

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 4:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) in Committee Room "A", City Hall.

Present: Chairwoman Brassil and Councilmen Addison, Easton, Dillon and Farmer. (Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk).

RELATIVE TO BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1980-1981.

Chairwoman Brassil submits copies of the requests from Merlin A. DeConti, Jr., for his department with respect to employees pay grades and Demolition Funds.

The information submitted is lengthy and therefore the request is continued.

A request from the Finance Director is submitted to delete 1 Laborer and add 1 Clerk II Public Works Highway Department and will not affect the Appropriation Ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, the above request is approved.

A request from Joseph C. DiSanto, Director of the Department of Public Property is presented requesting a change of pay grade for the City Printer from 16 to 20 and the Assistant City Printer from 13 to 16.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Farmer and Councilman Dillon, the matter is continued and the Clerk is directed to obtain the dollar amounts on the request.

A job description is submitted from the Park Department relative to the hiring of a Performing Arts Coordinator for the Office of Cultural Affairs at Fourteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$14,500.00) per annum - Grade 20.

Chairwoman Brassil states a CETA employee doing that work will have to leave if the City does not add the position in the budget.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Farmer, the request is Continued.

Requests are presented from Mr. DiSanto, Director of Public Property for additional fuel allocations for the previous fiscal year.

The requests are Postponed Indefinitely in Committee,

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on motion of Councilman Addison, seconded by Councilman Dillon.

A request from Mayor Cianci to increase the grant for the Rhode Island Historical Society from Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) is submitted.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison and Councilman Dillon, the request is Continued.

A communication from Chief Angelo P. Ricci, is submitted requesting to decrease 18 Clerk IV positions to 17 and to add 1 Personal Secretary to his Department.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, the request is continued and the Clerk is directed to obtain the additional figure amount needed for the Department.

A communication from the Jewish War Veterans is submitted requesting Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) be appropriated for the Decoration of Squares in the City.

The Clerk states this has been appropriated in the Budget Book.

The communication is received.

A request is submitted from the Finance Director to delete 1 Clerk IV and 1 Clerk II in his department and add 1 Personnel Clerk and 1 Personnel Clerk I.

On motion of Councilman Farmer, seconded by Councilman Dillon, the request is continued, and the Clerk is directed to obtain the figures of the amount of money needed for the request.

A request is submitted from Edward Melise, Superintendent of Environmental Control to change the classification of a Clerk IV to Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$240.00) or Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$245.00), per week.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, the Clerk is directed to request an opinion from the Director of Public Works relative to the change that division being under his department.

A request from the Finance Director is submitted relative to the City Assessor changing titles and pays in his department, saving the sum of Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars, Twenty Cents (\$18,387.20) in the Appropriation Ordinance.

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On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, the foregoing request is Approved.

A request from Finance Director Bernardo stating a request for the members of the Board of Canvassers and Registration was omitted from the Ordinances submitted and have his approval, which is to change their money from Fourteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty-Two Dollars, Thirty-Six Cents (\$14,842.36) to Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) each.

A net change in the salary account is Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars, Ninety-Two Cents (\$9,472.92).

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Addison, the request is approved and of the money being saved in the City Assessor's Department, Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars, Ninety-Two Cents, (\$9,472.92) will be transferred to the Board of Canvassers and Registration.

A communication from Jacqueline A. Gooden is submitted together with a letter she has transmitted to the Union and a letter from the Board of Canvassers and Registration requesting she change her pay grade from Clerk IV to Accountant II.

The request is Continued.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY CENSURE HIS HONOR THE MAYOR FOR HIS ACTIONS CONCERNING THE OVERTIME IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL FIRMS REQUESTING REFERENCES OF PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT SAID REQUEST IN WRITING, TOGETHER WITH A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, it is voted to postpone the Resolution in Committee Indefinitely and the Clerk is directed to send a memorandum to the Finance Department informing them if they desire to implement the procedure as outlined, to do so.

RELATIVE TO OPINION FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR RELATIVE TO THE OPEN MEETING LAW.

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Chairwoman Brassil states this opinion was requested prior to the members meeting with the Mayor and Bank Officials.

The Communication is received.

RELATIVE TO COMMUNICATION FROM AUDITORS RELATIVE TO FIXED ASSETS.

A communication is presented from the firm of Laventhol & Horwath, the Auditors for the City relative to the above.

Correspondence from Director of Public Property DiSanto is submitted relative to his system.

The Clerk is directed to invite Mr. DiSanto to meet with the members at the scheduled meeting with the Auditors for September 5, 1980.

RELATIVE TO PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF S.C.O.P.E.

Chairwoman Brassil reads a proposal to establish an office in City Hall to deal directly with the problems of the Elderly.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, it is voted to transmit the foregoing request to the Mayor.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO RESTORE TO THE 1980-1981 BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, TWO ADDITIONAL PARK SECURITY PERSONNEL AS REQUESTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND FURTHER DIRECTION THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 798 APPROVED SEPTEMBER 14, 1979, REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FULL TIME UNIFORMED POLICE POST TO COVER ROGER WILLIAMS PARK.

