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Department of City Clerk
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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 4:00 o'clock P. M. in the Department of City Clerk at City Hall.

Present: Vice-Chairman Lynch and Councilmen McOsker and Lazarus.

By invitation the following are also present: Finance Director Keegan, Budget Officer Moran and Assistant City Controller Costantino. (Vincent Vespia, City Clerk)

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE RATES.

Vice-Chairman Lynch informs the Committee that Mayor Doorley has suggested a joint meeting of the Committees on Ordinance and Finance and the State Insurance Commissioner to discuss this Resolution and Resolution of the City Council No. 754 approved December 8, 1965 which is concerned with insurance coverage cancellations in the South Providence section of the City. As a result such a meeting has been called for Thursday, January 13, 1966 at 3:00 o'clock P. M. in the Department of City Clerk.

The Clerk reports he has arranged with Mayor Doorley, Chairman Wexler, Vice Chairman Lynch, and Insurance Commissioner Campbell for such a meeting.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazaurus it is voted to continue this matter until, Thursday, January 13, 1966 at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUNDS THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$15,000) DOLLARS FROM THE "FIRE INSURANCE FUND" TO A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "REPAIRS TO ANIMAL BARN IN ROGER WILLIAMS PARK".

Budget Officer Moran states this transfer is requested by Superintendent of Parks Hartman as a need for rebuilding stable and barn damaged by fire on August 19, 1965.

Prior to the fire damage it was used for storage of grain, hay and housing of some animals during the cold of winter. With the contemplation of developing North American plain exhibit on the nearby trotting track, further need for

this facility becomes apparent as housing for new animals facility for mother to born offspring and hospital for sick animals.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazaurus, it is voted to transmit this Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUNDS THE SUM OF FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$4,5000) DOLLARS FROM THE "FIRE INSURANCE FUND" TO A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "JOSLIN STREET RECREATION CENTER FIRE DAMAGE FUND".

Budget Officer Moran submits a report address to Finance Director Keegan from Superintendent of Public Buildings Soderback, dated December 13, 1965 which reports in detail the motive for requesting this transfer (a copy of the subject letter is in file of this Committee of this date).

Councilman Lazarus questions whether the proposed work will be submitted to bid to which Mr. Moran opines it may be submitted to bid from a general contractor.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to transmit this Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUPERVISING OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL, STATE AND CITY GOVERNMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM TO REPORT UPON CERTAIN POLICY PROCEDURES.

Councilman McOsker reviews the provision of this Resolution.

He suggests Councilman Pearlman, sponsor of the Resolution, be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee, following the scheduled meeting for January 13, 1966, at which time he may present his views.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to continue this matter as above noted and to invite Councilman Pearlman to attend.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REFUNDING TO CERTAIN TAXPAYERS SUMS OF MONEY REPRESENTING OVER-PAYMENT OF THE 1957, 1958, 1963, 1964 AND 1965 TAXES TO THE CITY COLLECTOR.

It is observed that these Resolutions are of a routine nature and should be adopted.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus,

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it is voted to transmit the several Resolutions to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 760, SECTION 1, "ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE".

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 68 OF CHAPTER 1715, "ESTABLISHING THE CLASSES OF POSITION, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CLASSES IN THE CITY DEPARTMENTS", AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 17, 1965, RELATIVE TO THE PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1717, " ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE", AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 17, 1965.

Councilman McOsker states it is his understanding that Mayor Doorley hopes to accomplish the purpose of these Ordinances by utilizing a present employee in the City Plan Commission and therefore would suggest these matters be held in abeyance.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to postpone indefinitely in Committee the several above listed Ordinances.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO APPROPRIATE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CURRENT RECREATIONAL BOND ISSUE AND/OR THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE STATE'S GREEN ACRES PROGRAM, SO-CALLED, FOR THE REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MERINO PARK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OF THE COUNCILMEN FROM THE SEVENTH WARD.

At this point Councilman Charles A. Pisaturo appears by invitation.

Councilman William J. Murphy having also been invited is not present due to illness.

Councilman McOsker questions Councilman Pisaturo as to cost estimates for this proposal.

Councilman Pisaturo states he has none, at this time, and suggests the Recreation Advisory Committee be invited to present its view.

The question of law of the Resolution ensues.

It is the view of Councilman McOsker that the first article "the" in the second paragraph, line 6 be deleted. There is no objection to this suggestion.

Councilman Pisaturo proceeds to describe the area as being a recreational tract of about thirty acres which has been allowed to be run down over the years and that there is a field house thereon in a deteriorated condition; rest rooms and water bubblers are in a state of disrepair; he alludes to the condition of the wading pool, swings, a ball field and the fact that the wading pool had been condemned by the State Department of Health because of contamination.

Councilman Pisaturo reports that each year the City Recreation Department causes sand to be dumped into the front half portion of the pond to cover over debris on its bottom, which apparently has never been cleaned out.

He further reports that at the beginning of the 1965 playground season the City Department of Public Works built an outdoor central spray for children to use.

Mr. Moran observes that all during the time the State operated this facility the area was never condemned.

Councilman Pisaturo suggests that the pond basin earthen banks be replaced with concrete; to cease of one half of the pond area with a wall and asphalt the bottom, this would eliminate the necessity of pouring sand to cover the bottom and that the natural drainage of the pond would keep it clean.

Councilman Lazarus feels that Director McGarry should delegate Deputy Director of Public Works Strong to inspect the area and make recommendations for its betterment.

Councilman Pisaturo suggests that the following be effected:

Repair field house; repair broken benches and baseball backstop, picnic tables and fire places thus making the area more acceptable to residents of the entire City.

Following this discussion Vice-Chairman Lynch suggests the Resolution be referred to the Recreation Advisory Committee; the Director of Recreation; the City Plan Commission; the Director of Public Works and the Finance Director with a request that each report in writing back to this Committee not later than February 15, 1966.

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Councilman Pisaturo feels this time table should be adhered to if the area is to be presented in condition for the forthcoming recreation season in 1966.

Mr. Keegan reports on the pedestrian passageway now being utilized by children using the area, which is under and across the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

It is his feeling that with the new Route 6 highway located within this area that a similar facility should be available under the proposed highway.

The Clerk is requested to correspond with State Director of Public Works Marcello and suggest this innovation.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to continue this Resolution and to direct the Clerk to circularize the above persons for their views in writing.

RELATIVE TO REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
BY WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN.

Vice-Chairman Lynch notes the request is for him to take a position with the State on a probationary basis.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to continue this matter until the next meeting of this Committee.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to adjourn at 4:55 o'clock P. M.

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