

Department of City Clerk

City Hall

August 26, 1975

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

Present: Chairman Lynch and Councilmen McKiernan, Garan, Stravato, Crowley and Bradshaw.

Also present is Stephen Napolitano, Assistant City Solicitor. Rose M. Mendonca, Assistant Clerk.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY TREASURER TO HIRE CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY FOR NOTES MATURING.

Chairman Lynch presents the following Notes authorizing and directing the City Treasurer to hire sums of money and to issue the City's notes in payment for renewal of notes, to be dated August 29, 1975 and payable February 27, 1976, maturing on August 29, 1975 and the discount of the note at the rate of 4.60%;

Res. No.	Year	Hiring Sum of	Renewal of Note	For Sum of	Bank	
208	1975	\$100,000	11197 (part)	\$425,000	R.I.Hosp.Tr.	Slum Clear. & Red.No.V
"	"	25,000	11197	425,000	Nat'l.Bk.	" "
"	"	100,000	11197	"	" "	" "
248	1974 &					
54	1960	138,000	11190	60,000)	Old Stone	Off Street
			11215	78,000)		Parking Fac.
478	1967 &			138,000		
354	1969	140,000	11196	140,000	" "	Slum Clear.& Red. No. V
208	1975	100,000	11197 (part)	425,000	R.I.Hosp.Tr.	" "
					Nat'l.Bk.	
208	1975	100,000	11197	"	" "	" "
177	1974	75,000	11198	275,000	" "	" "
177	1974	100,000	11198	"	" "	" "
"	"	"	"	"	" "	" "
73	"	"	11211	100,000	" "	School Mod. & Const.Loan IV
"	"	"	11214	"	" "	" "
"	"	"	11212	"	" "	" "
"	"	"	11213	"	" "	" "
142	1964 &	23,000	11218	23,000	Citizens	Slum Clear & Red. No. V
354	1969				Tr. Co.	
305	1972	150,000	11217	150,000	Old Stone	Capital Pur.
619	1967	305,000	11200	280,000)	Citizens	Add.&Alt.Prov.
			11210	25,000)	Tr.Co.	Pub.Library
300	1975	100,000	11216	100,000	Col.Nat'l.	School Mod. & Const.Loan V
226	1968	79,000	11193	79,000	" "	Slum Clear.& Red.No.V
74	1974	525,000	11189	65,000)	Old Stone	Const. of
			11194	10,000)		Seawall & Add.
			11199	325,000)		Dock.Fac.
			11208	100,000)		
			11209	25,000)		
354	1969	2,123,000	11205	100,000)	Ind.Nat'l.	Slum Clear & Red V
			11206	")		
			11207	83,000)		
			11188	230,000)		
			11191	85,000)		
			11195	1,125,000)		
			11201	100,000)		
			11202	")		
			11203	")		
			11204	")		

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On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilmen Crowley and Garan, the foregoing notes are Severally Approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM E. HOWLAND BOWEN, ESQUIRE, FOR
W.T. GRANT COMPANY RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX.

Chairman Lynch reads the following communication dated July 22, 1975, from E. Howland Bowen, Attorney for W. T. Grant Company:

"I represent W. T. Grant Company in the matter of its objection to the \$58.00 per thousand tax rate reflected in its property tax bill for 1975. It is my understanding that the City Council by virtue of an ordinance designated as 1975-19 ordered the assessment and apportionment of a tax on ratable property in the City in an amount not more than \$48,000,000.00, and ordered the City Assessor to assess and apportion the tax so levied in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance. It is my further understanding that the City Assessor has certified to the City Collector a tax roll in which he has assessed and apportioned a tax of \$53,015,953.46. This has resulted in an increase in the tax rate from \$53.00 to \$58.00 per thousand while the rate of tax on manufacturers machinery and equipment has decreased from \$77.40 to \$73.00 per thousand.

I submit on behalf of my client that the portion of the assessment in excess of \$48,000,000.00, namely the sum of \$5,015,953.46, exceeds the authority of said City Assessor to assess, and likewise, exceeds the authority of the City Collector to collect. Accordingly, I further contend that that certain portion of the \$58.00 tax rate which is attributable to this excessive exaction is illegal.

