

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

DECEMBER 23, 1986

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing is scheduled to be held TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1986 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.) in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall, Providence, Rhode Island.

The meeting will be concerned with the following Ordinance presented to the City Council which is on file in the Department of City Clerk. City Hall and available for inspection:

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2-22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED "SALARY OF MAYOR" AND SECTION 2-23, ENTITLED "SALARIES OF COUNCILMEN, EXPENSE ACCOUNTS."

All persons interested in the above are respectfully requested to be present at that time and place to be heard thereon.

PER ORDER COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN F. BRASSIL,

CHAIRWOMAN

COUNCILMAN DAVID G. DILLON,

VICE-CHAIRMAN

COUNCILMAN EVELYN V. FARGNOLI

COUNCILMAN THOMAS M. GLAVIN

COUNCILMAN MALCOLM FARMER, III

ROSE M. MENDONCA
City Clerk

The Committee on Finance meets this day at 7:00 o'clock P.M. to conduct a Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, City Hall, in accordance with the accompanying advertisement.

PRESENT: Councilwoman Carolyn F. Brassil, Chairwoman, Councilmen David G. Dillon and Thomas M. Glavin.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Evelyn V. Fagnoli and Councilman Malcolm Farmer, III.
(Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk, and Sandra P. Ginsberg, Assistant Clerk).

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Chairwoman Brassil calls the meeting to order and requests all those present who wish to be heard announce their name and address for the record before giving their statement.

Chairwoman Brassil calls Alfred A. Martin.

ALFRED A. MARTIN, 259 DOYLE AVENUE, PROVIDENCE

Mr. Martin objects to the proposed Ordinance, because he does not feel this raise is deserved, even though he holds this body in high esteem.

He is from Ward 3 and states his outgoing Councilman was not accessible to those he represented. Mr. Martin is of the opinion that unless the responsibility of the Council is increased, their present salary should remain as is.

Chairwoman Brassil thanks Mr. Martin, and he is excused.

Chairwoman Brassil calls Grant Dulgarian.

GRANT DULGARIAN, 20 EXETER STREET, PROVIDENCE

Mr. Dulgarian is here to state his opposition to the proposed pay raises. He is of the opinion that it is irresponsible of the City Council and the Mayor to give themselves a rate of pay which is way above the rate of inflation and then to expect others to hold down the budget line so that there will not be any tax increases. He does not feel it will be possible for the City to live within its budget constraints without a tax increase, and he is concerned about this.

Mr. Dulgarian also refers to the timing of this hearing as "curious," to which Chairwoman Brassil takes exception. She states that it was necessary for this Ordinance to be considered before the end of the term of the outgoing Council, and this was the last time it could be acted upon within the four-year period.

Chairwoman Brassil thanks Mr. Dulgarian, and he is excused.

Chairwoman Brassil then inquires as to whether there is anybody remaining within the Chamber who wishes to be heard, to which Rosemary Clarkin of the League of Women Voters responds and steps forward.

ROSEMARY CLARKIN, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Ms. Clarkin opposes the Ordinance. She wishes to know if this body is willing to address some questions they have. They would like to know what research the Committee came up with before proposing this Ordinance.

She states that the League of Women Voters is aware that the electorate statewide voted down increases, whether it was at State level, or other legislators. She states that her organization questions whether or not the spirit behind the vote of the electorate is not being overlooked.

Chairwoman Brassil thanks Ms. Clarkin, and she is excused.

Chairwoman Brassil inquires as to whether or not there is anyone else who wishes to be heard, to which there is no response, and she declares this Public Hearing adjourned at 7:40 o'clock P.M.

Sandra P. Ginsberg
ASSISTANT CLERK

Rose M. Mendonca
CLERK

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