

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

OCTOBER 26, 1989

The Committee on Finance meets this day at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in Committee Room "A", Department of City Clerk, City Hall.

Present: Vice Chairwoman Fargnoli, Councilman Glavin, Councilman Rollins, and Councilman Farmer.

Also present is City Internal Auditor Woerner, and Tim Duffy of the Mayor's Office. (Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk).

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF FIFTEEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$15,307,727.00) FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1990.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSES OF POSITION, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CLASSES IN THE WATER SUPPLY BOARD AND REPEALING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1988-36, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1988.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLY BOARD AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1988-5, APPROVED JANUARY 26, 1988.

Present by invitation are Hans Bergey, Acting Chief Engineer of the Water Supply Board and James Lombardi.

Mr. Bergey states when the past Chief of Engineer resigned, the budget had been developed and has some refining after, very little, in the area of personnel. The capital spending had pretty much been dictated before from the decisions of the Public Utilities Commissions in November, of 1988.

They reviewed last years budget and had to consider the Public Utilities Commission's order and what they required of the Board as far as what expenditures were concerned. They had to look at the staffing situation and the critical needs.

He states before the end of this fiscal year, they may be back before the Committee based on studies made by the Director of Implementation and the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council report and that Commissioner.

He continues by stating that they also reviewed any ongoing changes in process for contractual needs and the Union contract as negotiated with the city, and the raises are incorporated in the new budget.

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Mr. Bergey asks if the members have any questions.

Councilman Farmer requests Mr. Bergey to identify the personnel changes from last year.

Mr. Bergey first addresses the various recommendations. Nancy Barnes by Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, she was added to the payroll at that time. Another change is the Director of Operations, which is the position Mr. Bergey holds. It is raised to the same salary as the Director of Implementations, Nancy Barnes. That was raised by the Board.

Councilman Glavin questions as to whether the Director of Implementaton is a long term position to which Mr. Bergey responds, he would say not, it is for the duration of the study of the review. Based on meetings he attended, it appears they would like to get something done in the first three months of 1990.

Mr. Bergey continues by stating there are some housekeeping changes. Another addition is that of a Inventory Control Supervisor. They have a real serious need in the area of inventory control. Every year there is a shortcoming in the keeping of their stocks. It is there, it is not going south, but the daily administration is lacking and a professional is needed in there to keep it going on an ongoing basis. It was advertised last week.

They had a Project Coordinator II and added 1 Project Coordinator I. Some other positions added are 4 Laborers, 4 Meter Readers, 1 Equipment Operator and 2 Equipment Supervisors.

Mr. Lombardi states a number of people have been out for a long period of time on Worker's Compensation, so many are unfunded positions. In the area of Supervisors Field, they will advertise for, as they want competent people. He refers to the deletion of several positions.

Discussion ensues relative to the electrical problems that could exist if they should not be handled by professionals. They are under a contract with a firm. They are advertising in the electronic area also. They will have contracts for electrical and electronic areas.

Vice-Chairwoman Fagnoli questions as to how many of these positions were recommended by the Public Utilities Commissions.

Mr. Bergey informs he does not know if they suggested any new positions. Mr. Lombardi and he were not there when they appeared before the Public Utilities Commission. The major change is the Director of Implementation.

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Mr. Duffy states perhaps the Committee could receive a status report as to how the Rhode Island Public Expenditures Council study is going. Perhaps John Martinelli, Attorney for the Water Supply Board, could explain their demands.

Councilman Farmer is excused at this time.

Mr. Bergey states as far as personnel, they were changes that were negotiated through the Union prior to the contract. Then there were certain changes in classifications.

Certain ones should be upgraded such as the Watershed Inspector in Scituate, and Stationery Equipment Operators in the Plant.

Vice-Chairwoman Fargnoli states changes in classifications should be submitted with the budget, not mid-term.

Councilman Glavin states he does not believe any of the members want this budget held up any longer than it has to be. In the context of what Tim Duffy was mentioning, the Public Utilities Commission, which was a long protracted hearing and the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council Study, and Chairman Dillon not being present, as he may have some questions of his own, he feels the matter should not be voted on today.

Mr. Bergey informs, the Public Utilities Commission gave them orders with the number of studies they wanted done, in the status of the facilities, those main areas.

Councilman Glavin states, perhaps Mr. Martinelli could appear before the Committee and explain the matters regarding the Public Utilities Commission.

He recommends continuance, Chairman Dillon can schedule a meeting and invite John Martinelli and Edward Burke, Chairman of the Water Supply Board, it could then be submitted to the next council meeting.

On motion of Councilman Glavin, seconded by Councilman Rollins, the Ordinances are Continued until such time as Chairman Dillon schedules a meeting and invited Messers Martinelli and Burke.

Mr. Bergey and Mr. Lombardi are excused at this time.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF INSPECTION
AND STANDARDS TO CAUSE THE DEMOLITION AND BOARDING
LIENS ON VARIOUS PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED ALONG
HAMMOND STREET TO BE WAIVED.

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Vice-Chairwoman Fagnoli reads a report from Director of Inspection and Standards, Merlin DeConti, Jr., dated October 16, 1989, which states:

"I have reviewed the request of the Armory Revival Company to abate the liens on the property located at 41,44 and 47 Hammond Street. At the present time, this department has a total of \$6,490.00 in liens placed against these properties, not including any interest.

The building at 47 Hammond Street, was demolished by the City of Providence using federal funds, at a cost of \$1,570.00. The buildings at 44 and 41 Hammond Street were demolished by the City, using City funds at a cost of \$1,840.00 and \$1,940.00, respectively. In addition, the building at 44 Hammond Street was boarded by the City of Providence on four occasions for a total cost of \$739.00, and the building at 41 Hammond Street was boarded on two different occasions at a cost of \$401.00.

The Department of Planning and Development is no longer funding any boarding and demolition programs, but a revolving account has been set up for my use. Therefore, it is my recommendation to request the Armory Revival Company to pay the cost of the boarding of 41 and 44 Hammond Street, which was done with federal funds, and the demolition of 47 Hammond Street, which was demolished with federal funds, without including any cost for interest. The total amount due would be \$2,710.00. The two liens for the demolition of 41 and 44 Hammond Street which was performed with City funds at a cost of \$3,780.00 could be waived. In this way, monies would be available to this department for further boarding or demolition; and the Armory Revival Company, which has done an admirable job constructing new buildings in the area would also be given a break on the outstanding liens due against these properties."

The parcels involved are 41, 44 and 47 Hammond Street. Due to federal funds being used for demolishing 47 Hammond Street, in the amount of \$1,570.00, the lien cannot be waived.

On motion of Councilman Glavin, seconded by Councilman Rollins, it is voted to direct the clerk to correspond with Michael Fitzpatrick, Attorney for the Armory Revival Company and explain the report from Mr. DeConti, with the understanding that the Committee will transmit a Resolution to the City Council to waive the liens the City paid for in the amount of \$3,780.00 once he has submitted proof of payment for the \$1,570.00 paid by federal funds for the demolishment of the building at 47 Hammond Street.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman Glavin, seconded by Councilman Rollins, the Committee adjourns at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

Rose M. Menlove
CLERK

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