As I interpret the provisions of Title 44, Chapter 7, Section 14, the City Council is authorized to cancel in whole or in part, taxes assessed upon personal and real property when the Council is advised by the City Solicitor by written opinion concurred in by the Tax Administrator that a tax is illegal. Accordingly, by virtue of said provisions, I am hereby respectfully requesting the City Council to request a written opinion from the City Solicitor and Tax Administrator on the issue of the validity of the tax in question. Furthermore, if such opinion is that the \$5,015,953.46 exaction and attributable portion of the tax rate is illegal, I further request that the City Council cancel the same pursuant to Title 47, Chapter 7, Section 14."

The Clerk informs the members that Attorney Bowen is awaiting in the outer office to appear before the Committee.

Questioned as to his opinion, Assistant City Solicitor Napolitano states that as the matter is in litigation, it is improper for the City Solicitor's Office to enter an opinion. Until disposition of the matter, that is his opinion.

It is the consensus of the members that Mr. Bowen be invited to appear before the Committee.

Chairman Lynch informs Mr. Bowen he may speak to the members of the Committee on the subject matter.

Mr. Bowen: In the way I set this in my communication, the essence of the request is that the Grant Company, as a Providence taxpayer, has a tax bill in which there is reflected a rate of \$58.00 per thousand. As a taxpayer, we leaned to the law which governs the responsibility, as a taxpayer and as we see it, by statutory law, it is the City Council which determines the amount of the tax liability for the taxpayers of the City of Providence. As we see it, a true essence of a legally assessed tax, is action by the City Council and under the statute of Courts, setting a specific amount for the Tax Collector to Collect. The statute gives a leeway to the City Council to set a minimum and maximum figure in which the Tax Assessor can work.

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Only a legislative body can impose the tax. The Tax Assessor is an administrative officer who once given the figures from the City Council, their work is to apportion that tax throughout the valuation that he, as an administrative officer, feels should be set on each piece of property.

His job is to set a value on each piece of property, but the City Council is to tell overall, how much he is to apportion on the City. We contend that only the City Council can authorize and impose that tax. Looking at it from Resolution 1975-19, the City Council authorized an assessment of not more than \$48,000,000. If that is the figure, the legislative would mandate a figure for the tax assessor to work with, it is our contention that anything in excess of that \$48,000,000 is a tax, but, only that amount the City Council has authorized to be raised is a tax, otherwise it is an exaction.

Getting to my point, Title 44, Chapter 7, Section 14, in my opinion, gives the City Council the authority to cancel that portion of a tax, or all if illegal, the city council can cancel the amount of that exaction. The City Council can do so upon the basis of an opinion in writing from the City Solicitor to the effect that that amount is illegal.

If that written opinion is concurred with by the Tax Administrator, then the foundation is made for the City Council to declare that amount which the Tax Assessor, over and above the \$48,000,000, levied cannot be done.

It is my opinion, that as a Taxpayer, W.T. Grant Company, or any taxpayer, until such time as the City Council has recognized this additional exaction as a tax, it is illegal. If the City Council feels there is a need, they can, on the basis of opinion from the City Solicitor and Tax Administrator, cancel that excess.

Councilman McKiernan questions as to why Mr. Bowen did not file with them prior to going to Court.

Mr. Bowen states in reviewing the tax structure, he had no knowledge that this could be used until the final review of the tax statute.

Councilman McKiernan asks if he thinks the Court will require he come back to the City Council first, he questions whether that be a requirement.

Mr. Bowen informs it is conceivable, the Court could say they have not exhausted the remedies, the statute of going to the City Council.

Discussion ensues between the members of the Committee and Mr. Bowen.

Mr. Bowen is excused at this time.

Mr. Napolitano is of the opinion they cannot render a decision and feels the Court will take jurisdiction and render a decision on it.

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Chairman Lynch states it is the opinion of the Assistant City Solicitor not to proceed on the request because it is in litigation.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Garan, it is voted that no action be taken on the request of Attorney Bowen until litigation in Court has been resolved and the decision is rendered.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1975-20, APPROVED AUGUST 9, 1975.

Chairman Lynch states as the members of the Committee have just received copies of the Compensation Plan, he suggests the matter be Continued until they have had an opportunity to study same.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to Continue the above Ordinance in Committee.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF 1975 TAXES IN A SUM NOT LESS THAN FORTY-SEVEN MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$47,902,776.00), NOR MORE THAN FIFTY THREE MILLION FIFTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS AND FORTY SIX CENTS (\$53,015,953.46).

