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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 M.

Present: Chairman Presel and Messrs. Mariani, Coppen and Testa. City Auditor Flynn and City Engineer Nolan are also present. (W. Earl Dodd, Clerk).

RE RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 FOR SO-CALLED BELT PLAN. (In City Council, March 20, 1941 - Referred to Committee on Finance) (Substitute Resolution Recommended for Passage). Councilman Frank Rao, President of the City Council is invited and appears before the committee and explains that a similar resolution appropriating \$1,000.00 for the use of the Bureau of Police and Fire in laying out the so-called Belt Plan and erecting traffic signs in connection therewith was previously recommended by the Committee on Finance last year. This resolution was presented and Councilman Rao explains at that time he was instrumental in having the resolution indefinitely postponed in the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Rao states that at the request of the members of the Down Town Traffic Committee and the Mayor, he called together a group including Traffic Engineer Eaton, Director of Public Works McElroy, City Engineer Nolan, Bureau of Police and Fire, Paul Ladd and a Traffic Engineer connected with the Retail Board in an informal conference. This group discussed this matter in detail. Mr. Rao states that after hearing the matter explained and it being further recommended by Mr. Eaton, he believes that it will be worth the expenditure of \$1,000.00 in laying out this so-called Belt Plan to determine if it will help traffic congestion in the center of the City. Mr. Rao further explains that the Director of Public Works said he would cooperate, and that possibly a standardized type of sign could be procured through the assistance of the State of Rhode Island.

On motion of Mr. Coppen, seconded by Mr. Presel, it is voted to recommend the passage of a substitute resolution by adding the words "said appropriation to be charged to contingencies".

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On further motion of Mr. Coppen, seconded by Mr. Presel, it is voted to indefinitely postpone the original resolution as referred to the committee, inasmuch as no provision was made where to charge this \$1,000.00.

RE AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT APPROPRIATION.

President Rao explains that he is introducing in the City Council meeting Thursday, May 1st, an ordinance providing for the creation of a Committee on Golf Tournaments, together with a resolution requesting a \$8,000.00 appropriation to defray the expenses of a proposed golf tournament. Mr. Rao states that he makes this explanation because of the fact he desires early consideration upon this matter and that tentative dates have been assigned for a tournament to be held September 26th, 27th and 28th. Mr. Rao explains that the resolution requesting the appropriation of \$8,000.00 will be referred by the City Council to the Finance Committee, and that he feels with favorable weather, a golf tournament will possibly not cost the City any money and it will be well worth the benefits of the advertising, and that he hopes that the committee will give favorable consideration upon this resolution when it is referred to the committee. He mentions this fact now in order that the committee will not have to invite him to appear before the Committee at a later meeting.

Mr. President Rao and City Engineer Nolan are excused at this time.

RE RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE SUM OF \$50.00 TO SAMUEL I. KENNISON, M.D. FOR ANTI-RABIC TREATMENT OF JERRY DIWINSKY OF 22 GLENHAM STREET, (In City Council, April 17, 1941 - referred to the Committee on Finance). On motion of Mr. Coppen, seconded by Mr. Testa, it is voted to return to the City Council with recommendation of passage this resolution allowing payment to Dr. Kennison for anti-rabic treatment in the sum of \$50.00; said payment is authorized under the authority of Chapter 800 of the Public Laws of 1912 and Chapter 136 of the General Laws of 1923, Section 32.

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RE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF \$62,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED IN REBUILDING POINT STREET SCHOOL. (In City Council, April 17, 1941 - referred to the Committee on Finance. A discussion ensues and the Clerk is directed to invite the members of the School Committee to appear before the committee to explain the proposed school building that is to be erected on the site of the old Point Street School.

RE REVISION OF ORDINANCES AND SPECIAL LAWS FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE (Resolution introduced March 6, 1941, First Reading - Referred to Committee on Ordinances) (In City Council April 17, 1941 - Referred to Committee on Finance)

Mr. Presel explains that the matter of revising the City Ordinances and Special Laws has been discussed by the Emergency Public Works Committee. Mr. Presel states that he will take this matter up at the next meeting of the Emergency Public Works Committee and report back to the Finance Committee relative to this matter.

On motion of Mr. Mariani, the committee adjourns at 1:05 o'clock p.m.

W. Carl Dodd
Clerk.

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Compared D.K.M.

Chairman.