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Member

EVERETT BIANCO

June 7, 2007

Mrs. Luly Massaro Commission Clerk RI Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Docket 3832 Kent County Data Requests; Set 1

Dear Luly:

Enclosed for filing are an original and three copies of Providence Water's responses to Kent County's first set of data requests. Please note that KCWA 1-12(a) is not included and will be forwarded as soon as possible.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at 521-6300, extension 7217.

Sincerely,

Mary Deignan-White

Regulatory Manager

cc: Pamela M. Marchand

Boyce Spinelli

Jeanne Bondarevskis

Walter Edge

Thomas S. Catlin

Joseph J. McGair, Esq.

Timothy J. Brown, P.E

Christopher P.N. Woodcock

William Lueker, Esq.

Thomas Massaro

Michael R. McElroy, Esq.

Paul Gadoury

Harold Smith

David Bebyn

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# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832 Data Requests of the Kent County Water Authority Set I

KCWA 1-1. If not already done, please provide a copy of all responses to Division data requests to date, including electronic spreadsheets requested by the Division.

Answer: Kent County was forwarded all responses and electronic spreadsheets on May 18, 2007.

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832 Data Requests of the Kent County Water Authority Set I

KCWA 1-2. Please provide an electronic copy(excel spreadsheet) with all formulas intact of Mr. Smith's, Mr. Edge's and Mr. Bebyn's schedules.

Answer: Kent County was forwarded all responses and electronic spreadsheets on May 18,

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832

# Response to Data Request of Kent County Water Authority Set I

#### Question 1-3: Regarding allocation symbols Com Y and Com Z in HJS Exhibit 5:

- a. Please provide Providence Water's understanding as to when these allocation symbols were set and the basis on which they were set by the Commission.
- b. In the absence of the methodology referenced in HJS Exhibit 5, please provide Mr. Smith's recommendations as to how expense items that were assigned using Com Z and Com Y should be allocated under common rate setting/cost of service practice.

#### Response:

- a. It is our understanding that the allocators Com Y and Com Z were developed in Docket # 2048 by the Commission in an effort to promote water conservation. The allocators were developed to reduce the amount of costs allocated to the fixed Customer Charge and increase the amount of costs recovered through the volumetric charge.
- b. Costs that are allocated using the Com Y and Com Z allocator include:
  - Employee Pensions and Benefits;
  - Insurance costs;
  - Rate Case Expenses; and
  - Regulatory Expenses

The way in which these costs "...should be allocated under common rate setting/cost of service practice" varies depending upon a number of factors including what types of costs are actually included in the line items, the utility's pricing objectives, and especially in this case the objectives of the regulatory body and other interested parties and therefore there is typically more than one way that "costs should be allocated."

In the absence of the Commission's directive to allocate these costs using the Com Y or Com Z allocator or other extenuating circumstances, the employee related costs for the different functions would generally be allocated in the same way as salaries and wages for the same function. For example, Employee Pension and Benefits cost for water treatment would typically be allocated between Base, Max Day and Wholesale based on consumption.

The allocation of insurance costs would depend upon the type of insurance under consideration. For instance costs associated with Worker's Compensation would most likely be allocated the same way as salaries and wages, while insurance against property

damage would typically be allocated based on asset value. Liability insurance, rate case expenses and regulatory expenses would probably be treated similar to a G&A expenses.

Response prepared by: Harold Smith 6/04/07

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832

# $\label{eq:Response} \mbox{Response to} \\ \mbox{Data Request of Kent County Water Authority Set I}$

Question 1-4: Please provide the backup and/or worksheets that form the basis for allocation symbols HM, HMC, HOC and T.

Response: Schedules showing the development of HM, HMC and HOC were included in the response to Division 2-12. The development of T is shown on Schedules HJS-5 and HJS-3 of the rate model.

Response prepared by: Harold Smith 6/04/07

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832 Data Requests of the Kent County Water Authority Set 1

KCWA 1-5 Why are no labor costs associated with pumping O&M as there has been in the past filings?

