

1. ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

2. The Invocation will be given by Councilman Peter S. Mancini

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Councilman Luis A. Aponte.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

4. Communication dated March 6, 2006, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1003 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, he is this day re-appointing Elizabeth Gordon of 98 Stanton Street, Providence,

Rhode Island, 02909, as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for a term expiring in January, 2010.

5. Communication dated March 8, 2006, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Ms. Joan Gelch of 83 Loring Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, 02906, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2009. (Ms. Gelch will fill an existing vacancy on the board)

6. Communication dated March 8, 2006, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing Sister Ann Keefe of 100 Lexington Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, 02907, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2009.

7. Communication dated March 8, 2006, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing Mr. Thomas Whitten of 50 Blackstone Boulevard, #4, Providence, Rhode Island, 02906, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire in January 2009.

ELECTION

8. Election of Members to the Juvenile Hearing Board.

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council March 2, 2006, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

9. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1998-22, No. 308,

Approved May 28, 1998, Entitled: “An Ordinance in Amendment of Certain Sections of Chapter 17, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled: “Retirement System”, As Amended.

10. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 342, Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 2005 taxes in a sum not less than Two Hundred Forty Five Million Dollars (\$245,000,000) and not more than Two Hundred Sixty Five Million (\$265,000,000) being based on a One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Tax Collections, Amending Section 21-182 of the Code of Ordinances to reflect the new Tax Classification Plan approved by the Rhode Island General Assembly, amending Section 21-126 of the Code of Ordinances to raise the personal exemptions, and setting the homestead rates for Fiscal Year 2006.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

The Following Election was in City Council March 2, 2006 and Laid on the Clerk's Desk until March 16, 2006.

11. Election of Two Members to the Recreational Advisory Board.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILMAN APONTE and COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI :

12. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1997-69, No. 634, Approved November 3, 1997 Entitled: "An Ordinance in Amendment of and in addition to Section 17-59(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Overtime Pay", As Amended.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI (By Request):

13. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Hood Street to be designated as a “One-Way” Street in a southerly direction from Washington Street to Westminster Street.

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14. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2006-H 7249, Requesting Rhode Island’s 39 Cities and Towns to Support a Nationwide Boycott on all Petroleum-Based Products from the Exxon Mobile Corporation.

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15. Resolution in Support of the John H. Chaffee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission Reauthorization.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:

16. Resolution Establishing the Creation of an Advisory Committee for Planning and Zoning Issues.

17. Resolution Supporting the Inclusion of Municipal Elected Officials in the “Revolving Door” Rule of the State Ethics Code.

COUNCILMAN DELUCA (By Request):

18. Resolution Requesting the Rhode Island General Assembly to oppose the proposed budget cuts for Fiscal Year 2007, effective June 1, 2006 that will reduce services to people with disabilities and their families by \$5.8 million (\$12.1 million with federal match).

COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO (By Request):

19. Resolution Requesting to cancel or abate, in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 63, Lots 326 and 574 (50 and 120 Aleppo Street, also known as Riverside Mills), in accordance with Section 2-76 of the Code of Ordinances, and Section 44-9-34 of the Rhode Island General Laws and also to execute a deed and transfer said lots to the Parks Department.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

20. Resolution Requesting to change the address of "1000 Providence Place" to "903 Providence Place."

COUNCILMAN LUNA and COUNCILMAN SEGAL:

21. Resolution Divesting from the Darfur Genocide.

COUNCILMAN SEGAL (By Request):

22. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “Resident-Only Parking and Overnight Parking” Sign on Benefit Street, near Athaneum Row.

23. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of the missing street signs at Cooke Street and George Street.

COUNCILMAN SEGAL:

24. Resolution Encouraging Brown University to maintain an independently-owned bookstore on Thayer Street.

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS (By Request):

25. Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2006-S 2458 and House Bill 2006-H 7356, Relative to State Affairs and Government.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

26. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “Stop” Sign on Hooker Street at Basswood Avenue.

27. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the

installation of a “Stop” Sign at the end of Homefield Avenue at Basswood Avenue.

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28. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “Four-Way Stop” Sign at Elmgrove Avenue and Irving Avenue.

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29. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a “One-Way - Do Not Enter Between the Hours of 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on School Days Only” Signs on Paul Street, in a westerly direction from Windmill Street to Charles Street.

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30. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to expedite the installation of temporary signs on and around East Street and Wickenden Street, as appropriate, directing pedestrians seeking to use the now closed 195 pedestrian bridge towards other means of

access to India Point Park.

31. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to expedite the installation of a “Four-Way Stop” Sign at the intersection of Wayland Avenue and Pitman Street, as traffic flow will increase significantly with the opening of a new residential complex there in October.

32. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of “No Parking” Signs along the odd numbered side of Zella Street in its entirety.

33. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of “No Parking” Signs on both sides of Dean Street between Broadway and Atwells Avenue.

34. Resolution Requesting Narragansett Electric Company to transfer electric poles (utility poles) on Meeting Street from the South Side to the North Side between Thayer Street and Brown Street to accommodate the Gilbane Corporation Construction need.

35. Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the inspection and review of the traffic conditions within the proximity of Douglas Avenue and Fillmore Street with consideration of posting a school crossing guard and other measures in favor of safety for school children attending Times2 School located at Fillmore Street.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved, As Amended:

36. Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located at 14 Imperial Place, Unit 404, for the 2005 tax roll.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

37. Resolution Requesting to cancel or abate, in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 63, Lot 294 (11 Steere Avenue), in accordance with Rhode Island General Law Section 44-7-23, in the amount of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Seventy Nine (\$2,979.79) Cents, or any taxes accrued, including 2004 & 2005 taxes, plus any interest accrued, as requested by Habitat for Humanity of Rhode Island.

38. Resolution Requesting to cancel or abate, in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 63, Lot 292 (15 Steere Avenue), in accordance with Rhode Island General Law Section 44-7-23, in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Forty Six (\$3,523.46) Cents, or any taxes accrued, including 2004 & 2005 taxes, plus any interest accrued, as requested by Habitat for Humanity of Rhode Island.

39. Resolution Reporting Receipt of Certain Gifts of Moneys by the Board of Park Commissioners for the preservation and care of specified burial lots in North Burial Ground.

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted, As Amended:

40. An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled: “The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance”, Approved June 27, 1994, As Amended. (Port/Maritime)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

41. Communication from Mayor David N. Cicilline, dated February 28,

2006, submitting the Community Development Block Grant Budget for Year 32 (2006-2007).

42. Communication from William B. Trinqué, Director, Telecommunications Department, submitting the 2005 Annual Report.

43. Communication from Councilwoman Rita M. Williams, dated March 8, 2006, Informing the City Clerk that she is this day re-appointing Mr. Stanley Bleecker of 515 Wayland Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, to the Providence External Review Authority (PERA), for a term to expire in March, 2009.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

44. Petition from William Brody, Esquire, Attorney for ProvPort, Inc., requesting the establishment of an easement on a portion of Assessor's Plat 56, Lot 288 for continued use in the operations of the Port of Providence.

45. Petition from David A. Duffy, Chairman of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority requesting approval for permanent

easements on, under, and over Aborn Street, including an easement for the expansion of the building, easements for portions of the addition's foundations and an aerial easement, as well as the realignment of the northerly curb of Aborn Street, necessary for major renovations and improvements to the Dunkin' Donuts Center, which will include the expansion of the concourse surrounding the facility and the addition of luxury boxes.

46. Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

"IN CONGRATULATIONS"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

47. Resolution Extending Congratulations.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

“IN MEMORIAM”

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

48. Resolution Extending Sympathy.

CONVENTION

The City Council will Convene in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall on THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T)

ANNA M. STETSON

CITY CLERK