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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Chairman O'Connor and Messrs. Haxton, Lynch and Lazarus. Also present by invitation are Councilmen Alprin, Hassett, Pearlman and Souza; Finance Director Keegan and Budget Officer Moran.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF CONTRACT AND SUPPLY CENTRALIZE PURCHASING OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Mr. Pearlman briefly states his position on the subject resolution indicating that he would not take the time at this meeting to completely explore the above proposition and suggests that at the next meeting of this Committee he be invited, together with City Purchasing Agent Travisono and School Department Purchasing Agent May.

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

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION OF \$48,330,160.85 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1966. (In City Council August 16, 1965 and Referred to Committee on Finance)

Mr. Moran proceeds to explain the items incorporated in the budget ordinance and related budget estimates.

Mr. Lazarus undertakes a series of questions concerning the Charles V. Chapin Hospital which Mr. Moran supplies answers to the questions. Mr. Lynch is concerned with the method employed in the collection of out-of-city patients.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSES OF POSITIONS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CLASSES IN THE CITY DEPARTMENTS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1645, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 23, 1964.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1646, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 23, 1964.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE SEVERAL CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES HEREIN NAMED, AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1647, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 23, 1964.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 760, SECTION 1, "ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, AS APPROVED AUGUST 7, 1953.

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RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1644, BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$15,000 FROM CONTINGENCIES ITEM 3, TO AN ACCOUNT TO BE KNOWN AS "DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTY, ITEM 1".

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1644, BY TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$4,400 FROM WATER-PAYMENT TO SINKING FUND, ITEM 8, TO WATER-SOURCE OF SUPPLY, ITEM 1.

RELATIVE TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 165.2 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION", AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A CERTAIN HOLIDAY, RELATIVE TO MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

A series of informal questions are asked of the Finance Director and the Budget Officer and answers are supplied to the satisfaction of the original queries.

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. Lynch, it is voted to transmit to the next meeting of the City Council the several ordinances above noted with recommendation the same be adopted.

Mr. Lazarus desires to be recorded as not voting.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING HIS HONOR THE MAYOR TO INTERCEDE AND SUGGEST TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HEALTH THAT THE SANITARY FACILITY AT HOPKINS SQUARE PARK BE REOPENED.

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. Lynch, it is voted to continue this Resolution.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REFUNDING TO TAXPAYERS CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY REPRESENTING OVERPAYMENT OF 1964 TAXES TO THE CITY COLLECTOR.

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

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$12,000 FROM A TRUST AND SPECIAL ACCOUNT, "REAL ESTATE SALES PROCEEDS-R.W. PARK LAND CONDEMNATION" TO A SPECIAL ACCOUNT KNOWN AS REST ROOMS-R.W. PARK.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$12,000 FROM A SPECIAL ACCOUNT, "GREENHOUSES-R.W. PARK" TO A TRUST AND SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. Lynch, it is voted to transmit to the City Council the several Resolutions with recommendation the same be adopted.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING UNITED STATES HOUSING AND HOME FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR TO TERMINATE CITY'S LIABILITY UNDER AGREEMENT EXECUTED MAY 2, 1946, SAME BEING PROJECT NO. RI-37-P-9.

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On motion of Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Messrs. Lynch and Haxton, it is voted to transmit to the City Council the same Resolution with recommendation the same be adopted.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FROM RHODE ISLAND TO INVESTIGATE A REPORT CONCERNING MARKETING OF POLAROID CAMERAS.

The Clerk explains in detail the intention of the sponsor of this Resolution, Councilman Prete, who is of the opinion that the United States of America should be granted the same privilege of marketing the item of this company as the Dominion of Canada.

It is the consensus of the Committee that this is not a proper prerogative of the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Haxton, it is voted to postpone indefinitely in Committee this Resolution.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO STUDY THE GRANTING OF A DISCOUNT ON REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Mr. Lazarus feels that the provisions of this Resolution should be a matter for the Administration and not the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Lynch, it is voted to continue this matter.

RELATIVE TO RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THAT ALL MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 11:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

At this point Recreation Director Cronin appears by invitation. Mr. Haxton questions Mr. Cronin as to the possibility of staggering the present personnel complimenting swimming pools in order to provide the use of the swimming pool facilities of the hours from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Discussion ensues as to the cost of personnel and services that would be incurred for the additional night hours.

Mr. Haxton observed that the Narragansett Electric Company's charge for electricity per season is only \$84.

Discussion ensues with respect to variety of questions on the operation of the various swimming pool facilities.

Mr. Lazarus at this point informs Mr. Cronin that at a recent inspection of the area adjacent to the Regent Avenue Playground, he was disappointed at the general housekeeping, particularly of that section.

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Mr. Cronin informs that his Department does not maintain permanent men on the site but has a roaming crew designated to maintain the various playground facilities. In answer to Mr. Cronin, Mr. Pearlman informs that there are thirty-one people concerned with maintenance; one mechanic and one carpenter. Mr. Haxton suggest use of employees under the poverty program in order to keep up the ball parks.

Mr. Lazarus informs Mr. Cronin that the Second Ward of Providence is the recipient of very little insofar as recreational facilities are concerned; particularly in a budget of \$574,000. Therefore, he suggests that the Recreation Department provide bus service for a musical group noted as the "Caballeros" so that they may be transported to and from assignments.

At this point all those invited to attend this meeting are excused.

On motion of Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Haxton, it is voted to continue this Resolution until a report from the Director of Recreation is filed with the Clerk.

RELATIVE TO THE SUGGESTION THAT A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE BE ELECTED.

Mr. Lynch states that recently it became necessary for the signature of the Chairman of this Committee on some renewal of notes. Chairman O'Connor was away and out of the City on vacation and not readily available for signing such documents; and therefore suggests that a vice chairman of this Committee be elected to provide for that contingency.

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to elect Councilman Robert F. Lynch as vice chairman of the standing Committee of the City Council; namely, the Committee on Finance.

RELATIVE TO ISSUING OF CITY NOTES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Bank</u>
\$111,000	Repairs & Reconstruction Bridges Loan Account	2.40%	8/31/65	2/28/66	Plantations Bk of R. I.
89,000	1964 Sewer Loan	"	"	"	Citizens Trust Co.

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<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Bank</u>
\$176,084.72	Slum Clearance & Redevelopment Loan No. 4 East Side Renewal	2.40%	8/31/65	2/28/66	Industrial National Bk
200,000.00	Classical-Central Education Center	"	"	"	"
132,500.00	School Athletic Fields Loan A-C	"	"	"	"
163,000.00	School Modernization and Construction Loan Account	"	"	"	"
587,000.00	Sludge Incinerator Loan	"	"	"	"
69,000.00	Classical-Central Education Center	"	"	"	Columbus National Bank
114,000.00	1964 Highway Loan	"	"	"	R. I. Hospital Trust Co.
353,000.00	Hurricane Barrier	"	"	"	"
138,000.00	Off-Street Parking Facilities in Providence Loan A/C	"	"	"	"
210,000.00	Lippitt Hill Elementary School	"	"	"	"

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Messrs. Lynch and Lazarus, it is voted to authorize the renewal of the above noted notes.

ADJOURNMENT is taken at 4:15 o'clock p.m., on motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. Lynch.

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*Vernice Vespa*

Clerk