

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK  
CITY HALL  
OCTOBER 7, 1997

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

PRESENT: Chairwoman Williams, Vice-Chairman Allen, Councilwoman  
DiRuzzo, Councilman Clarkin and Councilman Hassett.

Also present are John D'Amico, Deputy City Solicitor; Thomas Deller,  
Deputy Director, Planning and Development; Barbara A. Poirier, Second Deputy  
City Clerk and Lesley M. Skeffington, Assistant Clerk.

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 564 OF THE ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED "THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
ZONING ORDINANCE" APPROVED JUNE 27, 1994 AND AMENDED MAY 26,  
1995, BY AMENDING PROVIDENCE ZONING DISTRICT MAP NUMBER 13  
OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY CHANGING ZONING DISTRICT  
DESIGNATION OF LOT 6 FROM R-3 TO C-2. (COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS)**

MR. DELLER: The first item is relative to a lot on Meeting Street. This is a  
a property that has gone before the Zoning Board and received a variance to create  
a first floor commercial use. The owner of the property filed a petition to have the  
property rezoned R-3 Residential to a C-2 Commercial. The City Plan Commission  
worked with the property owner of 242 Meeting and the College Hill  
Neighborhood Association and others and reached a compromise which was  
presented at the public hearing which would rezone 242 Meeting Street to a C-2,  
but limiting the commercial use in the property to Use Code 41, which is finance,  
insurance and real estate insurance. Use Code 42 which is personal services, Use  
Code 43 which is limited business services, Use Code 44 which is general business  
services and Use Code 46 as identified in the ordinance. The public hearing was  
held and there were some comments on it, but I guess there was a general  
agreement that this amendment as presented should be adopted. Both the City  
Plan Commission and the Planning Department recommends that this change be  
approved and that this is in keeping with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: At the public hearing, there were a couple  
of speakers and the question of whether or not to add Use Code 56 came up which  
provide for food. Given the fact that across the street is a ice cream parlor, Ben &  
Jerry's, and all along Thayer Street there are lots of restaurants, fast and... there is  
plenty of food in the area and we want to keep this more of a profession residential  
use. So, as the Councilwoman there I would like to see this pass as recommended  
by the Planning Commission.

On motion of Councilman Clarkin, seconded by Councilman Hassett, it is  
voted to approve the foregoing ordinance.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: All those in favor?

COMMITTEE: Aye.

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 564 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED "THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ZONING ORDINANCE" APPROVED JUNE 27, 1994, AND AMENDED MAY 26, 1995, BY AMENDING PROVIDENCE ZONING DISTRICT MAP NUMBER 68 OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY CHANGING ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATION OF LOTS 502, 503, 504, 506, 507, 508, 509, 740, 749, AND 750 FROM R-3 TO C-2. (COUNCILMAN HASSETT)**

MR. DELLER: Item number two is a petition submitted to rezone several parcels along Chalkstone and Douglas Avenue. We have been working with the property owners for the last year and a half on this piece of property. They have not yet given us detailed plans to what they're proposing. And while we feel that this use may make sense for the street, we felt that it was in the best interest that no action be taken on this request and be continued until we can see more detailed plans of the proposed building and its impact on some of the adjacent streets. So, I would ask that this be continued until more information is available.

On motion of Councilman Hassett, seconded by Councilman Clarkin, it is voted to continue the foregoing ordinance.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: All those in favor?

COMMITTEE: Aye.

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 564 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED "THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ZONING ORDINANCE" APPROVED JUNE 27, 1994, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING PROVIDENCE ZONING DISTRICT MAP NUMBER 29 OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF LOT 409 FROM P.S., PUBLIC SPACES AREAS TO M-1 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND PROVIDENCE ZONING DISTRICT MAP NUMBER 30, LOTS 22, 63, 64, 66, 67, 73, 89, 143, AND 629 FROM C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO M-1 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. (COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG)**

MR. DELLER: The next item, Madam Chair, is for the rezoning of property which is going from Residential to M-1 and from Public Space to M-1. This is the site of Harold's Furniture. This was discussed at the last meeting. There is a letter or statement that the Homonoff have signed agreeing to limit the use of the property. This similar request went before the Urban Redevelopment, Renewal Committee at their last meeting which Councilwoman Young made the motion to approve the change because this meets her limitation. We request that this amendment as presented be approved.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Councilman Clarkin, it is voted to approve the foregoing ordinance.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: All those in favor?

COMMITTEE: Aye.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN: Madam Chair, just one question. Did the Law Department look at this here in terms of whether the "i's" are dotted and the "t's" are crossed.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: This did pass through URRP?

MR. DELLER: Yes, it did. Basically, what this Letter of Understanding states is that they will agree to record a lien against the property so that no adult entertainment facility could be used and that any chemical manufacturing plant emitting hazardous or noxious odors will not be permitted. That limitation has not yet been drawn. This is a Letter of Understanding that says that they will draw that. They have an attorney working on it and will be submitting it to us this week and we will at that point get it to the Law Department.

MR. D'AMICO: The passage can be conditional upon their reaching the language and that the restriction -- -- will be in fact acceptable.

Councilwoman DiRuzzo and Councilman Clarkin withdraws their motion.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Councilman Clarkin, it is voted to approve the foregoing ordinance with conditions which include the Letter of Understanding attached to the ordinance.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: All those in favor?

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: The next three are going to be continued.

**AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO FIRE CODE PERMITS.**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO FALSE ALARM FINES.**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SECURITY ALARMS IN CONVEYANCE. (COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI 7/7/94)**

On motion of Councilman Allen, seconded by Councilman Clarkin, it is voted to continue the foregoing ordinances.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: All those in favor?

COMMITTEE: Aye.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING A CHARTER AMENDMENT BE PLACED BEFORE THE VOTERS RELATIVE TO ARTICLE XIII AND SECTION 1301 OF THE PROVIDENCE HOME RULE CHARTER OF 1980, RELATIVE TO OPPOSING ANY SALE OF THE PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD. (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN FARGNOLI AND COUNCILMAN MANCINI - BY REQUEST)**

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CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Resolution number seven has been on the docket for a long time and apparently there doesn't seem to be a need for this particular resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman DiRuzzo, seconded by Councilman Clarkin, it is voted to postpone indefinitely the foregoing resolution.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: All those in favor?

COMMITTEE: Aye.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS: Is there any other business before the Committee?

MRS. POIRIER: Not tonight.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman Allen, seconded by Councilman Clarkin, it is voted to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

*Barbara A. Poirier*  
CLERK

*Lesley M. Skeffington*  
Assistant Clerk