

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

MARCH 15, 1982

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

Present: Chairwoman Brassil and Councilmen Mansolillo, Easton, Farmer, Paolino and Flynn.

Also present are City Treasurer Napolitano and City Council Internal Auditor Woerner.

RENEWAL OF NOTES

City Treasurer Napolitano presents the following Notes for Renewal:

| <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>PURPOSE</u> | <u>RENEWAL OF NOTES</u> | <u>BANK</u> |
|----------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------|
| \$3,813,000.00 | Slum Clearance & Redevelopment Loan V | 12092 | Industrial National |
| 1,300,000.00 | Slum Clearance & Redevelopment Loan V Charles St. Renewal Project | 12086 | " |
| 980,000.00 | P.W. Sewage Treatment & Sludge Incinerator Loan Phase II | 12070 | " |
| 200,000.00 | School Modernization & Construction Loan V | 12073 | RI Hospital Trust |
| 2,670,000.00 | P.W. Sewage Treatment & Sludge Incinerator Loan Phase II | 12071 | " |
| 500,000.00 | Slum Clearance & Redevelopment Loan V. West Broadway | 12079 | Columbus National Bank |
| 275,000.00 | Slum Clearance & Redevelopment Loan V | 12077 | Citizens Trust Company |
| 500,000.00 | Slum Clearance & Redevelopment West End Project | 12074 | " |
| 350,000.00 | P.W. Sewage Treatment & Sludge Incinerator Loan Phase II | 12084 | " |
| 200,000.00 | Slum Clearance & Redevelopment Loan V | 12088 | Old Stone Bank |
| 980,000.00 | Slum Clearance & Redevelopment Loan V Downtown Renewal | 12080 | " |
| 1,750,000.00 | P.W. Additional Municipal Docking Facilities | 12075 | " |

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted to approve the above notes.

Councilman Paolino requests to be recorded as "Not Voting" on Columbus National Bank and RI Hospital Trust National Bank

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - SHIRLEY J. CHESEBRO,
CLERK IV, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FROM MAY 17, 1982
TO MAY 15, 1983, DUE TO PREGNANCY.

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Easton, it is voted to approve the leave of absence of Shirley J. Chesebro from May 17, 1982 to May 15, 1983 due to pregnancy.

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REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - JULIA MAYS, CHIEF CLERK, WATER SECTION, CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, FROM JUNE 28, 1982 TO OCTOBER 4, 1982, DUE TO PREGNANCY.

Councilman Paolino questions if this leave of absence will be with or without pay.

City Collector Tarro states it will be without pay.

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Easton, it is voted to approve the leave of absence of Julia Mays from June 28, 1982 to October 4, 1982, due to pregnancy.

COMMUNICATION FROM JOHN D. MANCONE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR REQUESTING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilman Mansolillo states this would be a \$2,900.00 transfer from the Contingency fund to various ceremonies fund. He moves approval of this.

Chairwoman Brassil states the Committee on Finance cannot approve a communication, to be approved this matter requires an Ordinance. She states this communication will be received and returned to John Mancone, informing him a Resolution is required for approval.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1981-39, EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 1981, BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM CONTINGENCIES ITEM 199 TO ARCHIVES AND HISTORY ITEM 199.

Pat Conley is present and states that publication was approved by the Committee on Heritage and Sculpture of Providence Heritage Commission and the money ran out. The publication was already in progress and now the funds are deleted from the budget. The Mayor has recommended that it be taken out of the Contingency Fund.

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted that the foregoing Ordinance be approved and transmitted to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY SOLICITOR TO APPEAR BEFORE THE 1982 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO URGE PASSAGE OF AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 44-7-11 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND, 1956, ENTITLED "COLLECTORS TO FURNISH STATEMENT OF LEINS."

Mr. Tarro states it is up \$3.00 in new mandatory certificates to search titles.

Councilman Mansolillo questions as to when fees were instituted last.

Mr. Tarro states in 1956. He states they get 20 or 30 each day and they are losing money. He explains that when someone transfers property, they need certification of the amount of outstanding taxes, and if they give the wrong information, they are liable. They are running into problems. By raising this, they may be able to hire someone to assist them.

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted that the foregoing Resolution is approved, and transmitted to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

COMMUNICATION FROM RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO DUES.

Chairwoman Brassil receives the foregoing communications and directs the Clerk to transmit copies to the Finance Director and the Mayor for their review.

COMMUNICATION FROM JOSEPH F. TURCO, CHAIRMAN OF THE NARRAGANSETT BAY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1979-37 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 28, 1979, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF INTERCEPTORS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDINGS, SEWERS AND GARBAGE DISPOSAL UNITS, THE DISCHARGE OF WATER AND WASTE WATERS INTO THE PUBLIC SEWAGE SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND COST RECOVERY PROGRAM OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND COST RECOVERY PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, AS AMENDED."

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Chairwoman Brassil states this should be held until a representative of the Narragansett Bay Water Quality Management District Commission joins the Committee. She states the rate will be between \$54.00 and \$60.00 per unit.

Councilman Easton states that is a projected minimum and questions as to whether the average homeowner will be paying the minimum.

Councilman Mansolillo states it will be based on a uniform rate per household. There is a way it should be measured by 100

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cubic feet of flow by the amount of water that enters the house. That is the policy decision this Committee will have to tackle.

Councilman Easton states it should either be measured by the amount of water used or you could have a meter installed. He states they should find out if most people would be paying the minimum.

Chairwoman Brassil states if anyone owns a three family home, they would be paying \$180.00 per year.

Councilman Mansolillo states they have in the past year raised the industrial user charge three and one half times what it was.

Councilman Easton states that before they make any decision he moves that this Committee set up a meeting with the Narragansett Bay and members of the Water Supply Board with their records for use in the residential areas.

