

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

June 1, 1988

The Committee on Finance reconvenes at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in Committee Room "A", City Hall.

PRESENT: Chairwoman Brassil and councilmen Dillon, Glavin and Farmer.

Also present are Director of Administration Simmons, Deputy Chief of Staff Brooks, City Internal Auditor Woerner, Finance Director Baron, Budget Officers Dunham and Prignano, Paul Harnard, Councilwoman Fargnoli and Councilman Rollins. (Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk)

RELATIVE TO BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988-1989

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Councilman Glavin states he had asked Paul Campbell, Executive Director of the R. I. Historical Society to be present and in his place is Albert Klyberg, Director. He requests Mr. Klyberg be heard prior to those listed on this day's agenda, as his presentation will be brief.

Mr. Klyberg requests an additional \$5,000. to the \$5,000. appropriated for the R.I. Historical Society.

The justification is that they have been providing services for the City of Providence in the area of economic development, projects at the Capital Center, waterfront development and river relocation.

The major part is they service not only city development, but developers seeking information about the historic values of their property. In the last year, they have sold properties that were tax exempt and put them back on the tax rolls. This is a percentage of the funds available due to the sales.

Following further discussion, Mr. Klyberg is excused.

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Several representatives are present from the Providence Public Library.

Mr. Simmons states that on the library budget, over the last year or year and a half, the library board has been the most responsive to the City budget in noting meeting with the City and providing the scope of services and the overruns.

This years appropriation takes into account funding those branch libraries at the amount requested with an additional amount of money for the opening of the Olneyville Branch. The budget is in two parts, one is the city budget for operational purposes and the Community Development budget.

Councilwoman DiRuzzo discussed this with the Mayor and himself regarding the opening of the Olneyville library. The City appropriates some money for operational purposes with the understanding that will be a working process throughout

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the year, location for it, etc. That could be something that the administration and Councilwoman DiRuzzo will work on during the year.

Mr. Simmons reads the following list of the expenses for the branch libraries:

Branch Library Operation Expenses:

Rochambeau	\$282,490	
Mt. Pleasant	\$286,419	
Wanskuck	95,550	
Smith Hill	\$ 99,717	
Washington Park	91,535	
South Providence	100,767	
Fox Point	84,827	
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	\$1,041,305	
	253,629	Central Branch

Dale Thompson, Acting Director, states that part of the Central Library Funding should be considered as well, the amount being \$253,629.

Ms. Thompson submits the Providence Public Library Proposed Budget for fiscal year 1989, for the members' review.

Considerable discussion ensues and Ms. Thompson speaks of the many services they will render if they receive the 1.6 million dollars from the City.

Chairwoman Brassil states she does not know how they can come up with the \$300,000 extra the library is requesting.

Howard Walker, representing the library states the bottom line request is \$300,000. They are \$500,000 short of the income needed to operate at their current level. He speaks of the items that would have to be cut.

Chairwoman Brassil states they are now asking for \$500.00.

Mr. Walker refers to neighboring cities in other states and what they receive from the Capital of the State.

Councilman Glavin speaks at length relative to the funding of the library.

Ensuing a lengthy discussion, the representatives of the Providence Public Library are excused.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Frank Sullivan, Director of the Department of Human Services is present.

He speaks of their functions and states he has established a liaison with Providence Community Action to attract money for substance abuse prevention.

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A substance abuse coordinator has just been hired at no cost to the City; it is paid by grant.

Mr. Sullivan reviews the positions in his office and their duties.

Chairwoman Brassil states it appears they deal mainly with senior citizens, a function that was under the Dept. of Recreation. She speaks of human services and what her opinion is as to what the office should be handling, or what she thought they did, such as people in our city going through a crisis. People with problems who do not know where to turn for help.

She speaks of the problems she has encountered in her area and hopes that would be what human services take care of. That is the true meaning of human services.

Mr. Sullivan states she can refer the people to him and he will take care of them, and if he cannot handle all of the problems, he will ask for additional personnel.

Chairwoman Brassil states she will refer people to him and requests he inform her of the outcome.

Mr. Sullivan is excused.

DIRECTOR OF DATA PROCESSING

Mr. Tom Mailhot states when he was hired, the initial plan was to have an overall plan. First to get the bread and butter systems in place, tax bills, revaluation, tax values in the city and payroll.

They have done a lot of word processing. The Housing Court has their housing violations in. They brought up deeds and indexing, tied them in with proper transfers, Police Court violations, etc.

Councilman Glavin refers to the traffic division and how ancient the system was when he was there.

Mr. Mailhot states there were so many dollars in delinquent payments before a court summons is received, it is now updated every week. That has been bringing in revenue.

Councilman Farmer questions as to whether he has a system to revalue the taxes every year.

Mr. Mailhot states they have purchased some software from Sabre Systems on a digital system.

Mr. Mailhot speaks at length regarding their duties and procedures and is excused.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Present are Joseph Almagno, Superintendent of Schools, Bruce Sundlun and Vincent McWilliams of the School Board and Dante Tita.

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Mr. Sundlun, Chairman of the School Budget sub-committee requests to speak at this time as he is leaving for an appointment.

He speaks at length of the School Department budget.

Superintendent of Schools Almagno submits the Annual Report of the School Dept. for fiscal year 1986-1987, and reads a memo to the members regarding the 1988/89 School Budget which is on file this date.

Following lengthy discussion with the Committee members, the representatives of the School Department are excused.

For verbatim record, tape is available in City Clerk's Department.

The Committee recesses at 8:00 o'clock P.M. to reconvene on Thursday, June 2, 1988 upon the rise of the City Council meeting.

Rose M. Mendova
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