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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 o'clock noon.
Present: Messrs. Laudati, Loughran and Lazarus. Budget Officer Moran and Assistant City Controller Hartigan is also present. (James J. Kelly, Assistant Clerk.)

The Clerk informs the Committee that Mr. Mariani will be unable to be present and that nominations are in order for an Acting Chairman of this Committee.

Mr. Lazarus nominates Mr. Laudati and this nomination is seconded by Mr. Loughran.

There being no counter-nominations on motion of Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Loughran, it is voted that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Laudati as Acting Chairman of this Committee.

ACTING CHAIRMAN LAUDATI IN THE CHAIR

Budget Officer Moran outlines the following Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 422 BY ADDING THE SUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$807.50) TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR CITY CONTROLLER'S DIVISION, ITEM 5.

The sum of \$807.50 is appropriated to Controller's Division, Item 5, to reimburse the purchasing revolving fund the amount paid for a signature machine that was purchased through the fund. The machine previously in use broke down and was in such bad condition it could not be repaired. It was necessary to have a machine as soon as possible and for that reason it was purchased through the revolving fund. This appropriation is obtained from increased receipts from Reserves for Extraordinary Expenditures.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 422 BY ADDING THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY AT ROGER WILLIAMS PARK.

When work was started on the Christmas Display at Roger Williams Park it was found that most of the electric wiring and a few other items used on the display in previous years were in such condition they could not be used again. To avoid a delay in the lighting of the display the Superintendent of Parks was given permission to use \$1,000.00 of the Roger Williams Park appropriation with the understanding that the City Council would later be asked to approve this action. This appropriation is obtained from increased receipts from Reserves for Extraordinary Expenditures.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 422 BY ADDING THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$15,000) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, ITEM 6.

\$15,000.00 is appropriated to Traffic Engineering Department, Item 6. When the Budget was being prepared no estimate of the cost of Pershing Square parking lot project was available. An appropriation of \$25,000.00 was made in the budget and as we have now received an estimate cost of approximately \$80,000.00 this additional appropriation will make available \$40,000.00 to cover the city's share, which is one half of the cost. This sum is obtained from increased receipts from Reserves for Extraordinary Expenditures.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 422 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED (\$3800) DOLLARS TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, ITEM 5.

The sum of \$3,800.00 is appropriated to Mayor's Office Item 5 for the purchase of a new automobile less discount. The estimate cost of the new car is \$5,500.00 and the old car bought second-hand several years ago will be traded in for about \$1,700.00. \$3,800.00 is obtained from increased receipts from Reserves for Extraordinary Expenditures.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 422 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$15,000) DOLLARS TO PROVIDENCE CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL.

\$15,000.00 is appropriated to Providence Civilian Defense Council to establish Headquarters in the closed Fire Station on Reservoir Avenue and for the hiring of personnel. Money is obtained from increased receipts from Reserves for Extraordinary Expenditures.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$12,500) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION FOR HIGHWAYS AND SEWERS' REVOLVING FUND FOR HOUSING.

Under an agreement the City has with the Housing Authority the City will construct highways and sewers in streets abutting the Admiral Terrace and the Coddling Court Housing Projects. A revolving fund for housing will be set up and the cost will be paid from this Revolving Fund and the Housing Authority will reimburse the City seven days after the close of each month. The money is obtained from increased receipts from Reserves for Extraordinary Expenditures.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF CHAPTER 1209 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

This Ordinance amends Chapter 1209 Section 32 eliminating employees of the Civilian Defense Council from the provisions of the Classification Plan. This is a new division and we have no way of knowing what the duties will be, so we eliminate the classification plan.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 301 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1949.

This Ordinance amends Chapter 301, Section 1, increases the salary of the Budget Officer from \$5,512.00 to \$6,500.00 a year. This will be in line with other department heads.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 423, SECTIONS 4, 13 AND 22 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 22, 1950.

Chapter 423, Section 4, Police Court there is,

deleted 1 Clerk-Stenographer I, and
added 1 Clerk-Stenographer II

because the duties of the Clerk have been changed. This change in classification has been requested by the department head.

Section 13, the Collector's Division,

delete 1 Clerk III, and
add 1 Key Punch Operator.

The department is really saving money by this change and it is necessary because the Collector's Division is doing more of its work on tabulating equipment now more than it did previously.

Section 22, the Fire Department,

delete 1 Deputy Fire Chief
delete 3 Fire Captains and
add 4 Fire Lieutenants.

This change is made to conform in part with recommendations with the Fire Underwriters, that there be at least a Lieutenant in charge of all companies at all times.

The jobs being abolished are now vacant so that no present personnel will be affected.

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

Adjournment is taken at 12:30 o'clock p.m.


Assistant Clerk.

Copied R.M.C.

Compared J.K.M.