Councilman McKiernan suggests the Committee meet with the Mayor if possible on the above Ordinance to find out the administrations intent and determine whether or not this can be done legally after July 1st.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilmen Garan and Crowley, it is voted to Continue the above Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$2,000) ASSESSED VALUATION REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION TO ANY PERSON SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER WHO QUALIFY AND RESCINDING CHAPTER 1974-12, APPROVED APRIL 18, 1974.

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Ordinance for the members.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Garan, it is voted to Continue the above Ordinance and the Clerk is requested to refer same to the City Assessor so that he may inform the Committee the cost for the Exemption and that he find out, up to date, information from other Communities that have same.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,000.00) FOR VARIOUS GRANTS.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FOR VARIOUS GRANTS.

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Ordinance to the members of the Committee and states the \$13,000.00 Ordinance incorporates what is within the \$5,000 Ordinance, plus other organizations.

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Councilman Bradshaw states the problem over the years has been the Broad Street Boy Scouts, they wanted the use of certain schools and this started things. The Boys Clubs are suffering and reducing their programs. He is of the opinion they may be opening a Pandora's box and questions as to how many are under the United Fund Agency. He questions as to whether or not they can justify taxpayers money on some of these that should be able to support themselves. He further states they may be discriminating as there are other scout troops.

On motion of Councilman Garan, seconded by Councilman McKiernan, it is voted to continue the foregoing Ordinances in Committee until they can speak to the Mayor as to his opinion.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR (\$374.00) DOLLARS FOR THE BICENTENNIAL NORTH BURIAL GROUND PROGRAM.

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Ordinance for the members.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilmen Garan and Bradshaw, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation the same be Adopted.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000.00) DOLLARS TO TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ITEM 199 (TAX REVALUATION).

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Ordinance with the members.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilmen Crowley and Bradshaw, it is voted to transmit the above Ordinance to the City Council with the recommendation of Adoption.

Councilman Garan desires to be recorded as "Not Voting".

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$260,800.00) TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS (POLICE CONTRACT \$250,000.00, PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION \$10,800.00) ITEM 0.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION PLAN CHAPTER 1974-5, APPROVED DECEMBER 20, 1974.

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Ordinance to the members and states this is for the raises that are due them.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilmen Garan and Crowley, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Ordinances to the City Council with the recommendation the same be Severally Adopted.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1974-19, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS FOR THE CITY'S BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

Councilman McKiernan states Councilman Bradshaw has appointed a Committee and a meeting will be called of the Bicentennial Committee with a request they establish priorities for the above money.

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On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilmen Crowley and Bradshaw, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Ordinance to the City Council with the recommendation the same be Adopted.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ENTER INTO A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN ON BEHALF OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

Chairman Lynch states he will have someone join the members of the Committee at its next meeting so that they may brief them on the above Ordinance.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Garan, it is voted to Continue the Above Ordinance.

RESOLUTION REFUNDING TO CERTAIN TAXPAYERS SUMS OF MONEY REPRESENTING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES TO THE CITY COLLECTOR FOR THE YEARS 1970, 1972, 1973 and 1974.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilmen Crowley and Stravato, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO JOAN PALLOTTA, AN EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY COLLECTOR, THE SUM OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) FOR HER PAYMENT OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY, IN THAT DENOMINATION.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Garan, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO DEBORAH LAPATIN, AN EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE OF CITY COLLECTOR, THE SUM OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) FOR HER PAYMENT OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY IN THAT DENOMINATION.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Garan, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING GIFTS OF MONEY FOR SPECIFIED BURIAL LOTS IN NORTH BURIAL GROUND.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to transmit the above Resolution to the City Council with recommendation of Adoption.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, DATED AUGUST 5, 1975, INFORMING THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF HIS DISAPPROVAL AND VETO OF THAT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROPOSING THE TRANSFER OF ALL UNEXPENDED BALANCES ACCRUED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1974-75.

Chairman Lynch informs the members the Resolution that has been Vetoed was introduced by the request of the Director of Finance; therefore he does not understand the Veto.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Bradshaw, it is voted to Continue the above Resolution until Finance Director Izzo explains to the members of the Committee.