Answer: The payroll system no longer reflects this level of detail. The Water Plant Mechanics who spend part of their time visiting, maintaining and operating the pumps in the pump stations are charged to Water Treatment maintenance salaries, or 60140 account. Fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 was the last year that salary costs were charged to Pumping.

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832

# Response to Data Request of Kent County Water Authority Set I

Question 1-6: Does Providence Water assert that all pump stations provide service to wholesale customer in proportion to the volume of water sold to wholesale vs. retail customers? If so, what circumstances have changed from prior filings to cause this change?

Response: It is our understanding that Providence Water's pump stations provide service to various parts of the system with some pump stations providing service to retail areas only and other to a combination of retail and wholesale areas. The rate model does allocate pump station costs, excluding purchased power, using allocation factor AA which assigns costs to Base, Max Day and Wholesale based on consumption. As for what has changed, from prior filings, Providence Water's rate consultant believes that the method used is more appropriate than the method used in the prior cases. Since the amount of costs that are allocated based on the current approach differs only slightly from the amount that would result from the previous approach it was decided to make the change.

Response prepared by: Harold Smith 6/04/07

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832 Data Requests of the Kent County Water Authority Set 1

KCWA 1-7 Please provide a listing of Providence Water pumping stations along with a brief description of the service area and customers served. Please provide a breakdown of all costs by pumping stations.

Answer: Please see attached. The first page was provided by Mr. Paul Gadoury and the second page, or costs, were provided by Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis. While preparing the response, we found that a small reclass is needed. The sheet shows the pumping expense by station and reconciles the total to the filing by showing the reclass amounts.

#### KCWA 1-7 Response:

## Providence Water Pump Stations:

Providence Water owns and operates ten (10) potable water pump stations within its transmission and distribution system. The following is a description of each pump station:

### Neutaconkanut Pump Station

The Neutaconkanut pump station is located off Ashby Street in the Town of Johnston. It is one of Providence Water's two major pump stations pumping water to Longview Reservoir. The station provides water to what is designated as Providence Water's High Service system generally serving elevations in the distribution system in the range of 140 to 220. This facility also provides water to wholesale customers including: Lincoln Water Commission, Greenville Water District, Smithfield Water Department, and the East Smithfield Water District. The station pumps approximately 8 mgd on average.

### **Bath Street Pump Station**

The Bath Street pump station is located on Bath Street in the City of Providence. It is one of Providence Water's two major pump stations pumping water to Longview Reservoir. The station provides water to what is designated as Providence Water's High Service system generally serving elevations in the distribution system in the range of 140 to 220. This facility also provides water to wholesale customers including: Lincoln Water Commission, Greenville Water District, Smithfield Water Department, and East Smithfield Water District. The station pumps approximately 13 mgd on average.

## Aqueduct Pump Station

The Aqueduct Pump Station is located off Scituate Avenue in Cranston. The facility provides service to the high pressure zone formerly known as the Western Cranston Water System. The station serves approximately 3,500 residential and commercial customers and also provides water to the Johnston Water District's six wholesale connections. The station pumps approximately 2 mgd on average.

#### Fruit Hill Pump Station

The Fruit Hill pump station is located on Fruit Hill Avenue in the Allendale section of North Providence. The station pumps to Providence Water's Ridge Road storage tank on Ridge Road in Smithfield. The station provides water to what is designated as Providence Water's Extra. High Service system generally encompassing the higher land areas above elevation 220 surrounding our Longview Reservoir in North Providence. The station provides water service to approximately 1,400 residential and commercial customers and pumps approximately 1 mgd on average.

#### Garden Hills Booster Pump Station

The Garden Hills Booster Pump Station is located on Rockcrest Drive in the City of Cranston. It is a small pressure booster station that serves approximately 200 residential customers in the Garden Hills area in Cranston.

#### Dean Estates Booster Pump Station

The Dean Estates Booster Pump Station is located on Melody Lane in Cranston. It is a small booster station that serves approximately 750 residential customers in the Dean Estates area in Cranston.

## Greenville Avenue Booster Pump Station

The Greenville Avenue Booster Pump Station is located off Greenville Avenue, in Johnston.

