

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

MARCH 14, 1974

The Committee on Finance meets this day in Committee Room "A", City Hall, at 3:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Chairman Lynch and Councilmen Beatini, Darigan, McKiernan and Bradshaw.

Also present by invitation are Finance Director Izzo and Administrative Assistant Beattie. Rose M. Mendonca, Assistant Clerk.

Chairman Lynch outlines the following Resolutions.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIS HONOR THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BE DESIGNATED AS THE PRIME SPONSOR FOR ALL MANPOWER FUNDING, WITHIN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, AS SET FORTH AND DELINEATED IN THE "COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT OF 1973."

Chairman Lynch states this is the new manpower training act which is supposed to bring money in. The City or other municipalities, acting on their own, can handle it themselves rather than go through the State.

Mr. Beattie states up until now, this has been with the State. Under Title I there is 2.8 million dollars manpower training funds to be administered and allocated out. The City would have control over funds. The City would be able to monitor these programs to determine whether or not they are producing.

It is worth \$600,000.00 to the City of Providence in allocation, roughly fifty to sixty public employment programs for one year. The City hopes to get more the second year as the program is spread over a two year period.

He further states there is no matching grant from the City.

On motion of Councilman Beatini, seconded by Councilman Darigan, it is voted that the above Resolution be transmitted to the City Council with recommendation the same be Adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY SOLICITOR TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND URGE PASSAGE OF AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ACQUIRING LAND FOR AND CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, AND FURNISHING NEW SCHOOLS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING SCHOOLS AND FOR ACQUIRING LAND AND BUILDINGS TO BE USED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Finance Director Izzo informs the members that the School Department cannot keep up with the repairs to the schools in the current budget, this is a large task.

He states the School Committee is of the opinion they should, along with the Mayor, go over an extended number of years for the repairs.

Councilman Darigan brings out the 7.5 million dollar bond issue that was previously passed and Mr. Izzo informs him that was three different bond issues, of which there is a small amount of money left.

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Councilman McKiernan is of the opinion the School Department should inform the Committee what they intend to do with the money they are requesting.

Considerable discussion ensues on the Resolution presented.

On motion of Mr. Darrigan, seconded by Councilman McKiernan, it is voted to Continue the Resolution in Committee and request Mr. Joseph R. Masson, Chairman of the School Committee, be invited to attend a meeting of said Committee to be held Monday, March 18, 1974 at 4:00 o'clock P.M. to inform the members what the breakdown of the \$5,000,000.00 is.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER TO BORROW NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$597,968.00) FOR FINANCING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LOCKWOOD STREET PROJECT AREA, DESIGNATED AS PROJECT NUMBER R.I. R-27.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER TO BORROW NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$1,001,544.00) FOR FINANCING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WEST BROADWAY PROJECT AREA, DESIGNATED AS PROJECT NUMBER R.I. A-2-1 (2).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER TO BORROW NOT EXCEEDING SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$66.00) FOR FINANCING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE MODEL CITIES AREA, DESIGNATED AS PROJECT NUMBER R.I. A-2-2 (2).

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER, ACTING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, TO BORROW NOT EXCEEDING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$186,120.00) FOR THE COMSTOCK URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT.

Chairman Lynch states the above Resolutions are to borrow money for the various projects in anticipation of the sale of bonds which have been approved by the General Assembly and the people of the City.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Beatini, it is voted to transmit the above Resolutions to the City Council with recommendation the same be severally adopted.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER AND THE CITY CONTROLLER TO TRANSFER SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) FROM THE "TRUST AND SPECIAL ACCOUNT" ENTITLED "EMERGENCY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND 5-580" TO AN ACCOUNT TO BE KNOWN AS "STUDY OF SEWAGE IMPROVEMENTS 1974-1975".

Chairman Lynch informs the members this transfer of money is for the study of sewage improvements; \$65,000.00 is 10% of the City's share of the grant requested from the Environmental Protection Agency. This is for the study of the entire sewage system.