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE UNIFORMS FOR ITS DOG OFFICERS.

Councilman Stravato states the City has only two or three Dog Officers, they are not recognized and are subject to assault.

On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilman McKiernan, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be Adopted.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL TO MEMORIALIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO ENACT SUCH LEGISLATION AS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVIDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 45 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND, 1956, AS AMENDED, WHICH GRANTED ESCALATION BENEFITS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chairman Lynch is of the opinion the above Resolution should be continued until they meet with the Mayor as he is of the opinion the Mayor is negotiating with Firemen.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to Continue the above Resolution.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) FROM ANTICIPATED SURPLUS, 1975-1976 TO THE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Chairman Lynch reviews the above Resolution and discussion ensues relative to same.

Councilman Garan is of the opinion this is not giving the School Department the type of raise they are looking for and they may be interpreting this to be the maximum amount used for this purpose.

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

Councilman Bradshaw desires to be recorded as "Not Voting".

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CLERK RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE COST OF THE INSTALLATION OF AN APPROPRIATE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM.

Chairman Lynch presents the following from City Clerk Vincent Vespia, dated August 18, 1975, relative to the above:

"Your Clerk, under the provisions of Resolution of the City Council No. 429, approved May 21, 1975, which requested a survey to determine the cost of the installation of an appropriate Public Address System, within the Chamber of the City Council, respectfully reports; he met with the Director of the Department of Communications for a preliminary survey to determine the cost.

It is the recommendation of the Director that the placement of twenty-eight individual microphones at the desks of the President, each Member of the City Council and at the desk of the Clerk, adequately wired and all the necessary amplification apparatus installation would cost approximately Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00); subsequently the Director revised the cost figure to Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00).

Chairman Lynch requests the Assistant Clerk determine whether or not copies of the above were submitted to all members of the City Council for their review, which has been done.

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On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to Continue the foregoing in Committee until the same has been studied.

COMMUNICATION FROM PROVIDENCE RETIRED POLICE AND FIRE ASSOCIATION REQUESTING TWO OF ITS MEMBERS BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND AND SPEAK TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Chairman Lynch reads the following communication dated August 21, 1975, from Joseph Keating, and George M. Shea:

"It is requested that two members of the Providence Retired Police and Fire Association be allowed to attend and speak to the Finance Committee in reference to a resolution pending before it.

This is in regard to allowing retired members of the City of Providence to change the options already taken."

Chairman Lynch states the gentlemen wish to speak to the members as the Fire Department has had enacted at the last session of the General Assembly, improvements to their Retirement Act for the Fire Department only; they wish to speak on behalf of the Police Department.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to Continue the above Communication and Messrs. Keating and Shea be invited to speak at the next scheduled meeting.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY SOLICITOR TO APPLY TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND URGE PASSAGE OF AN ACT IN AMENDMENT TO "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE".

Councilman McKiernan explains to the members the above Resolution is to bring the retirement benefits in line; if a man retires after twenty years the wife collects full benefits, but if a man is retired on disability pension and an option is selected, the wife receives 50%. If a man is not injured, he receives better benefits.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Garan, it is voted to refer the above Resolution to the City Solicitor for proper wording so that it may be presented to the General Assembly at its 1976 Session and the same is Continued.

STREET LIGHTING BILLS FOR JUNE, 1975 IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$80,624.06), AND FOR JULY 1975, IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$80,624.06)

Chairman Lynch states one of the reasons the above bills were referred to Committee is they are not sure the street lights are being replaced.

The question arises as to the outage and it is determined there is no outage charge.

Discussion ensues as to whether or not interest can be charged for non-payment of the bills and Assistant City Solicitor Napolitano suggests the bills be paid.

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On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to transmit the foregoing Electric bills to the City Council with recommendation of Approval for Payment.

Councilman Garan desires to be recorded as "Not Voting".

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO BORROW NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00) FOR REMODELING, RECONSTRUCTING, REHABILITATING, MODERNIZING AND IMPROVING MUNICIPAL DOCK BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL NO. 301, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1975.

Chairman Lynch states the Finance Director has informed the City Clerk the above Resolution was introduced in error.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted the above Resolution be Postponed Indefinitely in Committee.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1974-58, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, APPROVED DECEMBER 20, 1975.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 1974-55, APPROVED DECEMBER 20, 1974, 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".

