

FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 24, 1965

The Committee on Finance meets this day in the Department of City Clerk, City Hall at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Chairman O'Connor, Messrs: McOsker, Lynch, Haxton and Lazarus;

Also Present were Budget Officer Moran, Finance Director Joseph Keegan, City Controller Wilkes, Councilman Joseph Souza by invitation, Assistant City Solicitor Vincent Ragosta and William H. Matthews, Assistant Clerk.

An ordinance amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1644, by appropriating the following sums to General Public Assistance: Item 1-\$50,000, Item 2-\$25,000 and Item 3-\$150,000.

This ordinance would appropriate \$225,000 to General Public Assistance which will be offset by an estimated increase in receipts from Grants-in-Aid (State of R. I.) General Public Assistance.

\$50,000 is to pay hospitalization costs over amount appropriated (\$325,000).

\$25,000 for medical prescriptions and food orders over amount appropriated (\$149,000).

\$150,000 is for cash direct relief payments to recipients over amount appropriated \$1,144,000.

Our case loads are higher and the cost of illness continues to increase.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus. It is voted to recommend to the City Council the Ordinance be adopted.

An Ordinance amending the Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1644, by transferring the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand One Hundred (27,100.00) Dollars from Water Fund-Payment to Sinking Fund to Water Fund-Taxes, Item 3.

This ordinance would transfer \$27,100 from Water Fund-Payment to Sinking Fund to Water Fund-Taxes, Item 3.

In Cranston they have advanced the date of Payment to August and the Water Department was not notified until after they had completed the Present year's budget. This will require five quarterly payments in this fiscal year. The tax rate has been increased from \$34 to \$39 per thousand. These changes will cost \$9,469.01.

The Town of Johnston has advanced the tax payment month from September to August and as the Water Department pays its taxes to Johnston in full when due they will have to pay two full years in this fiscal year. They paid last year's taxes which were due in September on October 1, 1964 by agreement because the Water Department did not know the collection date was changed from October to September. The tax rate has been increased

from \$35 to \$37 per thousand. \$13,471.70 will be required to meet these changes.

The Town of Scituate has increased its tax rate from \$46 to \$48 per thousand which will increase the cost for the last quarter by \$4,150.

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. Lynch. It is voted to recommend to the City Council the Ordinance be adopted.

Resolutions (6) refunding to sundry taxpayers certain sums of money representing overpayment of the 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1964 taxes to the City Collector.

On motion of Mr. McOsker, seconded by Mr. Lazarus. It is voted to recommend to City Council the Resolution be adopted.

Resolution requesting that back taxes for 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1964 for property located at South Main and India streets, belonging to the New Haven Railroad Company, be abated.

Mr. Souza spoke about the resolution asking for tax abatement for 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1965 for property located at the old Fox Point Railroad Station. He further states that the International Longshoremen's Union, Local 1329 would purchase the above property if the city would abate the tax due to the fact that they haven't sufficient funds to purchase the property and pay the back taxes.

Mr. McOsker questions the wisdom of this abatement and asks for a ruling from the City Solicitor's Department.

Mr. Ragosta states that he would like to have more time to study the resolution.

Finance Director Keegan advises the members of the Finance Committee that the tax abatement at this time would cause further applicants to seek tax abatements and he questions the wisdom of Mr. Souza's statements on such abatement.

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. McOsker. It is voted to continue this resolution for further study.

Communication from William J. Cain, Administrative Assistant of the Department of Public Works.

Request of Increase in petty cash fund in the Public Works Administration.

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To authorize the City Controller to increase the petty cash fund from \$150 to \$250 in the public works Administration for travel expenses now being paid for Sidewalk and Curbing Inspectors, Engineers, Foremen in the Street Cleaning Department, and the Weigher at the Gammino Plant.

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. Lynch.

It is voted to grant request.

Request For A Leave Of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Effectuated</u>
Josephine E. Santoro	Housemother	C.V. Chapin Hosp.	6-15-65to9-12-65
Barbara McGee	Key Punch Oper.	Data Pro. Div.	8-30-65to9-26-65

On motion of Mr. Haxton, seconded by Mr. Lynch. It is voted to grant request.

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*William H. Matthews*  
Assistant Clerk