

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

JANUARY 9, 1980

The Committee on Finance meets this day at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the Committee Room "A", City Hall.

PRESENT: Chairwoman Brassil, and Councilmen Easton, Dillon and Paolino.

Also present are City Solicitor Glantz, Finance Director Bernardo, City Treasurer Napolitano and Councilman Moise. (Rose M. Mendonca, Clerk)

HIRE THE SUM OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,225,000.00), INTEREST 6.50%, INDUSTRIAL NATIONAL BANK FOR P.W. SEWAGE TREATMENT AND SLUDGE INCINERATOR LOAN.

Chairwoman Brassil informs the members that she is in receipt of a Resolution that is pursuant to the provisions of City Council Resolution 802 of 1977, the City Treasurer be authorized to hire the sum of One Million Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,225,000.00) and to issue the City notes to be dated January 14, 1980 and payable February 29, 1980 and the discount at the rate of 6.50% at the Industrial National Bank for the Public Works Sewage Treatment Sludge Incinerator Loan.

On motion of Councilman Easton, seconded by Councilman Dillon, the foregoing authority is approved.

REQUEST OF ANN M. PATTON FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EIGHT MONTHS, COMMENCING JANUARY 14, 1980, ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 1980, DUE TO PREGNANCY.

Councilwoman Brassil reads the request for a leave of absence without pay for Ann Patton, an employee in the City Collectors Office to commence January 14, 1980 and ending September 14, 1980, for maternity reasons.

On motion of Councilman Dillon, seconded by Councilman Paolino, it is voted to approve said request.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY SOLICITOR TO APPLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 1980 SESSION TO URGE PASSAGE OF "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING FIVE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,500,000.00) FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION MAINTENANCE COSTS TO THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE."

City Solicitor Glantz states the consulting firm of Charles J. Krasnoff & Associates, Inc. are present together with his people. He states he has requested authority to go to the General Assembly for the Bond issue of Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000.00) for the additional construction and maintenance to

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the Sewer Treatment Plant by way of referendum to go to the voters. He submits a breakdown to the members of the various companies having worked on this project together with the amount. There are dates and amounts for each company. For every one there is a voucher with the backup of the work that was done.

He informs the members any back-up material they would like to see, he will provide. The material is voluminous and that is the reason he does not have it available at this time.

The additional money is for additional matters unanticipated at the time of construction. The tide gates are in total disrepair. The City has paid to have them looked at. What happens is if the tide comes in the tide gates are not functioning and the salt water comes in and causes damage to the settling tanks, causing bacterial growth.

That project is estimated to be about Two Million Dollars, (\$2,000,000.00). The City was required by the Environmental Protection Agency to hire approximately 23 or 24 people which is more than is currently provided in the Department of Public Works for the Sewage Treatment.

The people hired are to be qualified by the State of Rhode Island by tests. It is mandated that a test be given by the Department of Environmental Management. That test was to be ready last year. In August of 1979 the Solicitor met with that Department and it was indicated that the test was not ready, but would be by September 1st.

It was not ready and the City could not hire anyone to put there that was certified. An interum plan was developed with the contractors Krasnoff to train the personnel so that they will be available to take the test. There is a provision in the Collective Bargaining agreement that the City cannot contract work out that can be done with the union.

Of the personnel that work down there now, it was indicated only 17 to 20 were capable of passing the test. Until the State is ready to give the test that will certify the operators that will go on the City payroll they cannot accept the plan. They have to let Krasnoff hire the people to do the job.

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The reason being that if the City hired someone without taking the test, if he is a member of the union, the City owns him. ✓

Following a lengthy discussion relative to the tests, the clerk is directed to correspond with Mr. Edward Wood of the Department of Environmental Management and request information as to when the certification program will be available for the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Councilman Dillon is excused at this time.

Councilman Easton questions at length the fact that Krasnoff and Associates were given an agreement for an addition to the contract for the Sewage Treatment Plant without the matter going before the Board of Contract and Supply.

City Solicitor Glantz states the matter does not have to go before the Board of Contract and Supply. It was an emergency and only for the time being until the tests were available.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LAVENTHOL AND HORWATH INVITED TO APPEAR AT 3:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The remainder of this meeting is on tape and available in the City Clerk's Department.

Committee adjourns at 6:20 o'clock P.M.

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Rose M. Mendover
Clerk

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