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1974-20, APPROVED JUNE 19, 1974 ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ASSESSOR.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to Continue the foregoing Ordinances.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ASSESSOR TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF NON-PAYMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilman Garan states the intent of the above Resolution is to have the people that keep their old plates from other States register in Rhode Island and pay the taxes.

On motion of Councilman Garan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to refer the foregoing Resolution to the City Solicitor for the proper wording and Continue same in Committee.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATION THAT ANTHONY DeNICOLA, FORMER HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, IS ENTITLED TO THIRTEEN WEEKS OF ACCRUED VACATION COMPENSATION.

Chairman Lynch suggests the Committee receive a written opinion from Finance Director Izzo as to the legality of the request.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilmen Stravato and Garan, it is voted to refer the above Resolution to Finance Director Izzo for a written opinion as to the legality of the request.

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE
UNIFORMS FOR CROSSING GUARDS.

Chairman Lynch states Colonel McQueeney is working toward the uniforms, but questions as to how the Committee can move passage and not provide the department with the money.

Councilman McKiernan suggests Woman Parking Checkers be added to the Resolution as there are only three with that classification.

On Motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to refer the foregoing Resolution to Finance Director Izzo so that he may determine from Colonel McQueeney what sum would be needed to provide an Appropriation for the purpose of purchasing Uniforms for Crossing Guards and Woman Parking Checkers and Continue the above Resolution in Committee.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to amend the Resolution by adding the words following "Crossing Guards" - "and Women Parking Checkers."

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION FOR REPRINTING
OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Councilman Garan states he looked into the matter with the Department of Planning and Urban Development but could not get an answer as to whether or not the department could get the money.

It is suggested he look into the matter of federal funds.

On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilman McKiernan, it is voted to Continue the above Resolution.

RELATIVE TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED PERTAINING TO
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL NO. 244, EFFECTIVE
APRIL 14, 1975 PERTAINING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM GRANT.

Chairman Lynch reads the following communication dated August 25, 1975, from James A. Feeley, Director of Community Planning and Development:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of letters dated July 3 and August 13, 1975 informing HUD of an opinion by the Committee on Finance in regard to compliance with the provisions of a City Council Resolution dated April 14, 1975.

Provision 1 of the Resolution authorizes "the City of Providence, through its official representative, the Mayor, to file an application for Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Funds for fiscal year 1975...." This City Council action satisfies the first of twelve Assurances (form HUD-7015.12 attached) certified by the Providence City Solicitor.

These Assurances along with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement executed June 30, 1975 set forth the legal conditions agreed to and in effect between HUD and the City of Providence.

Any further requirements imposed by the City Council on the Mayor are local in nature, and do not affect this Department.

In reply, therefore, to your letters of July 3 and August 13, we regard them as informational and intend no Federal action. We respect the opinion of the Committee on Finance, and have faith in the local recourses available to resolve the situation. Any involvement by HUD in this matter, we feel, would be an intervention in the local process."

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Discussion ensues relative to the foregoing correspondence.

On motion of Councilman Stravato, seconded by Councilmen Crowley and Bradshaw, it is voted to Continue the foregoing until the Mayor joins the Committee.

COMMUNICATION FROM JAMES J. MULLEN, COUNCIL
PRESIDENT, BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND.

Chairman Lynch reviews the correspondence which has been before the Committee at previous meetings; said communication informing of the Town Council's disappointment with the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns.

Chairman Lynch states he has always found them very helpful in whatever requested and also the the Finance Committee in the Past.

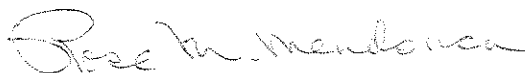
On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Crowley, it is voted to Receive the above communication and the same be Postponed Indefinitely in Committee.

RELATIVE TO MEMORANDUM FROM CITY CLERK.

Chairman Lynch reviews and reads to the members the above memorandum from the City Clerk pertaining to various subjects such as Public Address System, Air Conditioning for the City Council Chamber and overtime compensation for members of his staff.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Stravato, it is voted to Continue the foregoing memorandum until the City Clerk is present to explain more fully to the members of the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT. On motion of Councilman Bradshaw, seconded by Councilman Stravato, the Committee adjourns at 5:20 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Clerk