Woerner. (Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk).

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE II SECTION 15-18 (b), 15-22 (a) AND 15-23 (a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED: "IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES".

Anthony Coletta of Coletta's Downtown Service is present together with Mike Russo of Citizen's Auto Body, Dick Antiello of City Gulf and Steven Serpa of Bay Biew Towing.

Mr. Coletta states the last increase in rates received was in December of 1978.

He speaks of the increase in cost of money to operate the trucks, citing an increase in costs for equipment, trucks, gasoline, etc.

He refers to other cities and towns and the various rates charged for towing.

Chairwoman Brassil states the matter was referred to Chief Mancuso for his review and opinion.

Considerable discussion ensues relative to the requests of the towing firms as submitted by Councilman Stravato and the fact there is no control on the number of firms placed on the towing list.

It is brought out that with the additions to the towing list, it becomes unprofitable.

Councilman Farmer states they can ask the Police Department if they have a procedure to remove a company from the list.

He is of the opinion a problem could arise by communicating with certain towing companies and not all. The City can make its own decision without communicating with the towing firms.

Chairwoman Brassil states they are here to explain the reason the increase is requested.

Councilman Farmer suggests a representative of the Police Department meet with the Committee.

City Solicitor Pisaturo states the City could establish a licensing procedure wherein an applicant can apply to become a

licensed towing company. The requirements can be spelled out and a fee could even be charged.

Mr. Coletta shows a copy of the rules and regulations they have received from the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Chairwoman Brassil suggests the matter be reviewed with the Police Department at the next meeting and the Ordinance and amendments be transmitted to the City Solicitor for drafting.

On motion of Councilwoman Fagnoli, seconded by Councilman Easton and Councilman Farmer, the Ordinance is Postponed Indefinitely in Committee.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 AND 51 OF CHAPTER 1982-44, APPROVED JULY 7, 1982, 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 1981-40, EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 1981", RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION AND STANDARDS, AS AMENDED.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1982-60 APPROVED DECEMBER 10, 1982, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1982-43 APPROVED JULY 7, 1982, AS AMENDED" RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION AND STANDARDS.

Merlin DeConti, Director of Department of Inspection and Standards is present and informs the members the Ordinances are presented to change the titles of divisions to be in conformity with the Home Rule Charter.

He explains the changes in detail and states there is an omission under Sec. 24, 1 Renewal Inspector III should be added.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted to amend the Classification Ordinance by adding 1 Renewal Inspector III under Sec. 24.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Ordinances to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

RESOLUTION REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO FILE A QUARTERLY ACCOUNTING RELATING TO THEIR EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

Chairwoman Brassil informs the Members she does not know if Councilman Pitts, sponsor of the Resolution wanted a general accounting and who the Council members are to account to.

Councilman Farmer states he has problems supporting the Resolution, it is ordinary income and has to be used as such.

Councilman Easton suggests Councilman Pitts explain what the Resolution will accomplish at a future meeting of the Committee.

The Resolution is Continued.

PETITION OF THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY REQUESTING THE ABATEMENT OF THE 1979 REAL ESTATE TAXES FROM AUGUST 17, 1979 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1979, WHEN THE PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF RICHMOND AND CLIFFORD STREETS WAS IN THE EXCLUSIVE AND CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, the Petition is Postponed Indefinitely in Committee.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROVIDENCE REVIEW COMMISSION.

Chairwoman Brassil refers to the several communications she has received relative to appointments to the Providence Review Commission to replace Messrs. Sasse and Bliss.

A communication from Richard A. Derrig, a member of the Providence Review Commission submits the names of Alex Daunis and Kevin Kelley.

A communication from Bruce G. Sundlun, Chairman of the Providence Review Commission suggests the following candidates.

Realtors: Charles T. Francis, Robert P. Freeman and Russell Gower.

Certified Public Accountants: Raymond F. Murphy, Richard D. Rosen, Stephen E. Pascarella, II and Burton H. Priest.

Chairwoman Brassil states Charles Francis is very interested in being appointed and he is a very responsible person.

Councilman Dillon and Councilman Easton states Alex Daunis is very capable.

Chairwoman Brassil states the terms of Messrs. Ford, Derrig, Sundlun and Brown have expired and there are two vacancies.

Chairwoman Brassil states nominations are in order for Members of the Providence Review Commission.

Councilman Easton nominates Joseph Murphy.

This nomination is seconded by Councilman Dillon.

Councilman Farmer nominates Charles Francis.

This nomination is seconded by Councilwoman Fagnoli.

Councilman Dillon nominates Alex Daunis.

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This nomination is seconded by Councilman Easton.

Councilwoman Fagnoli nominates Stephen E. Pascerella.

This nomination is seconded by Councilman Farmer.

Councilman Easton nominates Messers. Ford, Sundlun, Derrig and Brown.

These nominations are seconded by Councilmen Dillon and Farmer.

There being no further nominations Councilman Farmer moves that nominations be closed.

This motion is seconded by Councilman Easton.

Chairwoman Brassil states the Clerk will call the roll on the several nominees submitted as it is obvious by the motion and seconds made Messrs. Ford, Sundlun, Derrig and Brown have the votes needed.

Chairwoman Brassil:

Charles Francis and Alex Daunis.

Councilman Easton:

Alex Daunis and Joseph Murphy.

Councilwoman Fagnoli:

Charles Francis and Stephen E. Pascerella.

Councilman Dillon:

Alex Daunis and Joseph Murphy.

Councilman Farmer:

Charles Francis and Stephen E. Pascerella.

The computation is as follows:

Charles Francis	3 votes
Alex Daunis	3 votes
Joseph Murphy	2 votes
Stephen E. Pascerella	2 votes

The names to be submitted to the City Council for approval as members of the Providence Review Commission are as follows:

Bruce G. Gundlun

Edwin C. Brown

B. Albert Ford

Richard A. Derrig.

Adjournment: On motion of Councilman Farmer, seconded by Councilman Easton, the Committee adjourns at 5:55 o'clock P.M.

Copied J.M.A.
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Rose M. Mendenhall
Clerk