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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 o'clock Noon. Present: Chairman Mariani and Messrs. Loughran, Moakler, and Lazarus. City Solicitor McCabe, City Controller Keegan, Budget Officer Moran and Chief of Police Higgins are also present. (James J. Kelly, Assistant Clerk)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 423, SECTIONS 21 AND 26 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE APPROVED SEPTEMBER 22, 1950. (In City Council March 15, 1951. Referred to Committee on Finance)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF CHAPTER 1209 OF THE 1943 ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN UNCLASSIFIED GROUP. (In City Council March 15, 1951. Referred to Committee on Finance)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 298 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2, 1949. (In City Council March 15, 1951. Referred to Committee on Finance)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 422 BY ADDING THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (\$2,625) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 2. (In City Council March 15, 1951. Referred to Committee on Finance)

Chairman Mariani states that Chief Higgins has been invited to address the Committee relative to using women as School Crossing Guards.

Chief Higgins states that he has made the following recommendations to the Bureau of Police and Fire relative to adding School Crossing Guards to the Police Department:

The employment of twenty-five (25) married unemployed women for this purpose between twenty-one and forty-five years of age.

Married women who have or had children would best serve the purpose because of their interest in children.

The plan is not a novel idea. In the Newtons, in Massachusetts, and in the cities of Pittsburgh and Louisville they have women employed as School Guards.

They should provide the women with uniforms which would indicate to the operator of a vehicle, their position as a school crossing guard.

They should be of good appearance, in good health, have no deformities and be of a certain weight and height required per ruling of the Bureau.

They should be permanent members of the Department and have the power to arrest.

They should receive a training for the position and be required to pass a test.

It is desirable that they should live within the neighborhood of the school to which they are to be assigned.

The hours of working should be limited and they should be paid at an hourly basis.

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They should be assigned to the Division of Women and Juveniles, but because that Division has only a small Superior Officers Staff, they should be also under the Captain of the Precinct in which they work.

There may be some legal question as to the power to arrest and we may have to have an opinion from the City Solicitor on this point.

If they are not classed as permanent members of the Department it is suggested that they have a quasi permanent status.

There are sixty-six school crossings and they are now paroled by forty-seven members of the Police Department and nineteen members of the Junior Police.

The use of women as School Crossing Guards will make it possible to bring a number of patrolmen who are now doing this work, back on regular police duty. The Police Department has had to place emergency cars and cycles at a number of school crossings, thus leaving large areas without police protection.

Mr. Moakler inquires if former Policemen now on the pension rolls could do this work and Mr. McCabe replies to that question that the Retirement Board ruled that a person receiving a pension from the City could not work for the City and obtain compensation for this service.

Chief Higgins interjects that he does not approve of pensioned policemen doing this work and that the majority of men on the pension rolls are superannuated and are not suited for the work.

Solicitor McCabe informs the Committee that the Bureau of Police and Fire has the authority now to invest the power of arrest to a woman guard if they should be hired by the Bureau. This authority is already in the General Laws.

Chief Higgins is excused at this time.

The Committee discusses whether these women to be employed as school crossing guards, will be eligible for vacation and sick leave; what the liability of the City would be if a woman school crossing guard was injured or killed while on duty; are they to be permanent members of the Department and are they to be eligible for the City Retirement System.

Subsequently, the Committee requests City Solicitor McCabe to study all the legal aspects regarding the hiring of women as School Crossing Guards and also directs the Clerk to invite the Bureau of Police and Fire to give their comments at the next meeting of the Committee.

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On motion of Mr. Moakler, seconded by Mr. Loughran, it is voted to lay on the table until the next meeting, the four Ordinances enumerated above.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY AND NECESSITY OF AMENDING THE SEVERAL ACTS RELATING TO THE OLD POLICE PENSION LIST AND THE FIREMEN'S PENSION SYSTEM. (In City Council March 15, 1951. Referred to Committee on Finance)

Chairman Mariani states that he has a communication which he has received from a group on the Police Pension System but that he does not have it with him and requests the consideration of this Resolution be continued until the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to continue this Resolution until the next meeting.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 422, BY ADDING FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$15,000) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 5. (In City Council March 15, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

Mr. Moran states that it is the intention of the Police Department to purchase fourteen (14) police cars and two (2) trucks at a total cost of about \$21,000.00 after trade-in allowances. There is already provided in the Budget about \$6,000.00 and this Ordinance makes available the balance needed. It involves no new money as these funds will be transferred from Police Department, Item 0.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 422, BY ADDING THE SUM OF SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$75,000) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR WATER SUPPLY BOARD-TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, ITEM 7. (In City Council March 15, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

The sum of \$75,000.00 is a transfer from Water Supply Board-Transmission and Distribution, Item 0 to Water Supply Board-Transmission and Distribution, Item 7 and will enable the Water Department to follow the policy recently adopted by the Board under which all water mains and other installations are to be performed by private contractors.

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

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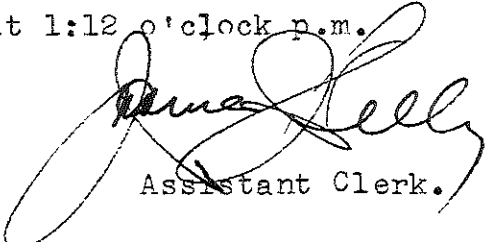
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 422, BY ADDING THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (\$10,660) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR WATER FUND AS FOLLOWS: METER DIVISION, ITEM 2 - \$5,000; AND TAXES, ITEM 3- \$5,660.

\$5,000.00 is added to Meter Division, Item 2, to meet the increased cost of materials to be used in this Division. After the Budget was prepared, the tax rate in the Town of Scituate was increased from \$2.30 to \$2.40 per hundred and in order to meet this increase, it is necessary to appropriate an additional \$5,660.00 to Item 3. The total sum of \$10,660.00 is being transferred from Water Fund-Payment to Sinking Fund.

On motion of Mr. Moakler, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to return this Ordinance to the City Council with recommendation of passage a second time.

Mr. Loughran states that in the Ordinance amending Chapter 423, Section 26, concerning the Department of Traffic Engineer, it is his understanding that the Traffic Engineer needs this new Clerk-Stenographer to handle the extra work in this office. As it is in the same Ordinance with the Police Department setting up the School Crossing Guards, he believes this Section 26 should be taken out of this Ordinance and subsequently moves that a new Ordinance be recommended for passage a first time amending Chapter 423, Section 26, to provide for two Clerk-Stenographer II in the Traffic Engineering Department. This motion is seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

The Committee adjourns at 1:12 o'clock p.m.


Assistant Clerk.

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