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

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BACK TAXES DUE AND OWING PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1979 ON LOT 185, PLAT 101, LOCATED AT 51-53 TENNESSEE AVENUE, BE CANCELLED.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, the Resolution is Continued and the Clerk is requested to have the sponsor of the Resolution inform the members the reason for the request.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND THE WATER SUPPLY BOARD TO NEGOTIATE THE SALE OF THE PROVIDENCE WATER SYSTEM TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Easton and Councilman Addison, it is voted to Postpone Indefinitely in Committee, the foregoing Resolution.

COMMUNICATION FROM GEORGE B. BUCK CONSULTING ACTUARIES, INC.

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Chairwoman Brassil reads a communication from the above in response to a communication sent the company relative to 70% funding of the Pension System.

He refers to Chapter 489, Public Laws 1923, Paragraph 3, Section 5, wherein the provision that the rate of contribution payable by the City need not exceed 70% funded basis.

The communication is received.

RELATIVE TO COMMUNICATION FROM CITY SOLICITOR GLANTZ IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR AN OPINION BY LAVENTHOL & HORWATH.

Chairwoman Brassil reads the questions as submitted by Laventhol & Horwath to City Solicitor Glantz relative to certain problems.

One question put forth is that a number of City Departments have over-expended appropriations as to whether it is a violation.

City Solicitor Glantz states it violates the City Charter, a State Law for any department to over-expend.

The Clerk is directed to send a memorandum to City Solicitor Glantz requesting he inform the Committee as to what provisions are set forth to deal with this problem and should the violators be prosecuted and who should institute the process.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR CONNECTION OF MASTER FIRE ALARM SYSTEM WITH CITY'S FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Discussion ensues as to the effect the passage of the Ordinance will have on people or firms already connected to the master alarm system, as the Ordinance will implement a fee of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$275.00) per year.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, the Clerk is directed to transmit a memorandum to the Director of the Communications Department requesting information as to the amount of homeowners connected at this time, together with private industry, churches, schools, hospitals and nursing homes and his opinion on passage of the Ordinance.

It is further voted to transmit a memorandum to City Solicitor Glantz requesting an opinion as to whether a person has recourse for suit if the Ordinance is implemented

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and they are already connected.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION ENDORSING SENATE BILL 80-S 2877 CREATING A NINE-MEMBER NARRAGANSETT BAY SEWER DISTRICT COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING UP TO \$87.7 MILLION DOLLARS IN BONDS TO BUY AND RUN THE PROVIDENCE SEWER SYSTEM.

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

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FISCAL ADVISER TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1979-32, APPROVED JUNE 22, 1979 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 1978-19 APPROVED JULY 28, 1978, AS AMENDED", RELATIVE TO FISCAL ADVISER, TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1979-31, APPROVED JUNE 22, 1979, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1978-20 APPROVED JULY 28, 1978" RELATIVE TO FISCAL ADVISER TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1979-30, APPROVED JUNE 22, 1979 BY APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) FOR FISCAL ADVISER TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, the foregoing Ordinances are Postponed Indefinitely in Committee.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION ENDORSING SENATE BILL 80-S 2853 RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PROVIDENCE REAL ESTATE TAXATION PROCEDURES.

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

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY SOLICITOR TO PREPARE, CAUSE TO BE INTRODUCED AND TO URGE PASSAGE AT THE 1980 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION FROM THE PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF A REGISTRATION OR NEW LICENSE PLATES HAS NO OUTSTANDING PARKING OFFENSES.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, the foregoing Resolution is Postponed Indefinitely in Committee.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE A BUDGET FOR THE PROVIDENCE POLICE RESERVE UNIT.

The Clerk is requested to transmit a memorandum to the Finance Director to determine the status of the Resolution's request.

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RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ESTABLISH A CROSSING GUARD POST AT THE INTERSECTION OF EATON STREET AND RIVER AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, the foregoing Resolution is Postponed Indefinitely in Committee.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO INVESTIGATE THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN OBTAINING AN INSURANCE POLICY TO COVER CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS.

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

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTION THE CITY SOLICITOR TO PREPARE, CAUSE TO BE INTRODUCED AND TO URGE PASSAGE AT THE 1980 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1, SECTION 6-1-2, ENTITLED: "INDEXES---FILING FEE---CERTIFIED COPIES AS EVIDENCE" BY CHANGING THE FILING FEE TO FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00).

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, it is voted to Postpone Indefinitely in Committee, the foregoing Resolution as it is a request for the 1980 General Assembly Session.

ADJOURNMENT. On motion of Councilman Addison, seconded by Councilman Dillon and Councilman Easton, the Committee adjourns at 6:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Rose M. Meador
CLERK

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