

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

JULY 2, 1980

The Committee on Finance meets this evening at 10:10 o'clock P.M., upon the rise of the City Council.

Present: Chairwoman Brassil and Councilmen Addison, Lynch, Easton, Paolino and Dillon.

Also present is City Treasurer Napolitano. (Rose M. Mendonca Clerk).

RELATIVE TO BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981.

Chairwoman Brassil is of the opinion that certain department heads should be called before the Committee.

Councilman Easton states there is a high increase in the cost of heat, light and power at the Sewage Treatment Plant and would like to have Director of Public Works Cesaro before the Committee.

He further states fuel costs have more than doubled and lubricants have spread throughout each department: therefore, would like Director of Public Property DiSanto before the Committee.

Councilman Dillon states he would like Recreation Director Santiano to be invited.

The Commissioner of Public Safety Gorodetsky is requested to appear before the Committee relative to the horse patrol, the cost, line item and the ongoing cost and how he received the money for the Horse Patrol when the money was not submitted to the City Council for approval.

Councilman Easton states he would like information from the City Solicitor; an accurate accounting of the amount of money needed for the Claims Committee to determine whether money can be cut from that account; who authorized the entering into a lease for the Law Department for the building on Eddy Street for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars without money being appropriated to the Law Department for the rental.

Councilman Easton would also like to know of the Mayor's Office, why the large increase in the Mayor's Office Budget. He is of the opinion that can be trimmed down.

Councilman Lynch states his problem is the receipt side of the Appropriation Ordinance rather than expenditure. He is still convinced that the passage of the tax levy will get

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going, but he cannot see the City completing the fiscal year under the budget as proposed by Mayor Cianci with the receipts so out of line.

This is a politically expedient budget to get him past November. He further states he hopes the citizens of the State of Rhode Island see that he is here to see the end of the year with the budget that he has given the Council.

Councilman Easton requests in the invitation to City Solicitor Glantz that he be reminded that at the last meeting the Committee had with him, he assured the members that the difference between appropriations from Water Supply Board and expenditures appropriated for the Water Supply Board of Four Million (\$4,000,000.00) appeared in other places in the budget, the members would like to be shown where it is in the budget.

It is the consensus of the members the next meeting to be scheduled with the various Department Heads will be Wednesday, July 9, 1980 at 4:30 o'clock P.M. with twenty minute intervals for the invited department heads to be heard.

City Treasurer Napolitano states the banking institutions are upset at the budget as presented. They have all expressed a willingness to assist the Committee.

When questioned as to which bank to invite to meet with the Committee, Mr. Napolitano states the Industrial <sup>National</sup> Bank is the fiscal advisor.

He further informs the members the budget has been sent to Moody's in New York.

The Clerk is directed to invite Thomas Belcher, Vice-President of the Industrial National Bank to the meeting scheduled.

Councilman Lynch states it is the Mayor's responsibility to give the City Council a legitimate budget and he has not extended himself.

The Finance Director and the City Solicitor have made sworn statements as to the budget being legitimate. They are swearing to it, who is the Committee to say they are wrong.

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Considerable discussion ensues relative to the budget.

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Easton, it is voted to request of the City Solicitor, a written opinion as to whether or not, if Valley View Complex is sold, under Section 21.90 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, does the money have to be transmitted to the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

A written opinion is further requested as to whether there is, in writing, a communication from HUD stating they will pay the back taxes on the Valley View Complex if they are allowed to purchase same, if so the members would like a copy of it and if HUD does not purchase Valley View for whatever reason, where will the back taxes come from that is outlined in the budget.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, it is voted that the Clerk be directed to notify the Finance Director that the budget submitted to the City Council is improper in that it doesn't comply with Section 6.20 of the Charter of the City of Providence and does not indicate the final receipts and expenditures of the present fiscal year.

Adjournment. On motion of Councilman Addison, seconded by Councilmen Lynch and Easton, the Committee adjourns at 10:40 o'clock P.M. to meet again on Wednesday, July 9, 1980 at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

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