Chairwoman Brassil questions as to when this has to be out.

Councilman Mansolillo states the Commission representatives have been meeting with the City right along. It would have to be discussed within the next couple of weeks.

Chairwoman Brassil states they will continue this matter until the next Finance Committee meeting, at which time, Joseph F. Turco, Director of the Commission will be invited to attend for further discussion.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS RE: MANAGEMENT REPORT AND SNOW REMOVAL REPORT.

Chairwoman Brassil receives the foregoing communication.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 82-H 7093 RELATING TO TAXATION, TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM AUTOMATIC EXEMPT STATUS AND ESTABLISH A NEW SYSTEM OF SPECIFIC PERMISSIVE EXEMPTIONS FOR TEN YEAR PERIODS UPON APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL AND ELECTORS OF TOWNS AND CITIES.

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Easton, the foregoing Resolution is Continued.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 82-H 7200 RELATING TO TAXATION, TO LIMIT PROPERTY TAX LEVIES IN ANY ONE YEAR TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL RATABLE PROPERTY IN TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON DECEMBER 31, 1982 AND THREE AND ONE HALF PERCENT IN TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON DECEMBER 31, 1985 AND THEREAFTER.

Chairwoman Brassil states this matter is Continued.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 82-H 7210, RELATING TO TAXATION, TO CREATE A PRESUMPTIVE VALUE SYSTEM FOR THE VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR LOCAL EXCISE TAX PURPOSES.

Chairwoman Brassil states this has to do with the high rises and feels that since this a Senator McKenna's bill he should be present when the Committee reviews it.

Councilman Mansolillo moves this Resolution be Continued until such time as Senator McKenna is present.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 82-H 7184 RELATING TO TAXATION, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE PROPERTY TO BE ASSESSED AT FAIR MARKET VALUE AND WOULD PROVIDE FOR A DEFINITIVE OF "FAIR MARKET VALUE".

Chairwoman Brassil states this is also a House Bill that is also Keven McKenna's. Therefore, it will be Continued until such time as he is present to review same.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1981-39, EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 1981, BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$140,000.00) FROM PUBLIC WORKS STREET CLEANING ACCOUNT (1-05-04-0) TO PRIVATE CONTRACTING STREET CLEANING ACCOUNT (1-05-04-189), AS AMENDED.

Councilman Paolino states there will be a meeting of the sub-committee tomorrow night at 5:00 o'clock P.M. and a decision on this Ordinance should not be made the outcome of that meeting is determined.

Chairwoman Brassil agrees and states this will be Continued until the next meeting of the Committee on Finance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1981-39, EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 1981, BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000.00) FROM PUBLIC WORKS-HIGHWAY, ITEM 1, TO PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY, ITEM 2.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1981-39, EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 1981, BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM PUBLIC WORKS STREET CLEANING EQUIPMENT RENTAL (1-05-04-164) TO PRIVATE CONTRACTING STREET CLEANING ACCOUNT (1-05-04-189).

Chairwoman Brassil states Anthony Cipolla of the Public Works Department was supposed to be present and submit a report on the two Ordinances. Since he is not present at this time and date, they will be Continued until the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1981-39, EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 1981, BY TRANSFERRING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Easton, it is voted to approve the foregoing Ordinance and transmit same to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

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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."

Chairwoman Brassil directs the Clerk to transmit copies of this Ordinance to all the Members of the Committee on Finance and states it will be Continued until such time as the Committee has had sufficient time to review it for discussion.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 17-59 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY ADDING SUB-SECTION (c) TO BE ENTITLED: "SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL".

On motion of Councilman Paolino, seconded by Councilman Easton, the foregoing Ordinance is approved and transmitted to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption. Councilman Mansolillo is recorded as voting "No".
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE HOUSEBILL SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE A. CASTRO RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY ON EXCISE TAX.

Councilman Easton states there is some confusion with the bill number, it needs to be corrected.

Chairwoman Brassil states they will Continue this Resolution until their next meeting.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A SECURITY GUARD, WATCHMAN, OR MAINTENANCE MAN BE ON DUTY AT CITY HALL, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY.

Councilman Paolino states they would have to see what the cost of doing something like this would be.

Councilman Easton motions to Continue this matter,

There is no second to this motion.

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Flynn, it is voted to Postpone Indefinitely the foregoing Resolution in Committee.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ADMISSION CHARGES FOR THE ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO, MUSUEM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND OTHER PARK FACILITIES.

Chairwoman Brassil states this will have to be Continued pending a report from Sophie Danforth. It will be taken up at the next Finance Meeting.

Chairwoman Brassil states she has a matter which Councilman Moise has brought to her attention as he has requested to ask what the Finance Committee can do about it.

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She states the woman in question is looking for a tax abatement. She owed back taxes on property and she is elderly.

She states that the Finance Committee has no provision to cancel taxes if a person does not have the ability to pay. They can sign a paper and turn the property over to the City. She states she has told Councilman Moise to look into this.

The woman in question owes a total of \$1,620.99 plus \$102.07 in supplemental taxes for 1978-1981.

Councilman Farmer states she should be referred to Ted Littler, the City Assessor.

Councilman Easton agrees and states that in Chapter 44.3 - Section 16 it states that if a person is unable to pay taxes, the matter should be referred to the City Assessor. He states a notice should be sent to Ted Littler, he has the authority in this case.

Chairwoman Brassil suggests that Ron Tarro hold the affidavit on this for a while, so that the sale will be held off until the woman can talk to the City Assessor.

On motion of Councilman Mansolillo, seconded by Councilman Easton, the meeting adjourns at 4:00 o'clock P.M. to meet again on Monday, March 22, 1982 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Rose M. Mancova
Clerk

Jeanne L. DeFusco
Assistant Clerk

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