

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

MAY 9, 1983

The Committee on Finance meets this day in Committee Room "A" at 4:30 o'clock P.M. (EDT).

Present: Chairwoman Brassil and Councilmen Dillon, Easton, Councilwoman Fagnoli and Councilman Farmer.

Also present are Finance Director Baron, City Internal Auditor Woerner, Mark Dunham and Alex Prignano of the Finance Department, Frank Romanelli, representing the Finance Department and Stanley Bernstein, Director of the Department of Planning and Urban Development.

(Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk).

Council President Pro Tempore Stravato and Councilman Annaldo and Councilwoman DiRuzzo are also present.

RELATIVE TO BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984.

(Complete text of meeting is on tape in the
City Clerk's Department).

The members review the projects scheduled for redevelopment and the funding of same for Fiscal Year 1983-1984 with Mr. Bernstein. Mr. Bernstein lists the projects and the amounts of money scheduled to be spent for redevelopment at length.

Councilman Annaldo submits certain recommendations for the Committee's review to aid the Committee in deleting money from the Budget.

The suggestions are as follows:

Redesign the public highway to define the property line from curb to curb in lieu of, from property line to property line and the City will save money on claims which have resulted from slip and fall cases in the approximate amount of \$200,000;

Review the responsibility of removal of trees and tree trimming which will save labor and equipment in an approximate amount of \$100,000;

Charge a fee from \$8.00 to \$20.00 for the removal of healthy trees and/or trimming branches;

Look into the feasibility of imposing a user fee at the Zoo. The sum of \$548,000 has been expended this year on the Zoo.

Review all leases and concessions at Roger Williams Park:

Request a detailed list of all City leases and amounts owed be provided to the Finance Committee;

Request the Chairwoman of the Finance Committee and the Director of the Finance Department to review all outstanding bonds with the possibility of refunds;

A long range plan be set to save money on attrition from jobs;

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That an Ordinance relative to delinquent taxes be drafted wherein money owed to the City Collector be immediately owed following two (2) consequent installments and they be submitted to the Board of Tax Assessment and Review to have a business-like approach to that office.

Impose a fee for burglar alarms on private homes, industry and commercial institutions and tax exempt property to derive money for usage of same.

Discussion ensues relative to the award of street cleaning contract also requesting a \$200,000 increase as he has stated there are more homes in the City of Providence than was stated in the specifications.

A copy of the proposed budget of the Commissioner of Public Safety for the Fiscal Year 1983-1984 is submitted to the Committee for their review.

Discussion ensues relative to the Mayor's Office of Community Development Budget.

Adjournment. On motion of Councilwoman Fagnoli, seconded by Councilman Dillon, the meeting adjourns at 7:05 o'clock P.M. (EDT).

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COMPARED

Rose M. Menlovea

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