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The Committee on Finance meets this day at 12:00 o'clock Noon. Present: Chairman Mariani and Messrs. Laudati, Loughran, and Lazarus. City Controller Keegan and City Assessor Gallotta are also present. (James J. Kelly, Assistant Clerk)

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.

The following persons appear before the Committee in behalf of this Resolution:

Providence Police Pension Association
Thomas F. Dooley, President
Frank W. Walter
Thomas F. Rattigan

Providence Retired Firemen's Association
James P. Coughlin, President
John F. McGovern, Treasurer
William L. Gill

President Dooley, speaking on behalf of the Providence Police Pension Association, requests that a study be made to increase the amount of pensions paid to members on the so-called Old Providence Retirement Police Pension List. Quite a number of cities have increased the amount of their pensions by equalizing it so that payments will be equal to the amount now being paid to officers and men of the department currently being pensioned, namely, one-half of the current salaries of those officers and men of the Providence Police Department on full pay in active service. Based on statistics up to 1947, it would cost the City \$52,303.08 per year to equalize the pay of those now on the old pensions.

John F. McGovern, speaking for the Providence Retired Firemen's Association, states that the firemen are asking the same consideration as the police and would appreciate the Committee giving it serious study because it is pretty hard to live decently on the pensions they now receive. The cost to the City to equalize the pay of the Providence Retired Firemen is \$5,274.11 a month.

Chairman Mariani requests that the members of these two Associations submit figures of other cities having a population

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comparable to Providence showing the pensions paid to members of the Police and Fire Department on the so-called Old Pension Lists.

The group representing the Police and Firemen's Associations are excused at this time.

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted that this Resolution be continued until we receive figures as requested by Chairman Mariani, showing pensions paid to members of the Old Police and Firemen's Retirement Pension System in other cities.

Mayor Reynolds joins the Committee at this time.

Mayor Reynolds states that he is requesting the Committee to give consideration to raising an additional \$1,000,000.00 so that employees of the City shall be given an increase in their salaries. For this fiscal year, there will be an increase over that allowed in the budget for Debt Service in the amount of \$85,000.00; an increase of \$130,000.00 to provide for the retirement of Police and Fire Personnel after thirty years service and for other employees after thirty-five years service; \$225,000.00 more for schools which they are entitled to under the Strayer Act. These three items represent a total increase of \$440,000.00. To offset that, it is expected that G.P.A. will be reduced by \$800,000.00 which the City will be benefited by 30% or \$240,000.00. There will be an increase of \$200,000.00 in Horse Racing more than was originally estimated. The increase in the expenditures required for the balance of this year, plus the increase of income expected, balances itself out and if we are able to raise an additional \$1,000,000.00 we can provide for an increase in the salary of all employees and other costs we will be able to handle very nicely. Questioned as to what the Mayor may have in mind regarding the percentage of increase to be given to the employees, Mayor Reynolds replies that he would like to give, if possible, 15% increase to those in the lower brackets and 10% to those in the higher brackets. The greater part of the \$1,000,000.00 which he hopes to obtain will be thrown into salaries and the rate of increases will depend upon the estimated amount to be collected.

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City Assessor Gallotta states that he has compiled his figures for a tax for the year 1951 which is to be valued as of December 30, 1950 and suggests to the Committee that a Resolution be submitted to the City Council providing for the assessment and collection of 1951 taxes in the sum not less than \$18,250,000.00 nor more than \$18,750,000.00. He would like to obtain \$18,500,000.00 anyway and if this money is obtained, the Mayor's program relative to salaries can be accomplished.

Mr. Lazarus states that he does not believe it necessary to raise such a sum as the G.P.A. is going down about \$40,000.00 a week and if the social workers were on the job, they could cut down a great number of chiselers. Also there are a great number of jobs that could be cut out entirely and the City should look into this and a tremendous amount of money could be saved there.

On motion of Mr. Laudati, seconded by Mr. Loughran, it is voted to recommend to the City Council for adoption, the Resolution providing for the assessment and collection of 1951 taxes in the sum of not less than \$18,250,000.00 nor more than \$18,750,000.00.

Chairman Mariani puts the question before the body and the following vote "Aye": Chairman Mariani and Messrs. Laudati and Loughran. Mr. Lazarus is recorded as "Not Voting".

Because of the illness of the Finance Director and the Budget Officer, Mayor Reynolds remains and outlines the following Ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1209 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ESTABLISHING A CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance establishes specifications for Personnel Director and Secretary to Commissioner of Public Safety.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 301 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1949. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance establishes the salary of the Personnel Director at \$6,500.00 per year.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 423, SECTION 8 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 22, 1950. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

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This Ordinance adds the Personnel Director to the number of employees in the Finance Department.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 422 BY ADDING THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY (\$3,950) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE DIRECTOR, ITEMS 0, 1, 2 AND 5. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance adds \$3,950.00 to appropriation for Finance Department to pay the salary of the Personnel Director for the balance of the fiscal year and the necessary expenses of the office.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 298 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2, 1949. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance deletes Chairman of Bureau of Police and Fire and Commissioners of Bureau of Police and Fire and adds Commissioner of Public Safety at \$8,060.00 per year.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 423 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 22, 1950 BY AMENDING SECTION 20 AND ADEING SECTION 19-A. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance transfers all employees of the Bureau of Police and Fire to the Department of Commissioner of Public Safety with the exception of the four who are transferred to the Bureau of Licenses.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 301 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1949. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance establishes the salary of the Secretary of the Commissioner of Public Safety at \$4,849.00 per annum.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 298 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2, 1949. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance establishes the salary of the Chairman and Secretary of the Bureau of Licenses at \$4,628.00 per annum and Commissioner of Bureau of Licenses at \$3,500.00 per annum.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 423 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE APPROVED SEPTEMBER 22, 1950 BY DELETING SECTION 20 AS AMENDED, AND ADDING SECTION 66-A. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

This Ordinance creates the Bureau of Licenses and transfers Clerks from Bureau of Police and Fire to Bureau of Licenses.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 422 BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (\$9,250) DOLLARS TO THE BUREAU OF LICENSES, ITEM 0, 1 AND 2. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

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This Ordinance transfers \$9,250.00 from Bureau of Police and Fire to Bureau of Licenses to pay salaries and other expenses for the balance of the fiscal year.

On motion of Mr. Laudati, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, it is voted to return the ten Ordinances enumerated above to the City Council for passage a second time.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 423, SECTIONS 3 AND 22 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE APPROVED SEPTEMBER 22, 1950. (In City Council April 19, 1951. Read and passed the first time)

Mayor Reynolds states that Budget Officer Moran informs him that this Ordinance should be indefinitely postponed because of an error in Section 3, Probate Court. The Ordinance already passed a first time, requests one Clerk-Stenographer II but what the Probate Court wants is to delete one Clerk-Typist I and add one Clerk-Typist II. Section 22, Fire Department, adding two Laborer I is O.K. in both Ordinances. In order to make the correction, a new Ordinance is being substituted.

On motion of Mr. Loughran, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted to indefinitely postpone the Ordinance amending Chapter 423, Sections 3 and 22 which was passed a first time in the Council April 19, 1951 and to report out of Committee with recommendation of passage a first time, a substitute Ordinance amending Chapter 423, Sections 3 and 22.

REQUEST OF THE CITY TREASURER TO HIRE THE SUM OF \$50,000.00 FOR MUNICIPAL WHARF SHED, NOTES TO BE DATED MAY 1, 1951 AND PAYABLE JULY 23, 1951.

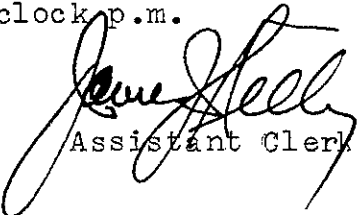
<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>DATED</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>BANK</u>
\$15,000.00	Municipal Wharf-Bldgs. and Improvements	.90%	5/1/51	7/23/51	Prov. Union Nat'l. Bank & Trust Co.
10,000.00	" " "	.90%	"	"	R.I. Hospital Nat'l.
25,000.00	" " "	.90%	"	"	Industrial Trust Co

On motion of Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Laudati, it is voted to authorize the City Treasurer to hire the above enumerated sums of money.

Adjournment is taken at 1:18 o'clock p.m.

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Compared R.M.C.


Assistant Clerk.