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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12 o'clock noon in Committee Room "A". Present: Chairman Mariani and Messrs. O'Connor, Munroe, and Farrell, Budget Director Reynolds, City Controller Keegan and Asst. City Solicitor McManus are also present. (D. Everett Whelan, Clerk)

The Clerk informs the committee that the agenda for this meeting consists of 19 Ordinances and one resolution of the City Council. The 19 ordinances were in the City Council at the meeting of August 14th and were passed for the first time and referred to the Committee. The single resolution was referred to this Committee without passage.

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO SUBMIT NINE (9) QUESTIONS TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE TUESDAY NEXT AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1946.

Asst. Solicitor McManus explains that above titled Ordinance was drawn to cover the several bond issues and the parking meter question to be submitted to the voters at the coming election, as follows:

\$1,300,000.00	Addition to Public Library
1,500,000.00	School Athletic Fields
2,500,000.00	Housing Projects
3,000,000.00	Highway Programme
1,000,000.00	Recreation Programme
950,000.00	Incinerator & Sewage Disposal
1,000,000.00	War Memorial
1,250,000.00	Fire Dept. Stations & equipment

and Question of installing Parking Meters.

Mr. McManus explains that the Ordinance is so drawn that each question will be voted on individually and will be so arranged on the voting machines as will make it possible for any voter to vote for or against every individual question.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND (\$28,000.00) DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL, ITEM 5.

Mr. Reynolds explains that above Ordinance provides for a transfer of funds within the dept. by using funds which will not be required in Highway Division, Item 2 to purchase two (2) Snow Loaders and twenty-five (25) Snow Plows, Snow & Ice Removal, Item 5, in order to be prepared to fight future snow storms, present

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equipment being antiquated and inadequate.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CLASSES OF POSITIONS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN CLASSES IN THE CITY DEPARTMENTS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 1383 APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1945.

Mr. Reynolds explains above Ordinance ties in with the appropriation Ordinance and is regularly sent in at the time, it incorporates the material contained in Chapter 1383 together with amendments to it which have been passed during the year.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 1384 APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1945.

Mr. Reynolds explains that this Ordinance like the preceding one ties in with the Appropriation Ordinance and it too is repetitious of Chapter 1384 and includes amendments made to it during the fiscal year, now drawing to a close.

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN ANNUAL SEWER RENTAL OR CHARGE: FIXING THE RATES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that above titled Ordinance has been worked out by the Law Dept. to take advantage of the authority granted by the last session of the Legislature to help to make the Sewer Dept. partially self supporting. It is estimated that the present rates will provide a new source of revenue of about \$150,000.00 per year based on an approximate cost to large consumers of water of 25% of their present water bills. Concerns using Artesian Well water must have their supplies metered or accept city billing.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1384, ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1945.

Mr. Reynolds states that above Ordinance authorizes increasing the salary of Pathologist at Charles V. Chapin Hospital from \$5,500.00 to \$6,500.00 per year, same having been recommended by Board of Hospital Commissioners.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1209, ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

Mr. Reynolds explains that above Ordinance is necessary to provide for positions of Messrs. Mead and Fisher who have returned from the armed forces and no classifications having previously set up for the positions they occupied prior to their service in the Army. The Dept. of Public Works has recommended the Classification of Highway Construction Foreman to offset present

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inequalities and Deputy Smoke Inspector and Ass't. Traffic Engineer Classification have been made necessary by expanding work in those fields.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION OF \$19,363,901.94 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1947

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that above Ordinance represents the research work carried on by his office for the past year and the Ordinance is so comprehensive that he would not have time at this meeting to go through it but he has prepared and distributed copies to all the Councilmen and if the Committee would like any information on any particular item or items he is here to furnish it.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS FOR THE SERVICEMEN'S CENTER.

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that while the volume of business carried on at Servicemen Centre has greatly diminished, the Committee operating the centre feels that it should be carried on as there is still a demand for it and because the U.S.O. which formerly carried a portion of the load, has now been closed.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (\$4,680.00) DOLLARS TO THE WATER SUPPLY BOARD, METER DIVISION, ITEM 0.

Mr. Reynolds explains that above Ordinance merely provides for a transfer of funds within the Water Supply Board and is made necessary to take care of clerical help who have been re-hired from the Armed Services.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND(\$20,000.00) DOLLARS TO THE WATER SUPPLY BOARD, DIVISION OF TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, ITEM 2.

