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The Finance Committee meets this day at 2:00 o'clock P. M. Present: Chairman Presel and Messrs. Testa, Munroe and Coppen. (W. Earl Dodd, Clerk).

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET-FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 1942.

Superintendent of Playgrounds Henry J. Bishop is invited and appears before the Committee and explains his proposed expenditures for the Fiscal year ending September 30, 1942.

Mr. Bishop states that there is need for additional funds as recommended in the proposed budget, which has been caused by an increase in labor in maintaining eleven "Tot Parks" that are being turned over to his department, also extra help providing for two new Field Houses that are almost completed.

Mr. Bishop is excused.

Purchasing Agent Francis X. McKinnon is invited and appears before the Committee and explains the proposed appropriation for his Department as submitted in the budget estimates.

Mr. McKinnon states that the proposed expenditures in "Clerical Assistants" will provide for a salary for a Co-ordinator who is presently on the Bureau of Police and Fire payroll and is being paid \$50.00 per week, and under the proposed budget the Co-ordinator will be paid at the rate of \$53.50 per week out of the Purchasing Agent's appropriation; in further explanation of this item of "Clerical Assistants", Mr. McKinnon states he has five "Callers" on materials. They are in the \$38.00 per week class and at the present time Mr. McKinnon states that he has four active "Callers" and one is open at the present and \$9,880.00 is required to pay these callers. Further, in his office he has one Clerk Class H, \$30.00 per week; two Clerks Class I, \$27.50

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per week; and four Clerks Class J, \$23.00 per week.

Mr. McKinnon states there is a great need for the setting up of a Revolving Fund for the Municipal Garage.

Mr. Coppen expresses the opinion that he believes too much money is being provided for "Callers", also that he cannot see the necessity in the item for "Expense-07" requesting an appropriation for travel-automobile hire and traveling expenses in the sum of \$600.00.

Mr. McKinnon is excused at this time.

City Treasurer Fitzpatrick states he believes the Mayor has done as intelligent a job on this budget as he has seen since he has been here, and that he believes that the basic budget as submitted should be adopted.

City Treasurer Fitzpatrick queries City Auditor Flynn as to whether it is the Mayor's intention to borrow one million dollars.

City Auditor Flynn replies, "That is my impression".

Director of Public Works Charles F. McElroy is invited and appears before the Committee to explain his proposed budget estimates.

Mr. Coppen queries Mr. McElroy relative to the proposed expenditures for "Bridges".

Mr. McElroy states that the underpinning of these bridges throughout the City are very bad and that during the next fiscal year he plans to paint one-third of the area under the Crawford Street Bridge. Further questioned by Mr. Coppen relative to the proposed expenditures for highways, Mr. McElroy states that he plans to do a modest Highway program.

Mr. McElroy states there is an Ordinance drawn up providing for a different arrangement for the Municipal Garage.

Mr. McElroy is excused at this time.

Mr. Coppen states he is in favor of raising Inspector of Buildings Addeo's salary \$500.00 making his salary at least \$5,000.00.

It is the consensus of the Committee that this matter will be discussed later when the Mayor is in attendance.

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Mr. Coppen is excused, and states he wants to be present with the Committee when any definite action is taken on the budget.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES-CITY TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

The Committee considers the following communication of City Treasurer Walter F. Fitzpatrick:

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Joint Standing Committee on Finance,
Mr. Howard Presel, Chairman,
City of Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the usual custom, will you please authorize me to hire temporary employees for this department for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1941, as follows:-

- 12 Temporary Employees at \$3.00 per day as their services are required.
- 4 Temporary Employees at the rate of \$25.00 per week as their services are required.

Provision for the foregoing is made in the budget now under consideration.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Walter F. Fitzpatrick

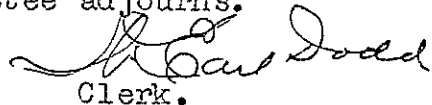
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City Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Coppen, seconded by Mr. Munroe, it is voted that the City Treasurer be authorized to hire temporary employees in the City Treasurer's Department beginning October 1, 1941 as follows:

Twelve (12) Temporary employees at \$3.00 per day
Four (4) Temporary employees at the rate of \$25.00 per week
it being understood that provisions for the foregoing rates have been made in the proposed budget for the Fiscal year ending September 30, 1942.

At 4:15 o'clock p.m. the Committee adjourns.


Clerk.

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Chairman.

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