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The Finance Committee meets this day at 12:05 o'clock P.M.
Present: Chairman Mariani and Messrs. Loughran and Lazarus. Also present are City Treasurer Cardarelli, Budget Officer Moran and City Controller Keegan. (W. E. McWilliams, Assistant Clerk)

Budget Officer Moran explains the following Ordinances:

- 1 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 533, BY ADDING THE SUM OF NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$9,441.24) TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR PARKS GENERAL, ITEMS 0 and 2. (In City Council January 17, 1952. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance adds \$9,441.24 to Parks General to reimburse the department as follows: Erecting walls and stairs, also planting at Francis Street entrance to Exchange Place \$8,602.44 - Planting seeds and shrubs at Veteran's Administration Building on Hope Street \$338.80 - Also for purchase of fertilizer and planting of grass seed on Court House Grounds next spring at estimated cost of \$500.00. Increase receipts from Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures a like amount.

Mr. Lazarus moves passage. (No second)

- 2 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 534, SECTION 10 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE APPROVED SEPTEMBER 21, 1951. (In City Council January 17, 1952. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance amends Chapter 534, Section 10, by adding one Key Punch Operator to Tabulating Division. Experience in the Tabulating Division over the past several months has proven need for this additional operator if the records of blue tag payments are to be kept to date. No appropriation is being requested at this time as it is believed some money may be saved through vacancies that may occur during the year.

Mr. Lazarus moves passage. (No second)

- 3 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 535 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 21, 1951. (In City Council January 17, 1952. Referred to Committee on Finance)

This Ordinance amends Chapter 535, salary ordinance for classified employees, to provide for an increase in salary for Police Patrol Driver from \$2,717 per year to \$3,055 per year. This would effect 18 employees at an annual cost of \$6,084.

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On motion of Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Mariani, it is voted to return the above Ordinances to the City Council with recommendation of passage.

At this time Chairman Mariani states that he understood they were voting on Item 3 only. Mr. Lazarus states that it was his intention to pass all three items at the same time. Mr. Mariani suggests that, to make it legal, a vote be taken on Items 1 and 2 and Mr. Lazarus so moves and this is seconded by Mr. Loughran. The Chairman inquires if there are any "noes" and there being none, the Ordinances are recommended for passage the second time.

Mr. Moakler joins the Committee at this time and inquires as to why Items 1 and 2 had been voted on after Item 3. Chairman Mariani informs Mr. Moakler that it was their intent to pass the three items collectively as no one present requested any discussion.

Mr. Moakler moves for reconsideration on Item 3 and this is seconded by Mr. Loughran.

The Committee then votes as follows: For reconsideration: Messrs. Moakler and Loughran; Against reconsideration: Messrs. Lazarus and Mariani.

Mr. Moakler moves that Item 3 be placed before the full Committee and this motion is seconded by Mr. Loughran.

Messrs. Moakler and Loughran vote "Aye" and Messrs. Lazarus and Mariani vote "No".

Being a tie vote, it is the ruling of Chairman Mariani that the Ordinances 1 and 2 be returned to Council Meeting of February 7th for passage a second time and Ordinance 3 be returned to Council Meeting of February 7th for passage a first time.

Mr. Moakler questions the ruling of the Chair and requests an opinion from the City Solicitor.

City Solicitor McCabe joins the Committee and is informed by the Chairman that Mr. Moakler takes an exception to his ruling. After being informed of the entire travel of the matter, Mr. McCabe advises that in his opinion there is no doubt but that the voting was legal and therefore the ruling of the Chair is in order.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT WITH UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

On motion of Mr. Moakler, seconded by Mr. Loughran, it is voted that this Resolution be continued.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 533 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS TO THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, ITEM 7. (In City Council January 17, 1952. Referred to Committee on Finance)

On motion of Mr. Moakler, seconded by Mr. Loughran, it is voted that this Ordinance be laid on the table in Committee.

Adjournment is taken at 1:10 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Clerk.

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Compared J.J.L.