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The Finance Committee meets this day at 12:00 o'clock Noon. Present: Chairman Presel and Messrs. Munroe, Testa and Coppen. Budget Director Walter H. Reynolds, City Treasurer Walter F. Fitzpatrick, City Auditor Thomas F.A. Flynn and City Solicitor William E. McCabe are also present. (W. Earl Dodd, Clerk).

RE SPECIFICATIONS FINANCIAL AUDIT OF CITY DEPARTMENTS.

The Committee considers a vote of the Board of Contract and Supply passed at its meeting April 12, 1943 at which time it referred to the Committee on Finance said Board's request to draw specifications in accordance with Resolution #181 of the City Council, approved April 5, 1943.

Budget Director Reynolds states that he understands the specifications are ready and subsequently, on motion of Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. Coppen, the Committee votes to recommend to the Board of Contract and Supply that the contract for a Financial Audit be considered upon specifications to be submitted by the Budget Director.

RE OUTSIDE EMPLOYEES-INCINERATOR DIVISION WAGES EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 1943. Director of Public Works Charles F. McElroy is invited and appears before the Committee.

Mr. McElroy explains that he has two serious problems in the Public Works Department and one involves the outside Incinerator men. Mr. McElroy states that the Incinerator Division has at the present time twenty-three drivers and seventy laborers or helpers. These workers man twenty-two trucks, each truck has two men on it. Mr. McElroy explains that in the past they have paid these men up to eighty hours a week in some cases and the minimum average is sixty-three hours. Further, that he has discussed the matter of adjustment in wages with Acting Mayor Cahir, Budget Director Reynolds and Mr. Robert Pickup, who is presently working on certain salary revisions.

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After a thorough study of this matter, Mr. McElroy states that at least for the duration of the War, he would like to recommend that these drivers and laborers be put on a per diem basis, namely, \$7.20 per day for six days a week for the drivers and \$6.30 per day for the laborers or helpers, with the understanding that if they don't work any day, they will be docked for it. Mr. McElroy strongly recommends this method of payment to the outside Incinerator men.

Questioned by Mr. Coppen, as to what the truck drivers have been getting on an average, Mr. McElroy replies they are averaging probably \$36.00 per week. Questioned further by Mr. Coppen as to whether Mr. McElroy has enough money in this particular appropriation, Budget Director Reynolds states that he hasn't enough money now but possibly a transfer can be made at the end of the fiscal year probably from the Police and Fire appropriation.

On motion of Mr. Coppen, seconded by Mr. Munroe, the following vote is adopted:

VOTED, That Director of Public Works Charles F. McElroy be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the truck drivers in the Incinerator Division at the rate of \$7.20 per day for a six-day week and the laborers and helpers in the Incinerator Division at the rate of \$6.30 per day for a six-day week, effective May 17, 1943.

RE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT WAGES EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 1943.

Director of Public Works McElroy outlines for the Committee the wage problem at the Sewage Disposal Plant and states that his proposed plan effects approximately twenty-three employees, namely, that three men on the compressors are earning \$31.64 and four men \$30.60 per week. Also the so-called tank operators are being paid .6382¢ per hour for approximately seven men and five men are being paid on a weekly basis at .5777¢ per hour.

Mr. McElroy states that he has discussed this matter with Mr. Robert Pickup and also Budget Director Walter H. Reynolds. Mr. McElroy further explains that it has previously been agreed to pay the turbine men 92¢ per hour and that seven of these men to a similar type of work. He further explains that in the Incinerator, it is a forty-eight hour week. In this connection

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the majority of the men work forty-five hours per week. Most of them work five days at nine hours per day. Mr. McElroy states that there are six men who consist of three compressor operators, one utility operator, one crane operator, and one man in charge of equipment and that they are presently being paid as follows: Three men are getting \$31.64 for forty-five hours and three men are being paid at the rate of .6710¢ per hour. Mr. McElroy's recommendation for these six men is a forty-five hour week at 92¢ per hour.

Mr. McElroy's recommendation for the seven tank operators who are presently being paid at the rate of .6382¢ per hour, is a raise to 77¢ per hour.

The remaining eight men are presently being paid at the rate of .5777¢ per hour and that his recommendation in this case is to pay three of these men at the rate of 75¢ per hour and five of these men at 70¢ per hour, the difference being that one type of work is more disagreeable than the other.

Mr. McElroy recommends also that the foreman who is now being paid at the rate of \$35.00 per week, have his weekly wages increased to \$42.00 per week.

The one remaining man who is a laboratory assistant and is being paid at the rate of \$27.00 per week, Mr. McElroy recommends that his pay be increased to \$32.00 per week.

Mr. McElroy states that the foregoing recommendations will cost an additional sum of approximately \$3,800.00 to carry through to the end of the present fiscal year and that in this case there is a little surplus in this appropriation.

On motion of Mr. Coppen, seconded by Mr. Testa, and Mr. Munroe, the following vote is adopted:

VOTED, That Director of Public Works Charles F. McElroy be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the following wages to employees in the Sewage Disposal Division, effective May 17, 1943:

Three men from	\$31.64 per week	to	92¢ per hour.
Three men from	.6710¢ per hour	to	92¢ per hour.
Seven Tank Operators from	.6382¢ per hour	to	77¢ per hour.
One Operator from	.6710¢ per hour	to	77¢ per hour.
Three men from	.5777¢ per hour	to	75¢ per hour.
Five men from	.5777¢ per hour	to	70¢ per hour.
One Foreman from	\$35.00 per week	to	\$42.00 per week.
One Laboratory Assistant from	\$27.00 per week	to	\$32.00 per week.

