

February 4, 1946

Adjournment is taken at 12:45 o'clock P.M.

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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 o'clock noon. Present: Chairman Mariani and Councilmen Testa and O'Connor. City Controller Keegan, Philip J. Holton, Superintendent of Water Supply Board, City Solicitor McCabe and Budget Director Reynolds are also present. (Charles J. McCabe, Assistant Clerk.)

JOSEPH H. GAINER MEMORIAL. (Continued from meeting of February 4, 1946.)

The Clerk explains to Mr. Holton that in accordance with the wishes of the Finance Committee he had contacted him in order that he appear before the Committee and discuss with them in more detail the Resolution of the Water Supply Board requesting the City Council to provide a memorial for Joseph H. Gainer.

Mr. Holton explains that it was the desire of the Water Supply Board to erect a triangular monument containing a plaque on each side in a triangular parcel of land on the approach to the East end of the main dam at the Scituate Reservoir. He states that this is the main drive for people driving to the dam from the City of Providence, and a triangular granite monument with a bronze plaque on all sides seems to the Water Supply Board to be a fitting memorial for the late Mayor Gainer.

He states that the Water Supply Board has received no estimates of the cost of such a monument, because they didn't feel

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they should try to ascertain the cost until such time as there was a definite indication that such an idea was acceptable. In his opinion, however, the monument the Water Supply Board has in mind would cost approximately \$5,000.00, which would include a bust of Mr. Gainer on each plaque, the granite monument itself and landscaping in the area in which the monument is erected.

A discussion ensues, and the Committee is favorably impressed with the plan offered by the Water Supply Board, but feels that this is a matter for a Special Committee rather than the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, it is voted to recommend to the next meeting of the City Council a Resolution authorizing His Honor the Mayor to appoint a committee composed of five Councilmen and two members of the Water Supply Board, for the purpose of providing a fitting memorial for Mr. Gainer.

Mr. Holton is excused at this time.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$25,000.00 TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS-GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Mr. Reynolds explains to the committee that this appropriation will be used for a periodic overhaul job on the new Incinerator. He states that these overhaul jobs are necessary approximately every three years, in order that the Incinerator be maintained at its maximum efficiency; that it is necessary to close down the Incinerator for a month to complete this job, and the additional expense incurred thereby necessitates the above appropriation.

On motion of Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, it is voted to recommend the passage of this Ordinance to the next meeting of the City Council.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$2800.00 TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS.

Mr. Reynolds explains that this amount of money is necessary because of the fact that the Recorder of Deeds has had a considerably increased work load, due to the necessity for recording Servicemen's discharges. These discharges are coming in at a very rapid rate, and entail the necessity for additional personnel and additional expense.

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On motion of Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, it is voted to recommend the passage of the above Ordinance to the next meeting of the City Council.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,000.00 FOR THE SERVICEMEN'S CENTER.

Mr. Reynolds explains to the committee that it is considered necessary to maintain the Servicemen's Center for a period of another year; that although their activities will be curtailed, due to the cessation of hostilities both in Europe and the Pacific, nevertheless, it is the feeling of those in charge that there will be a real need for the services of this Center for approximately one year longer. There has been no appropriation for this project for some time, and more money is needed there.

On motion of Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, it is voted to recommend the passage of the above Ordinance to the next meeting of the City Council.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 39 OF CHAPTER 1383 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1945 AS IT PERTAINS TO THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- INCINERATOR.

Mr. Reynolds explains to the committee that this amendment gives the Superintendent of the Incinerator, with the approval of the Director of Public Works and the Budget Director, the right to hire additional men not to exceed fifteen in number, in the event these men are necessary. He states this amendment is in connection with the closing of the new Incinerator for repairs.

Mr. Reynolds informs the committee that when all garbage disposal is being taken care of by the old Incinerator during a period of approximately one month, it will be necessary to have more men for garbage disposal, and the purpose of this Ordinance is to provide the necessary authority when these men are needed.

On motion of Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, it is voted to recommend passage of the above Ordinance to the next meeting of the City Council.

Adjournment is taken at 12:40 o'clock p.m.

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