Mr. Reynolds informs the Committee that above Ordinance represents another transfer within the Dept. and only Water Supply Board funds are involved. The transfer being necessary to permit the purchase of pipe, etc. to extend water mains, pipe previously being unobtainable.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, ITEM 1 AND ITEM 2.

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Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that above Ordinance is required because of the large expenditures made by Mayor's Office in the observance of Navy Day and for numerous committees which have been working with the Mayor's office on civic problems.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE VETERAN'S RE-TRAINING AND RE-EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Reynolds explains that the operating costs of the Veteran's Re-Training & Re-Employment Committee amount to about \$4,000.00 per month and that the above Ordinance supplying \$25,000.00 will have to be reenacted again in about six (6) months to keep the organization functioning.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS TO THE POLICE PENSION FUND.

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that above Ordinance is necessary to take care of extra large number of retirements in the Police Dept.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF FOUR THOUSAND (\$4,000.00) DOLLARS TO THE FIRE PENSION FUND.

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that above Ordinance is in the same category as the previous one, the difference being that this Ordinance is to provide additional funds to take care of retirements in the Fire Dept.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES H. SMITH AT FIVE HUNDRED (\$500) DOLLARS EACH, PER ANNUM.

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that the State Legislature in the last session gave the City of Providence the authority to fix and pay to the elective members of the Board of Commissioners of the Charles H. Smith Estate compensation for their services and above Ordinance fixes the yearly salary of \$500.00 each per annum, payable monthly.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF \$507.00 TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL -- AMBULANCE SERVICE, ITEM 76.

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that due to a bookkeeping error, a previous Ordinance covering this matter had to be indefinitely postponed and that above Ordinance is to replace it to make up the deficit in the purchase of an ambulance for R. I.

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Hospital. An Appropriation of \$4,000.00 for this item has been found insufficient due to increased cost allowed by O. P. A.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 8, 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ITEM 1.

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that this Ordinance provides \$3,000.00 to be used by the Public Buildings Dept. to make needed repairs at Hendrick Street School which was recently leased to Veterans groups.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1382 OF 1945, BY ADDING THE SUM OF NINE THOUSAND (\$9,000.00) DOLLARS TO ITEM 2 AND TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS TO ITEM 1 OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR CHARLES V. CHAPIN HOSPITAL.

Mr. Reynolds tells the Committee that Charles V. Chapin Hospital has been hard hit by the rising cost of food and while the above Ordinance merely transfers money within the Dept. for this purpose, he feels sure that new money will soon have to be found to cover future deficits in the items of food for patients there.

Following a general discussion of the merits of the foregoing Ordinances, it is voted on motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Munroe to recommend to the City Council that the foregoing 19 Ordinances be passed for the second (2nd) time, at the next meeting of the Council.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, TO APPLY TO THE FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY, BUREAU OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR AN ADVANCE OF \$18,000.00 FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDRENS' BLDG. AT CHARLES V. CHAPIN HOSPITAL.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Munroe, it is voted that above resolution be laid on the table.

RE T. J. QUINN & SON, INC.

Mr. Keegan tells the Committee that he has been negotiating with officials of T. J. Quinn & Son, Inc., regarding unpaid bills for stone, gravel, etc.

Mr. Keegan tells the Committee that there is no doubt but the city owes the Quinn concern for material but that that firm's claim is far in excess of the amount now proven as owed by the city. Mr. Keegan advises that he is confident that the charges

amounting to \$1,117.48 are due and payable but shows the Committee cancelled checks for several invoices which the Company have been seeking payment and says he has shown this evidence to the officials of the company.

The material in question was delivered a long time ago and to check each and every item would require an tremendous amount of time by the Controllers office. One reason for the hold up of payments was due to the company's refusal to abide by the rules of the Purchasing Dept. in securing Purchase Orders before making deliveries and admitted lackness in their accounting System could be responsible for many errors.

When questioned regarding the status of the claim, Ass't. City Solicitor McManus tells the Committee that the City must pay for what is known to be owed and the company should be allowed to sue for any balance they claim is due them.

Following a lengthy discussion it is voted on motion of Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. O'Connor to authorize the City Controller to pay T. J. Quinn & Son, Inc. the sum of \$1,117.48.

Adjournment is taken at 12:50 P. M.

D. Everett Whelan
Clerk

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