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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 o'clock Noon. Present: Chairman Presel and Messrs. Mariani, Munroe and Testa. Acting Mayor William A. Cahir, City Auditor Flynn, Budget Director Reynolds, City Treasurer Fitzpatrick, Michael N. Cardarelli, Chairman of the Board of Tax Assessors and Joseph H. Kieman and Arthur W. Drew, members of the Board of Tax Assessors are also present. (W. Earl Dodd, Clerk).

RE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF 1943 TAXES. A discussion ensues relative to the amount that should be assessed as an assessment of the 1943 taxes. Budget Director Reynolds explains that the estimates have not been received from the respective City Departments, that the estimate sheets are not ready but that he expects that they will go out in a day or two.

Mr. Cardarelli explains that time is short, that in accordance with the law, the Tax Assessors have to advertise the tax assessment and that they would like to do that on May 11th or 12th. Mr. Cardarelli states that the Board of Tax Assessors are reasonably sure that with the market up on intangibles such as securities, that they feel quite sure the minimum sum of \$13,200,000.00 would be a safe figure. Mr. Cardarelli further states that they have an additional problem this year in view of the fact that a number of automobiles have not been registered and it will be difficult to determine whether any of these automobiles have been sold.

Budget Director Reynolds states that Mayor Dennis J. Roberts recommends the same figures as last year, namely, that of the minimum of \$13,200,000.00 and the maximum of \$13,500,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Munroe, the following Resolution is adopted and recommended for presentation to the City Council at its meeting of May 6, 1943:

RESOLVED, THAT the City Council of the City of Providence hereby orders the assessment and collection of a tax on the ratable real estate and tangible personal property and ratable intangible personal property (the tax on ratable intangible property to be at the rate of forty cents on each one hundred

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dollars of the value thereof) "in a sum not less than \$13,200,000.00 nor more than \$13,500,000.00"; said tax is for ordinary expenses, charges and sinking funds, for the payment of interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said City, and for other purposes authorized by law.

The Board of Assessors shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said City as of the fifteenth day of June, A. D. 1943, at twelve o'clock noon, Eastern War Time, according to law, and shall, on completion of said assessment, date and sign the same, and shall make out and certify to the City Treasurer of the City of Providence on or before the fifteenth day of September, A. D. 1943, a complete list of the names of the persons taxed and of the total value of all the real estate taxed to each persons, also the amount of personal estate assessed against each person, and also the total amount of the tax assessed against each person on said real estate and personal estate, opposite the name of the person or persons assessed, the assessment of real estate and of personal estate to appear in separate columns in said list. Said tax shall be due and payable on and between the first day of October, next, and the twenty-fifth day of October, A. D. 1943, next, and all taxes remaining unpaid on said last named day shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of eight per centum per annum upon such unpaid taxes. Provided, however, said tax may be paid in four installments, the first installment of twenty-five per centum on or before the twenty-fifth day of October, A. D. 1943, and the remaining installments as follows: twenty-five per centum on the twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1944; twenty-five per centum on the twenty-fifth day of April, A. D. 1944; and twenty-five per centum on the twenty-fifth day of July, A. D. 1944. Each installment of taxes, if paid on or before the last day of each installment period successively and in order, shall be free from any charge for interest. If the first installment or any succeeding installment of taxes is not paid by the last date of the respective installment period or periods as they occur, then the whole tax or remaining unpaid balance of the tax, as the case may be, shall immediately become due and payable and shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of eight per centum per annum. The City Treasurer shall, by advertisement in the public newspapers of the City, notify all persons assessed to pay their respective taxes at his office on and between the said first and twenty-fifty days of October, A. D. 1943, both days inclusive; said Treasurer shall attend daily during said periods, Sundays and holidays excepted, at his office from nine o'clock A.M. to five o'clock P.M. to receive said taxes; except Saturdays when he shall attend from nine o'clock A. M. to twelve o'clock noon, with the exception of Saturday, October twenty-third, when the hours shall be from nine o'clock A. M. to five o'clock p.m.

RE SALARY OF INSIDE EMPLOYEES AT INCINERATOR.. Director of Public Works Charles F. McElroy is invited and appears before the Committee and explains that a petition from the inside employees of the Incinerator Division has been presented to him involving approximately forty-five employees. Mr. McElroy explains that they have had a great deal of trouble during the past several weeks with the Incinerator help due to the question of money and only a few weeks back that they had to make some adjustment for the outside employees of this division. Mr. McElroy explains that the jobs are very menial

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and it is very necessary to keep the Incinerator going in view of the fact that the turbines generate electricity for the Sewage Disposal Plant.

Mr. McElroy further explains that he has talked with representatives of this group that have filed this petition and he told them that he could not give them any definite answer until he takes the matter up with the Finance Committee. Mr. McElroy makes recommendations of pay increases relative to certain classes of help at the Incinerator and states that this adjustment of wages will definitely be upon a forty-eight hour week. It will be necessary that a transfer be made to the Incinerator salary account at the end of the fiscal year to make these increases possible.

On motion of Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. Mariani, the following Resolution is adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Director of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the following schedule of wages to the so-called inside employees in the Incinerator Division of the Department of Public Works, effective May 2, 1943, as follows:

Cellar Men)	
Hopper Men)	70¢ per hour for a 48-hour week
Screen Men)	
Firemen)	75¢ per hour for a 48-hour week
Boiler Room Foremen)	
Turbine Men )	92¢ per hour for a 48-hour week
Utility Men )	
Crane Men )	\$1.00 per hour for a 48-hour week

Chairman Presel queries Budget Director Reynolds as to where the money will come from to make up the deficit in the Incinerator salary account as the result of these increases. Mr. Reynolds replies that the money probably could come from the Bureau of Police and Fire Account.

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

  
Clerk.

Copied S. K. M.

Chairman.

Compared J. L. F.