

Department of City Clerk

City Hall

June 9, 1980

The Committee on Finance meets this day at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in Committee Room "A", City Hall.

PRESENT: Chairwoman Brassil and Councilmen Addison, Easton, and Paolino.

RELATIVE TO: PROPOSED BUDGET SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981.

Chairwoman Brassil has called for a press conference at this time together with the meeting.

She makes the following statement:

As Chairperson of the Finance Committee, I have called this meeting today to ask this Committee to return this budget to the Mayor for the following reasons:

I feel this budget is a deliberate attempt to mislead and deceive the people of Providence into believing this is a balanced budget. In his quest for the Governorship, Mayor Cianci has tried to dupe the people of Providence and this City Council.

I believe there was no question in the mind of the Mayor that we may not get the full Four Million Dollars or even any money this Fiscal Year for the Sale of Valley View. All I had to do was request, in writing from HUD, a confirmation of the sale and that confirmation was not forthcoming. The commitment for the sale of Valley View this fiscal year is not possible at this time and as it stands now, this Budget will be short Four Million Dollars, not including the problems with the Water Supply Board, the School Department, Camp Cronin and the Pension Fund.

This Budget is underfunded, overexpended and a sham from the very conception.

We demand that you present us with an honest budget that we can work with.

We hope that you will put a cap on spending in each Department, as you have a propensity for waste and mismanagement demonstrated by your massive deficits.

I strongly suggest that you cease and desist from interfering with any Department, by your granting preferential overtime compensation and favors to selected individuals, a burden which the Taxpayers of Providence can ill afford to pay.

She further reads a communication from Shelly S. Friedman, Regional Administrator of the Department of Housing and Urban Development dated June 3, 1980, which states:

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This is my response to your letter of May 22, 1980, relative to the sale of the Valley View Housing Development to the Providence Housing Authority.

The Providence Service Office has been requested to provide some additional documentation to the office, prior to my making a request to Assistant Secretary Simons for the funds necessary to allow the Providence Housing Authority to acquire the units. I am therefore, unfortunately, unable to commit at this time that the Department will provide funds for the purchase of Valley View this fiscal year.

If I can be of further service to you in this matter, please contact me.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, following a lengthy discussion, it is voted to recommend to the City Council that the following four Ordinances be submitted back to the Mayor, so that he may submit a more realistic budget.

It is brought out that if the Mayor were to receive the money from the sale of Valley View Complex, the land of the former Point Judith Police Camp and the money from the Water Supply Board, it is a one time input. The City would be in a tremendous deficit the next fiscal year.

There is a Seventeen Million Dollar (\$17,000,000.00) increase over last year's budget.

It is the consensus of the members that when the City is in receipt of money for one year only, it should be applied to the deficit.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Addison, the Committee adjourns at 10:30 o'clock A.M.

Rose M. Meadows

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