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The Committee on Finance meets this day in Committee Room "A" at 12:00 o'clock N. Present: Chairman Laudati and Councilmen Boyle, Loughran and Lazarus.

Also present are Finance Director Cashman and City Controller Keegan. (William E. McWilliams, Assistant Clerk.)

Finance Director Cashman outlines the following Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1051, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$2,200) DOLLARS TO GRANTS TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS-AMBULANCE FOR RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL. (In City Council February 7, 1957. Read and Passed the first time.)

This Ordinance amends Appropriation Ordinance Chapter 1051 by appropriating \$2,200 to Ambulance for Rhode Island Hospital. The appropriation in the budget is \$7,000 and the ambulance cost \$9,200.00.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 72 OF CHAPTER 1052, "ESTABLISHING CLASSES OF POSITIONS FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE", AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 20, 1956. (In City Council February 7, 1957. Read and Passed the first time.)

This Ordinance amends Chapter 1052 by adding one (1) Clerk Stenographer III to the Redevelopment Agency. This additional position is requested because of increased work load and an employee is to be promoted from Clerk Stenographer II as she is taking legal dictation from three attorneys.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 62 OF CHAPTER 1052, "ESTABLISHING CLASSES OF POSITIONS FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE", AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 20, 1956. (In City Council February 7, 1957. Read and Passed the first time.)

This Ordinance amends Chapter 1052 by deleting eight (8) Social Worker I and adding eight (8) Social Worker II in G.P.A. Administration. This change is necessary to meet competition from the state and other cities and towns.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1051 BY TRANSFERRING FROM WATER FUND-PAYMENT TO SINKING FUNDS, FOURTEEN HUNDRED (\$1400) DOLLARS TO WATER FUND-ADMINISTRATION, ITEM 3; FIFTEEN HUNDRED (\$1500) DOLLARS TO WATER FUND-SOURCE OF SUPPLY, ITEM 3; THREE THOUSAND (\$3,000) DOLLARS TO WATER FUND-TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, ITEM 3; AND EIGHTEEN HUNDRED (\$1800) DOLLARS TO WATER FUND-METER DIVISION, ITEM 3. (In City Council February 7, 1957. Read and Passed the first time.)

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This Ordinance amends Chapter 1051 by transferring \$7,700.00 from Payment to Water Sinking Fund to several divisions in the water department to pay for Blue Cross and Physician's Service as it was not provided for in the budget.

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Boyle, it is voted to return the above Ordinances to the City Council with recommendation of passage a second time.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION". (In City Council February 7, 1957. Referred to Committee on Finance.)

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Boyle, it is voted to lay on the table indefinitely in Committee, the above Ordinance and the following Ordinance is substituted:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES, 1946, BY ADDING ARTICLE XVII ON LICENSE FEES.

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances, 1946, entitled "Administration" as heretofore amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following:

"ARTICLE XVII. License Fees.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN BULK.

Any person, partnership or corporation or other legal entity storing petroleum products in bulk, shall pay to the City Collector of the City of Providence, the following annual license fees:

FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF ONE TO 21,000 GALLONS	\$ 10.00 annually
FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 21,001 TO 50,000 GALLONS	50.00 annually
FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 50,001 TO 100,000 GALLONS	150.00 annually
FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 100,001 TO 1,000,000 GALLONS	250.00 annually
FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 1,000,001 TO 5,000,000 GALLONS	500.00 annually
FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 5,000,001 GALLONS OR OVER	1,000.00 annually
TRANSFER OF LICENSES (EACH)	5.00
PRODUCTS STORED FOR OWN CONSUMPTION AND NOT FOR RESALE	NO FEES "

SEC. 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Boyle, it is voted to recommend the above Ordinance with reference, to the Ordinance Committee.

UNPAID BILLS FOR SERVICES RENDERED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1956.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>
2/15/57	R.I. Covering Company 347-351 North Main St. Providence, R. I.	\$7.60	Traffic Engineering
	American Blue Print Co., Inc. 35 Westminster St. Providence, R. I.	\$2.67	Public Works Engineering Office

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Boyle, it is voted to authorize the City Controller to pay the above bills.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Edmond B. Potter	Charles V. Chapin Hosp.	2/6/57

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Boyle, it is voted to grant the above request for Leave of Absence.

RE REQUEST OF PROVIDENCE POLICE WIVES' REQUEST FOR PENSION.

The Clerk informs the Committee he is in receipt of a letter furnishing a list of widows from the Providence Police Wives' Association.

Considerable discussion ensues amongst the Committee as to what the City might possibly do for those widows in need.

It is suggested that the Clerk might possibly write to other cities of the same size as the City of Providence to ascertain just what those cities are doing in this regard. Finance Director Cashman suggests that possibly, a questionnaire form, might be mailed to those different cities and it is agreed that further discussion will be held in this regard.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SERVICE ON A STUDY OF LICENSES AND PERMITS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, INCLUDING THE FEES CHARGED AND THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THEIR ISSUANCE.

