

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

FEBRUARY 13, 1980

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

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

Also present are City Solicitor Glantz, Acting Finance Director Bernardo, City Treasurer Napolitano and City Collector Tarro.

(Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk).

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", RELATIVE TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

Chairwoman Brassil states the Committee had agreed and voted upon previously to change a Clerk Stenographer II to a Clerk Stenographer III in the Department of City Clerk, which has been omitted from this Ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Paolino, seconded by Councilman Addison, it is voted to amend the Section 2 Ordinance by adding a change in the Department of City Clerk for a Clerk Stenographer III, from a Clerk Stenographer II.

Councilman Dillon states the members had voted to change 1 Accountant III to a Senior Accountant in the City Controller's Office.

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Paolino, it is voted to delete 1 Accountant III and add 1 Senior Accountant in the Controller's Office, Section 8.

Councilman Addison states 1 Clerk IV was to be inserted in the Providence Human Relations Commission.

On motion of Councilman Addison, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted to add 1 Clerk IV in the Department of Providence Human Relations Commission, Section 60.

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 CHAPTER 1978-20, APPROVED JULY 28, 1979" RELATIVE TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

Mr. Bernstein, Director of Department of Planning and Urban Development states there is an error in the Ordinance with the position of Business Relocation Manager which raises the pay grade from 25

to 29. This would cause problems within the Department as he would make as much money as his Supervisors. He had recommended the change be from 25 to 27.

On motion of Councilman Farmer, seconded by Councilman Paolino, it is voted to change the pay grade of Business Relocation Manager from 25 to 27, not 29.

On motion of Councilman Paolino, seconded by Councilman Dillon, it is voted to add "40 hours" following the pay grade of Supervisor-Division of Maintenance.

Questioned by the Members as to whether the changes in pay grades by the Union is for the position or a particular person, Joseph Virgilio, Local 1033, being present responds.

He states in every one of these situations, he did have complete agreements with Department Heads and tried to treat these non-political. For every change here, there is a person selected for that change. He has negotiated for individuals, not classifications.

Chairwoman Brassil reads a communication from Mr. Beatini in which he states the position of Purchasing Agent I is not needed, in his department, he is in need of typists.

Mr. Virgilio is of the opinion these changes allow a giant step forward in classifying and in every class here, these people are functioning 35-40 hours every week. Most cases are recommended by the Department Heads and he totally disagrees with Mr. Beatini.

Councilman Lynch is excused at this time.

Mr. Bernardo states there are certain people not being taken care of that are making as little as a subordinate and he proposes they be corrected.

City Solicitor Glantz states the only communication received was from Mr. Bernardo, and does not want to effect this Ordinance, therefore, to correct the inequities, it should be brought in separately. The Administration is open to that.

Councilman Easton joins the Committee at this time.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1979-30, APPROVED JUNE 22, 1979 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FOUR MILLION, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS, SEVENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$4,696,893.74) TO ITEM 0 AND I, VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS (LABORERS, POLICE, FIRE AND SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS).

Questioned as to the money found, Mr. Bernardo states the City is collecting taxes at that rate, there is more due to a good collection of back taxes.

Mr. Tarro states there was a greater effort in collecting taxes this year, and they pushed on the excise tax, which is the current tax and involves the back taxes on motor vehicles.

The City is up on back taxes of approximately Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) over last year's collection and they will get a better collection with the tax sale.

Chairwoman Brassil states the Mayor had stated he would not raise the taxes, when in effect, there was a hidden 1.2 Million Dollar tax on Motor Vehicles. She questions as to whether the City Assessor can do that.

Mr. Glantz states the law dealing with that is up to the Assessor.

Questioned by Chairwoman Brassil, Mr. Bernardo outlines where the additional money will be derived from for the appropriation Ordinance.

Chairwoman Brassil questions the Recreation Department having gone over their Budget as of December 1, 1979, One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) over what was allotted.

Mr. Glantz states the Budget is the guideline. It is illegal to spend over the Budget.

Mr. Bernardo states the collection rate for 1978 tax was 89.15%; 1977-87.54%; and 1976-85%, based on records. For seven months of this year, the City collected 66.84%.

The Finance Director is requested to give the City Clerk the amendments to the Appropriation Ordinance for the changes voted upon this day.

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Paolino, it is voted to transmit the three (3) Ordinances to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption, as amended.

Councilman Easton desires to be recorded as voting "No" on the Appropriation Ordinance.

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, AS AMENDED", RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (1-03-04).

Mr. Bernstein states he has advertised and been unable to obtain a Chief, Division of Planning due to the low pay, that is the reason for the request from Grade 31 to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a year.

On motion of Councilman Farmer, seconded by Councilman Paolino, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Ordinance to the City Council

with recommendation of Adoption.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1979-30, APPROVED JUNE 22, 1979 BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$16,000.00) TO THE CIVIC CENTER WAR MEMORIAL.

On motion of Councilman Addison, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1979-30, APPROVED JUNE 22, 1979 BY APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE LAW DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL ITEMS 3 FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Mr. Glantz explains to the members the reason the money has been spent on Claims at this time and the request for additional funds.

He outlines the Court cases and the fact that 1900 cases have been eliminated since September 1. They have been trying cases in Superior Court in Bristol and Providence. The frequency of cases over the years delayed and continued are now coming up. Many are five to ten years old. The problem is they are out of money.

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

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER AND CITY CONTROLLER TO REIMBURSE DEBORAH COSTA, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) FOR HER PAYMENT OF A COUNTERFEIT BILL TO THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONAL BANK.

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

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTIONS REPORTING RECEIPT OF CERTAIN GIFTS OF MONIES BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND CARE OF SPECIFIED BURIAL LOTS IN NORTH BURIAL GROUND.

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Addison, 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, 1977 ON LOT 744, PLAT 23, LOCATED AT 143 PRAIRIE AVENUE BE CANCELLED.

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

RELATIVE TO COMMUNICATION FROM CITY COLLECTOR REQUESTING THE DATES OF ANN MARIE PATTON'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE BE CHANGED FROM JANUARY 14, 1980, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 1980, TO JANUARY 21, 1980 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 1980.

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On motion of Councilman Farmer, seconded by Councilman Dillon,
it is voted to approve the change of dates for the above noted
Leave of Absence.

Adjournment is taken at 6:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

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Rose M. Mendocena
CLERK