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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 o'clock Noon.

Present: Chairman Mariani and Messrs. Laudati and Lazarus. Budget Officer Moran and City Controller Keegan are also present.

(James J. Kelly, Assistant Clerk)

Mr. Moran outlines the following Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 299, BY ADDING THE SUM OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND (\$16,000) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL, ITEM 5. (In City Council November 3, 1949. Read and passed the first time)

The sum of \$16,000.00 is added to the appropriation for Snow and Ice Removal, Item 5, to purchase snow loaders. The sum of \$16,000.00 is obtained by transferring from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account to the Receipt Account.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 299, BY ADDING THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, ITEM 1. (In City Council November 3, 1949. Read and passed the first time)

The sum of \$5,000.00 is added for Public Buildings, Item 1, for repairing buildings under control of the City Property Committee; said repairs to be made only when requested by the Committee. The money is obtained by transferring \$5,000.00 from the Reserve for Extraordinary Expenditures Account to the Receipt Account.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 299, BY ADDING THE SUM OF FIFTY-FOUR HUNDRED (\$5400) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR PUBLIC WORKS-FORESTRY DIVISION, ITEM 5. (In City Council November 3, 1949. Read and passed the first time)

The sum of \$5,400.00 is appropriated for Public Works-Forestry Division, Item 5, to purchase Mist Sprayer, Power Saw, Willys Jeep with rear end Ramsey Winch, Trailer, Tool Box, Hand Saws Etc., as recommended by Mr. Scanlon, the Tree Consultant.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 300, SECTION 44, OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1949. (In City Council November 3, 1949. Read and passed the first time)

At the request of Dr. Smith, Superintendent of Health, we are deleting one Laborer (Temporary) and adding one Equipment Operator (Temporary).

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED (\$2500) FOR PAYMENT TO HELEN M. HOGAN AS COMPENSATION FOR THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND.

The Clerk reads the following communication from the Finance Director:

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The Honorable the City Council  
Committee on Finance

Gentlemen:

Having reference to the ordinance appropriating the sum of twenty-five (\$2500) hundred dollars to Helen M. Hogan, widow of John Joseph Hogan, as compensation for the death of her husband, which was presented at the City Council meeting on October 20, and referred to the Committee on Finance, I wish to advise as follows:

John Joseph Hogan was a member of the Fire Department from September 23, 1926, until his death on December 12, 1944.

According to the statement of the medical examiner, the cause of death was coronary thrombosis. There is no record of any occurrence during his service with the city which might even remotely be considered as a contributing cause of death.

It is noted that the widow withdrew the sum of \$1593.07 from the retirement fund. Had there been any responsibility on the part of the city, the question would have been one for determination by the retirement board. However, since death occurred from natural causes not connected with city employment, there is no responsibility on the part of the city in this case.

It has not been the practice to make grants in similar cases and to do so would establish a dangerous precedent. I, therefore, recommend that the proposed ordinance be disapproved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Walter H. Reynolds,  
Walter H. Reynolds  
Finance Director.

After considerable discussion, on motion of Mr. Laudati, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted that this Ordinance be postponed indefinitely.

REQUEST OF THE CITY TREASURER FOR AUTHORITY TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL MONIES TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNT IN THE SEVERAL BANKS ALREADY AUTHORIZED.

On motion of Mr. Laudati, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted:

That the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to allocate additional monies obtained from anticipated collections of taxes for the current year in excess of collections of last year, to the same banks in the same proportion that deposits are now being made.

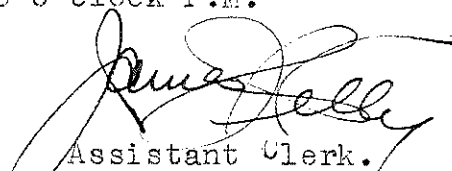
City Controller Keegan states that he has prepared two Resolutions which he would like the Committee to consider. One is

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that the sum of \$6,000.00 be ordered transferred by the Commissioners of Sinking Funds from the Water Depreciation and Extension Fund to a Special Account in the Trust and Special Fund to be known as "Academy Avenue Shop Repair Account". The purpose of allocating this \$6,000.00 is to make the necessary repairs to the former Academy Avenue Car Barn which is now used by the Water Supply Board. The other Resolution orders the transfer of \$70,000.00 by the Commissioners of Sinking Funds from the Water Depreciation and Extension Fund to a Special Account to be established in the Trust and Special Fund, entitled, "Olneyville Freeway Water Construction Account". The sum of \$70,000.00 is to be expended by the Water Supply Board for changes in Water Facilities within the area of the Olneyville Expressway. This sum of \$70,000.00 is about 50% of the cost, the balance to be paid by the Federal Government. Other Public Utilities likewise, are bearing 50% of the cost in their respective fields.

On motion of Mr. Laudati, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to submit to the City Council a Resolution adding the sum of \$6,000.00 to a Special Account to be known as "Academy Avenue Shop Repair Account" and a second Resolution adding the sum of \$70,000.00 to a Special Account to be established in the Trust and Special Fund to be known as the "Olneyville Freeway Water Construction Account".

Adjournment is taken at 12:26 o'clock P.M.

  
Assistant Clerk.

Copied *D.H.M.*

Compared *D.L.M.*