The Committee proceeds to review their previous action and recommendations which were made subject to the advice of the Law Department.

The members of the Committee are furnished with a copy of the communication received from the Solicitor covering the following:

BILL POSTING LICENSE

At present, no fee. Public Administration Service recommends \$25.00 and Bureau of Licenses, the issuing Agency. Finance Committee

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recommends \$100.

Law Department advises that in order to carry out the recommendations that the license be issued by the Bureau of Licenses at an established fee of \$100.00, it will be necessary to amend Section 4 of Chapter 3 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances, as the present authority to post bills, etc. requires approval of the Bureau of Police and Fire, and there is no provision for a fee.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary amending Ordinances. With reference to the Ordinance Committee.

BOWLING ALLEYS

Finance Committee recommends increase Sunday fee from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Law Department advises that under the present provisions of state law relative to licensing and regulating of exhibitions on Sunday, it would seem that the Bureau of Licenses has the authority to increase the Sunday fee from \$1.00 to \$5.00 without any further legislation.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and recommends that the Bureau of Licenses be notified in writing of their recommendations to increase the annual Sunday fee from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per alley.

POLICE CONSTABLE

Finance Committee recommends Police Constable with power no change, without power increase from \$1.00 to \$25.00. Councilmen excluded.

Law Department advises that the Bureau of Licenses has the power to increase the fee from \$1.00 to \$25.00 for police constables without power.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and recommends that the Bureau of Licenses be notified in writing of their recommendations to increase the fee from \$1.00 to \$25.00 for Police Constables without power. (Councilmen excluded)

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Public Administration Service recommends City should retain entire fee receipts. Finance Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Law Department advises that to provide that the City should retain entire fee receipts, it will be necessary to amend Section 5 of Chapter 362 of the 1938 General Laws which now provides that one-half accrue to the City and one-half to the State.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the City Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers amending the 1938 General Laws covering. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

EXPRESS VEHICLE LICENSE (VEHICLES FOR HIRE)

Finance Committee recommends increase of fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Law Department advises that to raise the fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00 will require amendment of section 6 of Chapter 34 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances. Solicitor adds that the authority of the City to take this action as well as the suggested action in items 6 and 7 is not free from doubt.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers in regard to amending 1946 Revised Ordinances. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends increase in fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Law Department advises that to raise the fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00 will require amendment of section 6 of Chapter 34 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers in regard to amending 1946 Revised Ordinances. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

HACKNEY DRIVER'S LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends increase in fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Law Department advises that to raise the fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 will require amendment of section 6 of Chapter 34 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers in regard to amending 1946 Revised Ordinances. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

LODGING HOUSE LICENSE

Finance concurs in the recommendation of Public Administration Service to require annual license for all rooming houses and establishing fee of \$10.00 Bureau of Licenses issuing agency--Health and Fire Departments the inspecting agencies.

Law Department advises that Chapter 1014 of the 1902 Public Laws provides a license fee of \$1.00 for this type of license.

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Any increase, therefore, would have to be obtained by an amendment of this Act.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers for amending 1902 Public Laws. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

MARKET AND MARKET PLACE LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends 2500 square foot markets a license fee of \$25.00, under 2500 square feet, license fee \$10.00.

Law Department advises that the Charter authorizes the Council to regulate markers, but there is no authority to license and establish a system of fees. State legislation would, therefore, be required.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers for State Legislation. With reference to Ordinance Committee.

NEWSSTAND LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends \$25.00 fee for newsstands and \$1.00 for so-called honor boxes.

Law Department advises that it would appear that there is authority at present to require newsstand licenses and the establishment of the proposed fee could be done by ordinance.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary Ordinance covering. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

PAWNBROKER'S LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends increase of fee from \$100.00 to \$150.00.

Law Dept. advises that a suggested increase in the fee of pawnbrokers could be effected by an amendment of Chapter 19 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers covering amending of Chapter 19 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances, With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

PEDDLER'S LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends yearly fee of \$25.00 and \$1.00 for a one-day license.

Law Department advises that Chapter 846 of the 1901 Public Laws stipulates the various fees for this type of license. It is stipulated that the license for certain types of merchandise should not exceed \$50.00 and other types, \$5.00. The suggested increase, therefore, might well require an amendment of this law.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Law Department to draw up the necessary papers, if such be necessary, to amend Chapter 846 of the 1901 Public Laws. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

SECONDHAND-STORE LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends increase in fee from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

Law Department advises that Section 3 of Chapter 18 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances specifies that the present annual license fee for a secondhand store shall be \$25.00. Solicitor, therefore, does not understand the recommendation that the fee be increased from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and recommends that the Bureau of Licenses be notified in writing of their recommendations to increase the fee on secondhand store licenses from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

TRANSFER OF LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends fee of \$25.00 for transfer of liquor licenses, on other transfers \$5.00.