On motion of Councilman Beatini, seconded by Councilmen Darrigan and McKiernan, it is voted to transmit the above Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be adopted.

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RESOLUTION REFUNDING TO CERTAIN TAXPAYERS SUMS OF MONEY REPRESENTING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES TO THE CITY COLLECTOR FOR THE YEARS 1968, 1971, 1972 AND 1973.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Darrigan, it is voted to transmit the above Resolution to the City Council with recommendation the same be Adopted.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, TO PLACE A REFERENDUM BEFORE THE ELECTORATE, AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 1974, ENTITLING EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, TO RESIDE OUTSIDE ITS CORPORATE LIMITS.

Councilman McKiernan states he presented the above Resolution to the City Council, informs the members this was passed in the City of Cranston, and is of the opinion Providence should allow Employees to reside outside of the City of Providence.

Chairman Lynch states in the last two classes of the Fire and Police Departments for the school, there were applications in excess of four hundred for the Fire Department of city residents and over one hundred for the Police Department.

Many times youngsters who want teaching jobs in the City of Providence have to be turned down, because there are no jobs available.

Chairman Lynch is of the opinion this type of Resolution is not fair to the residents of the City of Providence, not does he feel the idea of placing it on a referendum is proper.

Councilman McKiernan states he would like to see this brought out of Committee.

Ensuing a considerable discussion, it is voted on motion of Councilman Beatini, seconded by Chairman Lynch, to Postpone the above Resolution in Committee Indefinitely.

Chairman Lynch calls for Ayes: Councilman Beatini and Chairman Lynch.

Councilmen McKiernan, Darrigan and Bradshaw desire to be recorded as "Not Voting".

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1973-28, APPROVED JUNE 25, 1973, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000.00) DOLLARS TO GREATER PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

On motion of Councilman Beatini, seconded by Councilman Darrigan, it is voted to Continue the above Resolution in Committee Indefinitely.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER AN ELECTRONIC TAPE RECORDING DEVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING VERBATIM RECORDS.

Councilman Bradshaw states he introduced the Resolution as an interested party, but if the Administration does not want a Recording Device in the Council Chambers, it can be postponed indefinitely.

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Discussion ensues relative to whether or not a recording device is essential or whether or not it is more important that microphones are more important to the members of the City Council.

Discussion ensues and it is the consensus of the members that City Clerk Vespia be directed to contact three top electrical firms in the area to determine what the cost would be to install a microphone system in the City Council Chamber.

On motion of Councilman Bradshaw, seconded by Councilman Darrigan, it is voted to postpone indefinitely in Committee, the foregoing Resolution.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTITUTING A SERVICE FEE AGAINST ALL TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES FOR AVAILABLE PUBLIC SERVICE.

On motion of Councilman Darrigan, seconded by Councilman Beatini, it is voted to Continue the above Resolution and invite City Assessor Sheehan at the next regular meeting of the Committee to discuss the above matter.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CONTROLLER DiSANDRO REQUESTING A PETTY CASH FUND OF \$100.00 TO MAKE REFUNDS OF BLUE CROSS DEDUCTIONS.

Finance Director Izzo requests the communication be Continued until he has an opportunity to speak to City Controller DiSandro on the subject matter.

On motion of Councilman McKiernan, seconded by Councilman Darrigan, it is voted to Continue the above communication.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY TREASURER TO HIRE THE FOLLOWING SUM OF MONEY.

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>BANK</u>
\$125,000.00	Construction of Seawall & Additional Docking Facilities	3/21/74	8/30/74	Ind. Nat'l. Bank

On motion of Councilman Beatini, seconded by Councilman Bradshaw, the City Treasurer is authorized to hire the above sum of money.

ADJOURNMENT. On motion of Councilman Bradshaw, seconded by Councilman Beatini, the Committee adjourns at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

Rose M. Mendonca
Assistant Clerk