It is a small pressure booster station that serves approximately 600 residential and commercial customers in Johnston.

## Alpine Estates Booster Pump Station

The Alpine Estates Booster Pump Station is located near Basil Crossing in Cranston. It is a small pressure booster station that serves approximately 150 residential customers in the Alpine Estates area in Cranston.

## Cranston Commons Booster Pump Station

The Cranston Commons Booster Pump Station is located off Commerce Way in Cranston. It is a

small pressure booster station that serves approximately 300 residential customers in the Cranston Commons area in Cranston.

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# Ashby Street Booster Pump Station

The Ashby Street Booster Pump Station is located off Ashby Street in Johnston. It is a small pressure booster station that serves approximately 100 residential customers in Johnston.

Prepared by: Paul Gadoury, May 31, 2007

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Prepared by J. Bondrevskis

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832

# Response to Data Request of Kent County Water Authority Set I

Question 1-8: Regarding HJS2, page 4: Please explain why wholesale customers should be responsible for more than \$282,000 in Customer Accounts benefits.

Response: Wholesale customers are allocated approximately \$282,000 in costs as a result of the use of allocation factor Com Y which, as mentioned previously, was developed in Docket # 2048 in an effort to reduce the portion of a customer's bill that was fixed, thereby promoting conservation. The Commission has approved rates that allocate costs in this way in a number of Providence Water's rate cases since Docket # 2048 and wholesale customers have agreed to this allocation in those same cases. As such it was assumed that all parties believed it is a fair and equitable method for allocating these costs and was used in this filing as well. The use of the Com Y allocator results in the wholesale customers being assigned \$282,000 in customer Accounts benefits.

Response prepared by: Harold Smith 6/04/07

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832

# Response to Data Request of Kent County Water Authority Set I

Question 1-9: Please explain why Mr. Smith did not include an allowance for unaccounted for water as has been the case in recent rate filing by Providence Water.

Response: An allowance for unaccounted for water should have been included in the calculation of rates. A revised rate model will be provided.

Response prepared by: Harold Smith 6/04/07

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD

Docket No. 3832

Data Requests of the Kent County Water Authority
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KCWA 1-10. For the Test Year, please provide the minutes of all City Council meetings where a discussion of Providence Water took place. How many City Council meetings in total were held?

Answer

For the Test Year, a total of 32 City Council meetings were held which included 10 special meetings. Attached are all minutes from the City Council meetings which are pertinent to Providence Water.

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City Clerk

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Claire E. Bestwick First Deputy

Anna M. Stetson Second Deputy

# DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK CITY HALL

IN CITY COUNCIL JULY 7, 2005

#### **ELECTION**

Election of One Councilmanic Member to the Water Supply Board.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI calls for Nominations for One Councilmanic Member to the Water Supply Board.

COUNCILMAN APONTE, Nominates Councilman Patrick K. Butler, and this Nomination is seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, calls for further Nominations and there being none, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for COUNCILMAN PATRICK K. BUTLER.

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, thereupon declares COUNCILMAN PATRICK K. BUTLER, duly elected to the Water Supply Board.

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KCWA 1-10

## January 5, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 1 City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, January 5, 2006, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

# PRESIDING

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI,

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COUNCILMEN APONTE, BUTLER, DELUCA,

COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN

HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LUNA,

MANCINI, COUNCILWOMEN WILLIAMS and

YOUNG-12.

ABSENT:

COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILWOMAN

ROMANO and COUNCILMAN SEGAL - 3.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 

Adrienne G. Southgate, Deputy City Solicitor, Claire

E. Bestwick, First Deputy City Clerk, Anna M.

Stetson, Second Deputy City Clerk, Sheri A. Petronio,

Assistant Clerk and Vincent J. Berarducci, City

Sergeant.

#### INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DIRUZZO.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

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Communication dated December 14, 2005, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council of the following three individuals who shall serve as Mayoral appointments to the Energy Task Force pursuant to City of Providence Ordinance No. 355, Chapter 2005-42, "An Ordinance Relating to Clean Renewable Energy Resources:"



Gary Calvino: 229 Morris Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906 Alan Sepe: Acting Director of Public Property, City of Providence Joseph Spremulli: Director of Support Services, Providence Water Supply



Communication dated December 22, 2005, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1101 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing Mr. Andrew K. Moffit of 525 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Water Supply Board for a term to expire in January, 2010.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Receives the Several Communications.

Communication dated December 8, 2005, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing Mr. Bruce D. Bartel, P.E. of 114 Jastram Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the Building Board of Review for a term to expire in January 2008, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication dated December 8, 2005, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing Mr. James Hackett of 70 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Board of Tax Assessment Review for a term to expire in January 2008, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication dated December 28, 2005, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Gordon D. Fox, of 11 Gorton Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Board of Licenses for a term to expire in January, 2009 and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Fox will replace Ms. Arline Feldman, whose term has expired)

Communication dated December 28, 2005, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Allene R. Maynard of 41 Moore Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the Board of Licenses for a term to expire in January 2009, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Maynard will replace Ms. Joan Badway, whose term has expired)

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Receives and Refers the Several Communications to the Committee on Finance.

# PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

# COUNCILMAN HASSETT and COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI:

An Ordinance Relative to the appointment of all members of Boards and Commissions.

#### COUNCILMAN HASSETT:

An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 2003-79, No. 820, Approved December 22, 2003, Entitled:
"An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a Class"N" Retail Liquor License.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Ordinances to the Committee on Ordinances.

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An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2005-35, No. 343, Entitled: "An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2004-33, No. 340, Approved July 30, 2004, of the Ordinances of the City of **Providence** making an Appropriation of Five Hundred Eighty Three Million Nine Thousand Ninety Two (\$583,009,092) Dollars, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006, As Amended. (Civic Center)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCILMAN SEGAL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN APONTE, DELUCA, IGLIOZZI, LUNA and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:

An Ordinance Relating to Predatory Lending.

#### COUNCILMAN SEGAL and COUNCILMAN LUNA:

An Ordinance Relating to Sweatfree Procurement.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Ordinances to the Committee on Ordinances.

#### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

#### COUNCILMAN ALLEN:

Resolution Requesting the Tax Collector only be allowed to collect three (3) years back taxes

on automobiles.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

## COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO (By Request):

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Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of Handicap parking in the front of 217 Sterling Avenue:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of Handicap parking in front of 213-215 Putnam Street.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee

## COUNCILMAN HASSETT and COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI:

Resolution respectfully requesting that a Committee of Government Oversight be established by the Rules Committee of the City Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Rules Committee and Ordinance Committee, Jointly.

# COUNCILMAN SEGAL (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to study feasibility of instituting traffic calming on Gano Street, between Williams Street and Power Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to switch the "Tow Zone" Signs at either side of the driveway at 276 Wickenden Street to "No Parking" Signs, and to move them closer to said driveway.

# COUNCILMAN SEGAL:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to allow "3 Hour Parking" in a zone currently marked "No Parking" on the southerly side of Medway Street to the east of Wayland Avenue.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to fix or replace the faded Parking Sign on

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Medway Street to the east of Wayland Avenue.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

# REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

# COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE COUNCILWOMAN RITA M. WILLIAMS, CHAIRWOMAN

Transmit the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted, as the following with Recommendation the Same be severally as the following with Recommendation the Same be severally as the following with the following with the same between the following with the same between the same

An Ordinance Granting to the Thayer Street Management District Authorization to Operate as a "Business Improvement District", as Amended.

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. (Live Work Space)

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.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances the First Time, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:

AVES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN APONTE,

BUTLER, DELUCA, COUNCIL WOMAN DIRUZZO,

COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LUNA, MANCINI, COUNCILWOMEN WILLIAMS and YOUNG- 12.

NAYES:

NONE.

ABSENT:

COUNCILMAN ALLEN, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO and

COUNCILMAN SEGAL - 3.

The Motion for Passage of the Several Ordinances the First Time is Sustained.