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SEWAGE PUMPING STATION SALARIES EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 1943.

Director of Public Works McElroy states that Acting Mayor Cahir had a group of men in to see him from the Sewage Pumping Station. These men represented approximately fourteen employees who work at the Ernest Street Pumping Station.

Mr. McElroy states that he would like the permission of the Committee to work out a wage rate comparable to some of those already worked out. He states there are approximately fourteen men involved.

Nine of these men get approximately 61¢ per hour and Mr. McElroy suggests that he be permitted to offer them 75¢ per hour.

Three men, namely, one engineer and two assistant engineers are presently paid \$35.00 per week and he suggests that he offer them \$42.00 per week.

Mr. Jones, the Chief Engineer, is being presently paid \$45.00 per week and he suggests that he raise him to \$49.50 per week.

One more man is presently being paid \$41.66 per week and he suggests that he be raised to \$47.00 per week. Mr. McElroy states that he will make these recommendations if permission is granted and if he is able to offer less in certain cases, he will do so and Mr. McElroy requests permission to offer these respective wage increases.

On motion of Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. Coppen, it is voted that Director of Public Works McElroy be authorized to negotiate with the foregoing men at the Sewage Pumping Station and offer them the foregoing rate increases as outlined by him without further authority.

Subsequently, Director of Public Works McElroy advises the Clerk as to the final settlement in these wages and the following vote is forwarded to the City Auditor:

VOTED, that the Director of Public Works, Charles F. McElroy be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the following wages to employees in the Sewage Disposal Division, effective May 17, 1943:

Six men from	.6066¢ per hour	to	70¢ per hour
Three men from	.6170¢ per hour	to	70¢ per hour
One Engineer from	\$35.00 per week	to	\$42.00 per week
Two Assistant Engineers			
from	\$35.00 per week	to	\$42.00 per week
One man from	\$41.66 per week	to	\$46.00 per week
Chief Engineer from	\$45.00 per week	to	\$49.50 per week

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ORDINANCE RE SALARIES, FIXING COMPENSATION OF CHIEF EXAMINER FOR ENGINEERS AND BOILER OPERATORS. (In City Council May 6, 1943. Read and passed a first time.)

A discussion ensues and the Committee considers the compensation ordinance of a Chief Examiner for Engineers and Boiler Operators and it is determined that there is no money available in the Public Service Engineer's appropriation at the present time. (No action is taken on this Ordinance).

OLD BILLS. City Auditor Flynn presents sundry bills from prior fiscal years and on motion of Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. Testa, it is

VOTED, That the City Auditor be and he is hereby authorized to pay the following bills all properly having been approved by the respective departments in the total amount of \$1,679.24:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR'S NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
12/19/41	John Hood (Westminster St.)	\$ 8.00	S.U.R.-W1
6/19/42	B. DiMarzia (295 Branch Ave.)	20.00	S.U.R.-W1
7/14/42	City of Providence Water Dept.	91.70	Pub. Playgrounds
5/19/42	State of Rhode Island	938.63	Docket 1173-F
7/24/42	Fred O. Gardiner, Inc.	255.61	C.V. Chapin
8/11/41	Santo DiMauro	180.00	A.T.W.P.A.
4/4/42	Thomas W. Reed Co.	17.15	C.V. Chapin
6/4/42	H. Juskalian	4.00	S.U.R. - Item 3
12/5/40	Galkin's	21.20	Municipal Garage
8/11/42	Koppers Company	142.95	P.W. Highways
	Total	\$1,679.24	

SUNDRY REPORTS RE REFUNDS ON TAXES. The Clerk explains that there are a number of reports upon petitions for refunds on certain taxes as submitted by the Board of Tax Assessors and in certain instances the City Treasurer has certified that the money has been paid into the City Treasurer's office and a refund is recommended.

On motion of Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. Testa, it is voted that the Clerk be authorized to draw the necessary Resolutions providing for these refunds where they are supported by reports recommending the same, said Resolutions to be presented at the City Council meeting, Thursday, May 20, 1943, as follows:

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E. Joseph Mori	- \$8.10	Asa Peck and Company, Inc.	- \$352.50
E. Louise Falk	- 19.95	Singer Sewing Machine Co.	- 130.00
Lucy P. Kelley	-204.00	Thomas J. Dolan and wife	
William F. Leonard	- 4.00	Alice L.	- 25.00
Guinaro M. Maiorisi	20.00	Luigi Ricciuti	- 25.60

Nicholas Venditti - \$305.00

The Clerk also explains that in certain instances the Board of Tax Assessors have certified there are no errors in certain assessments as petitioned and in these cases, on motion of Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. Testa, it is voted that the petitioners be granted leave to withdraw as follows:

Eva L. Dixon	George Brodeur
Elizabeth Zakarian, wife of Peter	Anna F. Pope

RE SOCONY-VACUUM OIL COMPANY - OLD BILL. The Committee considers a vote of the Claims and Pending Suits Committee adopted at its meeting of May 5, 1943 whereby bills of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company have been referred to the Finance Committee acting as a Committee on Accounts. These bills are for four steel barrels (54 gallons each) of Sovasol, three of which were delivered on October 10, 1940 and the other one on December 17, 1940. The company's claim is that invoices for \$5.94 each are still unpaid.

The Committee ascertains that these bills have not been approved by the interested departments and on motion of Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. Testa, it is voted that the clerk be directed to refer these bills to Superintendent of Public Buildings Maguire for a report thereon.

Adjournment is taken at 1:12 o'clock p.m.

Copied J.K.M.

Compared A.H.


Clerk.

Chairman.