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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 o'clock Noon. Present: Chairman Mariani and Messrs. Laudati and Moakler. Budget Director Reynolds and City Controller Keegan are also present. (James J. Kelly, Assistant Clerk).

At the request of Chairman Mariani, Budget Director Reynolds explains the following Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DIRECTOR, AND PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF SAID DEPARTMENT. (In City Council, May 1, 1947. First reading, read and passed.)

This Ordinance establishes the Department of Recreation. The Mayor shall appoint for a term of five years a qualified person to serve as a Director of Recreation. The person shall be at least thirty years of age, have had four years of college training or its equivalent, and a minimum of four years experience in the recreation field. The salary shall be at the rate of \$6,000.00 per year, and with the approval of the Mayor the Director may appoint Deputies and Assistants as the City Council may deem necessary.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1513 OF 1946, BY ADDING THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED (\$300.00) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, WORLD WAR I AND RHODE ISLAND POST JEWISH WAR VETERANS. (In City Council May 1, 1947. First reading, read and passed.)

Because of the increased cost of wreaths to decorate the veterans' graves on Memorial Day, an additional appropriation of \$150.00 is appropriated for Disabled American Veterans of World War I and another appropriation of \$150.00 for Rhode Island Post Jewish War Veterans.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1513 OF 1946, BY ADDING THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. (In City Council, May 1, 1947. First reading, read and passed.)

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Rhode Island will hold their Annual Encampment at Providence during the month of June, and this appropriation of \$500.00 is to help the Veterans defray the expenses

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incurred for this state wide encampment.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1509, SECTION 18 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 6, 1946. (In City Council May 1, 1947. First reading, read and passed.)

At present the Bureau of Police and Fire Garage on Bucklin Street services both police and fire department vehicles. Beginning in June all police cars with the exception of trucks, will be serviced by employees of the Municipal Garage, there being four automobile mechanics added to the present personnel of six now employed at the Municipal Garage. By having these additional automobile mechanics servicing the police cars, it will relieve three policemen and one fireman presently employed as mechanics for uniformed duty.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1513 OF 1946, BY ADDING THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR MAYOR'S OFFICE, ITEM 5. (In City Council May 1, 1947. First reading, read and passed.)

The sum of \$500.00 is appropriated to the Mayor's Office, Item 5 for the purchasing of a desk, chair, cabinet files, etc., for the use of the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1513 OF 1946, BY ADDING THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, ITEM 2. (In City Council May 1, 1947. First reading, read and passed.)

Conforming with the general plan to improve all recreational facilities, the sum of \$1,000.00 is appropriated for the Municipal Golf Course, Item 2, to purchase seed and fertilizer.

On motion of Mr. Moakler, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted that the six foregoing Ordinances be passed for the second time at the next meeting of the City Council.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500.00) DOLLARS TO BE PAID TO THE NEXT-OF-KIN OF THOMAS CLIFFORD (In City Council April 17, 1947. Referred to Committee on Finance.)

The Clerk reads the following communication from Walter H. Reynolds, Budget Director:

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The Honorable The City Council
Committee on Finance

Gentlemen:

Having reference to the Ordinance appropriating the sum of

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twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) Dollars to John Leo Clifford and Anna White, brother and sister, respectively, of Thomas Clifford, as compensation for the death of their brother, which was presented at the City Council meeting on April 17th and referred to the Committee on Finance, I wish to advise as follows:

Investigation discloses that Thomas Clifford, a former employee of the Providence Public Works Department, Highway Division, who died on November 24, 1946, as a result of injuries arising out of and in the course of his employment, was a bachelor without dependents.

The persons who would share in the lump sum payments ordered in this Ordinance are respectively a brother and a sister. The brother of the deceased is a resident of Providence while the sister resides outside the State of Rhode Island.

I would draw your attention to the fact that under similar circumstances such heirs, unless dependent, would receive no payments under the Rhode Island Compensation law.

Because of these facts and because the payments of such a lump sum grant would establish an unwise precedent I recommend that this Ordinance be disapproved. If, however, further investigation discloses that expenditures for the burial of Thomas Clifford have been incurred by either or both of these heirs from their personal funds, other than money left by the deceased, recourse might be had to the City Council Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Walter H. Reynolds,

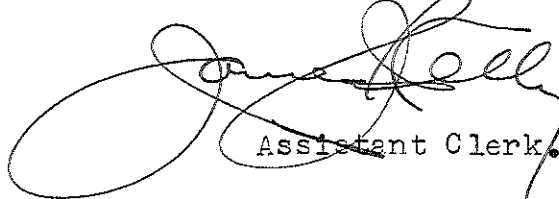
Walter H. Reynolds,
Budget Director.

The Committee is of the opinion that further study is necessary on this Ordinance. Chairman Mariani states, if there are no objections, the Ordinance will be continued for further study, and there being no objection, the Ordinance is continued.

Adjournment is taken at 12:45 o'clock p.m.

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Assistant Clerk.