#### COMMUNICATION

Communication from Kazem Farhoumand, P.E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Engineering Division, dated December 6, 2005, submitting the Comprehensive Bridge Improvement Program Statewide – Group 11, Replacement of Industrial Drive Bridge No. 882, R.I.F.A.P. No. BRM-BCDR (001), R.I.C. No. 2001-EB-001

Construction and Maintenance Agreement.

#### FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Michael F. Ryan, Executive Vice-President, Narragansett Electric Company, P.O. Box 1438, Providence, Rhode Island 02901-1438, requesting a permanent easement for an underground distribution line on Elmwood Avenue.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Communication and Petition to the to prosesse and Enfellment reduces a Committee on Public Works. 1980年1997年 - 1986年 - 1

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI RELINQUISHES THE CHAIR

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#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI RETURNS TO THE CHAIR

Certificates from City Assessor (5K and 6K), recommending the same be severally cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, As Amended.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Robert H. Rothman

Linda A. Dionne

a/s/o Linda Calabro

Providence Mutual Fire Insurance

Company

Harold Elliott and Donna Renault

Darlene A. Champagne

Frances Y. Bloe

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Jeffrey R. Szynkarski

Thomas Keron

Carol Ann Viveiros

National Grange Mutual Insurance

Lean Garvin

a/s/o Frederick Rosen

(Michael T. Faraci, Esquire)

Raymond C. McGuire

Elaine Rollins

a/s/o Robert W. Campbell

William DeLomba and Kenneth Deshong

Dr. Mark W. Enander

(Edward A. Shapira, Esquire)

Nationwide Insurance a/s/o William

Monroe

Janet M. Bedrosian

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Certificates and Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

# PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

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The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 7:55 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.), to meet again on THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

MICHAEL R.

CLEMENT CLERK

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### February 16, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting

#### CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 4 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2006, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.)

#### PRESIDING

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI,

COUNCILMEN ALLEN, APONTE, BUTLER, DELUCA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON,

LUNA, MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN SEGAL and COUNCILWOMAN

**YOUNG - 13.** 

ABSENT:

COUNCILWOMEN DIRUZZO and WILLIAMS - 2.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 

Adrienne G. Southgate, Deputy City Solicitor, Anna

M. Stetson, City Clerk, Claire E. Bestwick, First

Deputy City Clerk, Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk

and Vincent J. Berarducci, City Sergeant.

#### INVOCATION

The Invocation will be given by COUNCILWOMAN CAROL A. ROMANO.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**CATHERINE GLAVIN** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### APPROVAL OF RECORD

Journal of Proceedings No. 33 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held <u>January 8</u>, 2004 and Posted on February 3, 2006 on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Level of City Hall, is approved, as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN APONTE**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN BUTLER**.



## ORDINANCES SECOND READING

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

An Ordinance making the Appropriation of Fifty Four Million Four Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$54,492,967) for the Support of the Providence Water Supply Board for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006.

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2005-15, Approved February 28, 2005, as Amended.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2005-16, Approved February 28, 2005, as Amended.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances the Second Time, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA, by the Following Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN ALLEN,

APONTE, BUTLER, DELUCA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI,

JACKSON, LUNA, MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN SEGAL and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG – 13.

NAYES:

NONE.

ABSENT:

COUNCIL WOMEN DIRUZZO and WILLIAMS – 2.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

#### CONTINUED BUSINESS

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

An Ordinance Relative to Public Oversight of Public Funds.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Refer the Ordinance Back to the Committee on Finance, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA.

### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS ··

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN ALLEN, APONTE, BUTLER, DELUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN SEGAL, COUNCILWOMEN WILLIAMS AND YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a <u>Happy Birthday to Councilman Miguel C.</u>
<u>Luna</u> on March 2, 2006.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

# COUNCILMAN APONTE and COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the transfer of the property located on Assessor's Plat 47, Lot 746 (260 Sayles Street) to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

Resolution Requesting the transfer of the property located on Assessor's Plat 57, Lot 52 (181 Pavilion Avenue) to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

Resolution Requesting the transfer of the property located on Assessor's Plat 57, Lot 82 (186 Pavilion Avenue) to the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on City Property.

#### COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution Requesting to <u>Rescind Resolution Number 316.</u>
Approved July 18, 2005 relative to Assessor's Plat 81, Lot 39 (945 Smith Street).

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

My neighborhood contacted me recently and I'm having a neighborhood meeting and one of the issues is crime. I've had several constituents call me up, the local church, different

priests. Different individuals contact me about the concern about crime in their neighborhood and crime in the City and I've been listening to my constituents for the past year or so and they've been talking about what's happening in the City, what's happening in the neighborhoods, about what they perceive is an escalation of crime. At the same time recently, the Police Department and the higher ups in City government are telling my constituents and myself that crime is down and I don't understand what's happening. I'm hearing this disconnect. I'm in the neighborhood and I'm getting a sense that crime is up from my constituents but I'm hearing from the officials that it's down, so we've embarked upon some information to try to find out what is the real crime statistics. I'm finding these anomalies and I don't understand how it jives and maybe someone can help me. Per the most recent crime statistics and I'll read it for the record. "As of the year 2005 murder was up 45%, forcible rape was up 29.3%, robbery with fire arms was up 1.1%, robbery of other was up to 14.6%, aggravated assault with a firearm was up 18.8% in previous years, burglary was up 14.9% in the previous year, motor vehicle theft up 4.3%, larceny from a motor vehicle up 0.1%, larceny of other down 10.9%, simple assault up 3.7%, other sexual assault up 18.3% and drug related crimes up 25.5%." I'm trying to understand how this is all working out. My constituents, people that I speak to in Providence tell me crime is up but the police and the officials are telling me crime is down. The crime statistics are saying crime is up, well crime is up in many categories. I want people in my neighborhood to know we're having a neighborhood meeting next week and it's the theme tonight about oversight from the Council, about the Providence Public Library, that I think as part of the Council's roll we're going to keep beefing up that oversight. We need to get to the bottom of what's happening here because there is a huge disconnect of what's happening in these neighborhoods in crime and what's being reported. I'm very concerned about it and my constituents are. Whoever the heads are of the Police Department who keep on professing these stats, we're going to have to bring them in, we're going to have to find out what's going on. What's happening with these numbers. Why do the numbers on the paper say one thing that crime is up but yet when you ask crime is down. Why are the constituents in the neighborhoods concerned that crime is up and they fell they need to have a safer environment to raise their family and work and live. I think it's imperative as Council members take the lead in investigating this matter, over sighting this matter, finding out and getting to the bottom of what's happening here. I remember, I think a couple of years ago New York City had a problem with, there was a scandal about crime statistics. What was reported then, eventually what came out wasn't necessarily exactly the same. I don't know what's happening here but I would like to find out and at the appropriate time as we move along in the Council's process, to bring in all these agencies and departments. I think it's important that we bring in the Police Department, those officials to find out what they're doing, what they're reporting, how they're reporting and what's happening because there is a major disconnect. So I make that promise to my constituents and the people of Providence that we need to find out and make Providence a safer place. At the appropriate time I'll be asking other Council colleagues to join and to follow-up with this oversight to find out what's happening. Thank you.

Resolution Authorizing the purchase of a portion of City Property immediately adjacent to the residence and office located at 945 Smith Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works and Committee on City Property, Jointly.

#### COUNCILMAN MANCINI:

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Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes to Dean M. Esserman, Chief of Police, for a complete and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "No Grills allowed in the traffic Engineer to cause the traffic Engineer to ca Park" Signs at Corliss Park.

and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA. The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

# COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG: The Property of the Council of

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCILMAN ALLEN Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

Thank you Mr. President and members of the this Honorable body. There is no Turkish proverb. "the teller of truth will be driven from ten villages." This speaks to a form of courage that through varied degrees we all are asked to summon at certain times in our lives. By speaking to you tonight I hope that I have explained the courage of my conviction that a significant procedural aspect of Council business is being ignored. