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The Finance Committee, having been duly appointed by President of the City Council, Angelo Aiello, meets this day at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Present: Messrs. Laudati, O'Connor, Boyle, Loughran and Lazarus. Also present are Mayor Walter H. Reynolds, Finance Director Cashman, Budget Officer Moran and Assistant City Controller Duffy.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE

The Clerk declares nominations are in order for the Chairmanship of this Committee.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Loughran, the name of Mr. Laudati is placed in nomination as Chairman.

The Clerk calls for counter-nominations and there being none, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Loughran, it is voted that the nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast one ballot for Mr. Laudati as Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

CHAIRMAN LAUDATI IN THE CHAIR

Mr. Laudati advises the Committee relative to the election of a Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee and that during the absence of the Chairman from the City or inability for any cause to attend and preside at a meeting of this Committee, that the said Vice-Chairman shall preside and be authorized to sign all notes, vouchers or other documents which may be approved by the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Laudati, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, the name of Mr. O'Connor is placed in nomination. This motion is put to vote and Mr. O'Connor is duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Budget Officer Moran outlines the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1051, BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$15,000) DOLLARS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 5. (In City Council January 7, 1957. Read and Passed the first time.)

This Ordinance appropriates \$15,000 to the Police Department, Item 5 for purchase of two police cars, number allowed in budget, also eight police cars and sixteen motorcycle radios. Charge to Reserve for Extraordinary Funds.

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On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Boyle, it is voted to return the above Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of passage a second time.

RE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SERVICE.

Mayor Walter H. Reynolds informs the Committee, the reason for his presence at the meeting is to inquire about the status of the recommendations outlined in the report of the Public Administration Service.

Chairman Laudati informs the Mayor that the Finance Committee met several times and went over the various items. He states a complete report of the Finance Committee as to study and recommendations was given to the Solicitor's Department February 14, 1956. Assistant City Solicitor McManus, at that time, stated there were many items included in the report which would require permissive legislation. No further advice has as yet been received from the Law Department.

Considerable discussion ensues amongst the Committee and Mayor Reynolds states he is desirous of further action in this regard.

The Clerk is directed, by the Committee, to notify the Solicitor's Office in order that one of the Solicitors may be present at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

RE REQUEST OF PROVIDENCE POLICE WIVES' REQUEST FOR PENSION.

Mayor Reynolds informs the Committee that he has noted a representation of the Providence Police Wives Association has attended regular City Council meetings and inquires of the Committee the progress of their request for pension. He states he is desirous that some action be taken in this regard.

Considerable discussion ensues amongst the Committee, particularly in regard to those widows who are in dire circumstances.

Mr. Lazarus states he is of the opinion that some formula should be worked out and decided upon for those policemen's wives who are in need.

Pending a report from the Controller's Office as to number of depending widows, probable cost, etc., the Committee adjourns at 1:55 o'clock p.m.

William E. McManus
Assistant Clerk

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