

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

FEBRUARY 13, 1975

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

Present: Chairman Lynch and Councilmen McKiernan, Garan, Crowley, Councilwoman Brassil, Councilmen Stravato and Bradshaw.

Also present by invitation are Ronald H. Glantz, Administrative Aide for Legal Affairs and Alfred Conca, Associate Engineer for the Department of Public Property. (Rose M. Mendonca, Assistant Clerk.)

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.)

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.)

The members of the Committee review the above Ordinances and the discussion which took place at the meeting they were presented at.

Chairman Lynch reminds the members there is no change in the amount of money in the department, but the changing of titles and amounts of pays within the office.

Mayor Cianci or a representative of his department were invited to attend this meeting for discussion, that is the reason Mr. Glantz is present.

Chairman Lynch requests Mr. Glantz inform the members of his opinion in response to the memorandum sent him.

Mr. Glantz states with regard to the Administrative Assistant for Legal Affairs, as to whether it could be incorporated within the jurisdiction of the City Solicitor's Office, the answer is this position is merely a title change. He now holds the position of Administrative Assistant for Public Safety and this would change that title. To include this within the City Solicitor's Office would defeat the purpose of the change. In no way is the position to preempt the work of the City Solicitor or the charter which delegated the duties of the City Solicitor's Office.

This is more in line due to the tremendous workload in the City Solicitor's Office and basically, they do serve part time.

He states he did work for that department for nine years. A tremendous amount of legal work comes before the Mayor, and he acts as a liaison for the Mayor; cases that are pending, preparation for reading of contracts before going to the City Solicitor's Office and keeping the Mayor advised as to those matters and others.

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The Mayor's Office receives a tremendous amount of complaints from citizens relative to the Claims and apparently the manner in which the old Claims Committee handled the cases. Part of the function he has taken is to follow some of those down, act as a liaison to see if they are followed through.

As to whether or not he would be undertaking the legal responsibility of the City Solicitor's Office, the answer is "no", they handle all suits.

Councilman Stravato questions as to whether this appointment is directly being set up to oversee the City Solicitor's Office and Mr. Glantz states it is not, he has worked with City Solicitor Mascia and it has nothing to do with that.

Councilman McKiernan states many times claims were held up due to the Law Department, not the members of the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, of which he is a member of.

Mr. Glantz states he realizes that, he is working as a liaison for the Mayor to work with the City Solicitor's Office. The City Solicitor has his authority set by law.

Councilman McKiernan questions his duty as Administrative Assistant for Public Safety.

Mr. Glantz informs that was the title and he really does not know exactly what the former man did. At the present time, with the Mayor handling the forms and injury reports that require his signature, he reviews them and investigates them to see that they are properly docketed; plus other duties for that Department.

Councilman McKiernan suggests in the next Budget, the Mayor have two or three Administrative Assistants instead of all the different titles in his Department.

Chairman Lynch states that in all practicality, he could just give out work to his Assistants, instead of having the different titles.

Mr. Glantz states he will inform the Mayor as to the Committee's recommendation on the matter, as he is of the opinion it is a good point. That would not include Administrative Assistant for the Federal Program as that is federally funded. He is a Federal Program Coordinator and that title could not be changed.

Chairman Lynch questions as to whether this position is being requested because of the overload in the City Solicitor's Office.

Mr. Glantz states not necessarily because of that. They have a separate problem. This is to be able to inform the Mayor of those legal questions before the City that require his attention and briefing. The City Solicitor's Office is part time, not everyone is there. The job assigned to the Mayor's Office will keep alert of the responsibility at every time with consultation with the Law Department.

Councilman Stravato questions as to whether the position will be full time, or whether Mr. Glantz will be able to practice law.

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Mr. Glantz states he works forty hours a week and the only cases he has appeared in Court for are cases he has had in the past and was required to be there for. He intends to wind down to just what he has before him now, he will not be going to Court.

Councilman Bradshaw repeats what he has stated at a previous meeting, that the Mayor has the right to hire people in his own department, so long as it is within the budget for his department.

Chairman Lynch questions Mr. Glantz as to whether or not the Mayor as yet, has put the Administrative Assistant to the City Council on the payroll, as he is of the understanding that position has been held up by the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Glantz states he does not know.

Chairman Lynch states the Mayor sees this position necessary, yet a short time ago the City Council felt it necessary to have the position of Administrative Assistant to the City Council and the Mayor's Office stated the City Clerk's Office can do the work, removed Mr. Murray from an office he was placed in and put him in the City Clerk's Office; yet the City Council felt this job was necessary.

He states this is a similar position where the Mayor is looking for a position, he is not questioning the need for it, but yet not the Administrative Assistant to the City Council.

Mr. Glantz states that he does not know the Mayor's reasons.

Councilman McKiernan states the City Council should not interfere with the Mayor's Office and the Mayor's Office should not interfere with the City Council.

Councilman Stravato ^{not} does/ agree with Mr. McKiernan.

Chairman Lynch states he does feel the Mayor is showing good faith in not exceeding the budget set up for his department.

Mr. Glantz states he will report the feelings of the Committee to the Mayor.

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

Mr. Glantz is excused at this time.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19 APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS TO PUBLIC PROPERTY - 07-03 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

Alfred Conca of the Department of Public Property is present to answer questions on the above.

Councilman Garan questions Mr. Conca as to what repairs are being made which the above money is needed for.

Mr. Conca submits a list which he states he also gave a copy of to Finance Director Izzo; it contains fencing, boiler repairs, etc.

Mr. Conca states ever since the department was established, they have been more or less responsible for recreation, abandoned buildings by schools, and security and many things in the City of Providence; also repairs.

