

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

FEBRUARY 3, 1975

The Committee on Finance meets this day in the Conference Room, City Hall, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Councilmen Robert F. Lynch, Donald E. McKiernan, Francis Crowley, John P. Garan, Councilwoman Carolyn F. Brassil, Councilmen Louis R. Stravato and William G. Bradshaw.

Also present are Finance Director Izzo and Deputy City Solicitor Steven Napolitano. (Rose M. Mendonca, Assistant Clerk.)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Acting Chairman Lynch calls for nominations for Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

Councilman McKiernan nominates Councilman Robert F. Lynch; this nomination is seconded by Councilmen Garan, Crowley, Stravato and Councilwoman Brassil.

Acting Chairman Lynch calls for further nominations and there are none.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted that nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast one ballot for Councilman Lynch as Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

The Clerk casts one ballot for Councilman Lynch as directed.

Councilman Lynch is thereupon duly elected Chairman of this Committee.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

Chairman Lynch calls for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

Councilman Stravato nominates Councilman Donald E. McKiernan; this nomination is seconded by Councilman Crowley and Councilwoman Brassil.

Chairman Lynch calls for further nominations and there are none.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilwoman Brassil, it is voted that nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast one ballot for Councilman McKiernan as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

The Clerk casts one ballot for Councilman McKiernan as directed.

Councilman McKiernan is thereupon duly elected Vice-Chairman of this Committee.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$79,750.00) TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Ordinance by stating the first part is the increase in the Mayor's Salary for the balance of the fiscal year; money is included to cover the

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increase in the salaries of the majority and minority leaders; the monthly expense of the Councilmen; money for the construction of the sewer in Fields Point area; money for Roger Williams Park; and repairs to Boiler in City Hall.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilwoman Brassil and Councilman Stravato, it is voted to transmit the Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) TO A CAPITAL FUND DESIGNATED "MERINO BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (3-25-00), ITEM 791-OTHER STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS".

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Ordinance in detail for the members of the Committee and informs it is to cover the cost of the Replacement Bridge.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to transmit the above Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$55,888.00) TO THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT VARIOUS ITEMS.

Chairman Lynch states this portion of the School Department appropriation concerns itself with Grants In Aid for the Handicapped Children. The School Department is not able to avail themselves of \$55,888.00 in additional federal money in additional federal money which covers this program. The purpose of this Ordinance is to make the necessary changes in the existing Appropriation Ordinance to take advantage of the money which is 100% Federally Funded.

On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilman McKiernan, it is voted to transmit the above Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1974-58, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE" APPROVED DECEMBER 20, 1974. (Mayor's Office)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 1974-55, APPROVED DECEMBER 20, 1974, 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." (Mayor's Office)

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Ordinances which are changes in the Mayor's Office of Titles and rates of pay.

Councilman McKiernan requests a covering letter as to why the changes are submitted now instead of waiting for the Budget.

Finance Director Izzo states there are no new monies involved, just changing of Titles in the Mayor's Office of public assistants.

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Chairman Lynch questions as to whether this flies in the face of the City Charter in that the Charter states the City Solicitor's Office will act in all offices of the City without legal counsel.

Councilman Bradshaw is of the opinion the Mayor has the prerogative of re-assigning responsibilities in his staff as long as he doesn't run over the budget appropriated in Doorley's time. This is the responsibility or prerogative to be given to any new Mayor.

Councilman Garan is of the opinion the citizens of Providence are concerned here because there are too many attorneys, as such, in Government already. He questions the need for an Advisor of Legal Affairs when there is a very competent City Solicitor's Office who are doing a fine job.

Councilman McKiernan questions all the items on the Ordinances, the changes in the pay rates. He questions as to whether he is having difficulty with his office in re-organizing. He does not know if he is in favor of granting pay raises twice in one year. There are only six months to go in the existing budget.

Discussion ensues and Chairman Lynch informs the members of the pay changes for each classification.

Councilman Garan states, in view of the economy, they should be cautious not to have duplication in jobs, two people doing the same function. Each class of position should be examined to determine their functions to ascertain that.

Chairman Lynch states it is the consensus of the members that they would like discussion with the Mayor as to the reason requesting these changes in positions.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to Continue the foregoing Ordinances in Committee and the request the presence of His Honor the Mayor, or a representative, be present at the next meeting of this Committee.

Councilman Bradshaw desires to be recorded as voting "No"; he states the Ordinances should be passed at once and sent to the City Council.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REFUNDING TO CERTAIN
TAXPAYERS SUMS OF MONEY REPRESENTING OVERPAY-
MENT OF CITY TAXES TO THE CITY COLLECTOR FOR
THE YEARS 1970, 1972 AND 1974.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to transmit the above Resolution to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FRANK D. WASHINGTON,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, STARTING FEBRUARY 3, 1975,
ENDING MAY 5, 1975.

The Clerk presents the above request for Mr. Washington, who is employed in the Public Works Department - Highway Division as an Equipment Operator.

Chairman Lynch notes there is no accompanying letter from the Department head as to whether or not he recommends approval.

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Finance Director Izzo requests a communication be sent to Department Heads or Acting Department Heads, informing them of the policy of the Committee on Finance of the City Council, that in the past, persons requesting a Leave of Absence, always had an accompanying letter from the Department Head stating his position as to whether or not the request should be granted and the reasons therefore.

He further suggests the Personnel Department be informed not to accept the Leaves of Absence request, unless they are accompanied by a covering letter.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to approve the request for a Leave of Absence for Frank D. Washington, from February 3, 1975 through May 5, 1975.

RESOLUTION OF THE PROVIDENCE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE FILING BY THE CITY OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL
ASSISTANCE.

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Resolution for the members present.

Discussion ensues with reference to wherein it is stated there is an attached application, as there is none attached to the Resolution.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to Continue the above Resolution, and a copy of the application be made available for the Members of the Committee for review.

RELATIVE TO FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Discussion ensues as to when a time, convenient to all members, for future meetings of the Committee.

It is decided that the alternate Thursdays, in which there are no Council meetings will be best suited, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT. On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, the Committee adjourns at 3:48 o'clock P.M.

Rose M. Mendonca
Assistant Clerk