Law Department advises that inasmuch as the State has set up a schedule of fees for alcoholic beverage licenses and not for transfer of such licenses, it would seem by inference that the State did not intend to exact any fee for a transfer.

As to the other types of transfer the authority would again depend upon particular legislation setting up the types of licenses.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers covering. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

SIDEWALK PERMIT

Finance Committee recommends fee of \$5.00.

Law Department advises that this could be done by an amendment of Chapter 33 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request Law Department to draw up nece-

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necessary papers covering amendment of Chapter 33 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances. With reference to Ordinance Committee.

STREET EXCAVATION

Finance Committee recommends fee of \$2.00 and enforcement of present Ordinance.

Law Department advises that the Director of Public Works has authority to set up this fee.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and recommends that the Director of Public Works be notified in writing of their recommendations to set up fee of \$2.00.

PERMIT TO MOVE HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Finance Committee recommends adoption of an Ordinance for a fee of \$5.00.

Law Department advises that Chapter 604 of the 1914 Ordinances requires this type of permit but establishes no fee. This can be done by Ordinance.

The Committee at this time recommends this item be held for further study.

CERTIFICATION OF OPERATION

Finance Committee recommends license fee be abolished. Not enforceable.

Law Department advises that Section 9 of Chapter 10 of the 1946 Ordinances which provides for a license fee must be amended if this fee is to be abolished.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers amending Section 9 of Chapter 10 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances so that fee will be abolished. With reference to Ordinance Committee.

PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE PERMIT

Finance Committee recommends fee of \$3.00 for a permit and \$2.50 for each fixture.

Law Department advises that the suggested increase in fees would require amending Chapter 985 of the 1914 Ordinances.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up necessary papers amending Chapter 985 of the 1914 Ordinances. With reference to Ordinance Committee.

FROZEN DESSERT LICENSE

Finance Committee concurs in the recommendation of Public Administration Service. Make Bureau of Licenses the issuing Agency.

Law Department advises that in order make the Licensing Bureau the issuing agent, Chapter 14 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances (Supplement) would be amended.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the City Solicitor to draw up necessary papers amending Chapter 14 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances. (Supplement) With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

MILK LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends adoption of Public Administration Service recommendations. Fee of \$50.00 for pasteurizing plant; \$25.00 for dealers; \$10.00 for vehicles. Make Bureau of Licenses the issuing agency.

Law Department advises that the recommendations of Finance Committee would require amending Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 216 of the 1938 General Laws and Chapter 20 and 25 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers amending Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 216 of the 1938 General Laws and Chapter 20 and 25 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

VICTUALING LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends making Bureau of Licenses the issuing Agency.

Law Department advises that in order to make the Bureau of Licenses the issuing Agency Chapter 14 of the Supplement of the 1946 Revised Ordinances must be amended.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to issue the necessary papers amending Chapter 14 of the Supplement of the 1946 Revised Ordinances. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends making license annually and Bureau of Licenses the issuing agency.

Law Department advises that if the Bureau of Licenses is to be the issuing agency and license is to be made annual, 1946 Revised

Ordinances, Chapter 5 must be amended.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to issue the necessary papers amending Chapter 5 of the 1946 Revised Ordinances, With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

SEALS FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Finance Committee recommends double all fees and cartage fees remain the same.

Law Department advises the fees charged by the Sealer of Weights and Measures are established by Chapter 407 of the 1938 General Laws and this must be amended if any change is to be made in the fee schedule.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw up the necessary papers amending Chapter 407 of the 1938 General Laws. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

LICENSE FOR THE STORAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN BULK

An Ordinance has already been introduced to take care of these fees.

AUTOMOBILE STORAGE LICENSE

Finance Committee concurs in the recommendation of Public Administration Service i.e., a fee of \$10.00 - \$100.00 in cases of storage of four cars or more. No charge when said garages are used by residents on the premises.

Law Department advises that the right to require a license of this type would seem to call for legislative action.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Law Department to draw up such papers for legislative action if necessary.

GAS STATION LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends one fee be charged and based on storage capacity.

Law Department advises that under the authority of Chapter 2241 of the 1922 Public Laws, the City could set up a system of fees for gas station licenses.

No fee considered by the Committee at this meeting.

SALE OF FIREARMS LICENSE

Finance Committee recommends fee of \$50.00.

Law Department advises that so far as they know there is no

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license required to sell firearms. The recommendation to establish a fee for such license would, therefore, seem to first require passage of legislation authorizing the licensing of dealers in firearms.

The Committee concurs with the comments of the Law Department and the Clerk is directed to request the Solicitor to draw whatever papers requiring passage of legislation if necessary. With Reference to Ordinance Committee.

Adjournment is taken at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

William B. Mulhearn

Assistant Clerk

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