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They never have enough in the budget, and always start off with a deficit for prices have gone up and the budget has not increased that much with the times. Last year his department received \$5,000-\$10,000 turned over to them from a fund, because they ran short. They are responsible for the whole City of Providence and they do not have that kind of money. They have to take care of improvements in the Police Department, like the sub-stations, they have to supply the paint, etc.

He states they have many CETA employees, but they do not have the materials and supplies to keep them busy.

Councilman McKiernan questions as to how much the department needs roughly, each year.

Mr. Conca states at least \$110,000 to \$115,000; they get \$85,000 now, they started at \$70,000.

Councilman McKiernan asks if this will leave him with overlapping funds.

Mr. Conca states this might carry the department, because he still has about \$2100.00 in the budget now. This money is for the existing problems and to keep them going until June; it is just for necessities.

Mr. Conca continues by stating the various problems in his department.

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

Mr. Conca is excused at this time.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00)
DOLLARS TO CONTINGENCIES 1-13-01 ITEM 1.

Chairman Lynch states Finance Director Izzo is not present and is unable to attend and he himself is not familiar with the above Ordinance, other than it is to take care of bills that are outstanding.

On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilman McKiernan, it is voted to Continue the above Ordinance until the next meeting of the Committee to determine exactly what the money is needed for.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 1974-19 APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00)
TO MAYOR'S OFFICE 1-01-01 ITEM 5.

Chairman Lynch states the Ordinance is for furniture and furnishings in the Mayor's Office.

On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilman Bradshaw, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of adoption.

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

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Councilman Lynch states the Resolution was held up at the last meeting of the Committee as the Application was not attached to the Resolution as stated, but it is now.

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT
A MOTOR CARRIER TAX ACT, THE REVENUE FROM WHICH WOULD
BENEFIT CITIES AND TOWNS IN RHODE ISLAND.

Councilman Garan states the reasons for his introducing the above Resolution are obvious, in view of the Budget the State is trying to work and especially in view of the actions of the Government. This was based on existing legislation in other states.

He is of the opinion that as to how to enforce such a measure with the truckers, should not be their primary consideration. They should look to the legislation to get money for the State. If this Resolution were passed, it would encourage the General Assembly to look into the matter to determine whether money can be obtained from this matter.

Councilman Stravato is of the opinion this will have a direct influence on the consumer.

Discussion ensues on the above Resolution.

On motion of Councilman Garan, seconded by Councilman McKiernan, it is voted to transmit the above Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

Councilman Stravato desires to be recorded as voting "No".

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER
AND THE CITY CONTROLLER TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF NINETY
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000.00) TO GENERAL FUND - WATER -
OTHER STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS 1-16-03-721.

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.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE,
WITH THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE, PURCHASING
THE WATER SYSTEM IN THE MARIEVILLE SECTION OF
NORTH PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

Chairman Lynch states the accompanying Agreement is very voluminous. He suggests copies be made and forwarded to the members of the Committee for study and Robert J. Paci, Attorney for the Water Supply Board be invited to attend the next meeting.

On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to Continue the above Resolution; and that Mr. Paci be invited to the next meeting of the Committee, together with Chief Engineer Rogers or Chairman of the Water Supply Board Doherty, whoever he feels is familiar with the Resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTRACT AND
SUPPLY TO PURCHASE FROM THE PROVIDENCE REDEVELOP-
MENT AGENCY FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00),
THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED AT THE CORNER
OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND BLACKSTONE STREET; BEING A
PORTION OF THE FORMER MARTIN LUTHER KING SHOPPING
CENTER.

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Chairman Lynch reviews the foregoing Resolution for the Committee and the location. He states it has to be handled in this way and the Model Cities Agency will take over the restoration of the buildings within the area to provide the facilities.

He states the amount of land involved is 120,653 square feet and 80,000 square feet balance will be left for sale by the Redevelopment Agency to private purchasers for businesses within the project.

Discussion ensues on the Resolution and as to whether or not the City wants to assume this land.

Chairman Lynch suggests the matter be continued and representatives of the Redevelopment Agency and Model Cities Agency be invited to appear at the next meeting.

On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilman Garan, it is voted to Continue the foregoing Resolution and a Representative of the Redevelopment Agency and Model Cities Agency be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY SOLICITOR TO CAUSE THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND URGE THE PASSAGE, OF THE ACCOMPANYING ACT ENABLING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, FOR THE CONTINUING OPPORTUNITY OF SAID MEMBERS TO MAKE REGULAR PURCHASES OF SERVICES.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY SOLICITOR TO CAUSE THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND URGE PASSAGE OF THE ACCOMPANYING ACT ENABLING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, FOR THE CONTINUING OPPORTUNITY OF SAID MEMBERS TO MAKE REGULAR PURCHASES OF ARMED SERVICES CREDIT.

Chairman Lynch explains the above Resolutions by stating when employees desired to purchase service they had a deadline, and could not buy service after that date. This will make the purchase of service a continuing opportunity.

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

RESOLUTION REFUNDING TO CERTAIN TAXPAYERS SUMS OF MONEY REPRESENTING OVERPAYMENT OF CITY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1971, 1972, 1973 AND 1974.

On motion of Councilman Crowley, seconded by Councilwoman Brassil, it is voted to recommend the above Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING GIFTS OF MONEY FOR SPECIFIED LOTS IN NORTH BURIAL GROUND.

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONSIDER OVERTIME COMPENSATION TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY SERGEANT'S STAFF WHO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to Postpone Indefinitely in Committee, the above Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT. On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilwoman Brassil, the Committee adjourns at 4:35 o'clock P.M.

Rose M. Meadows
Assistant Clerk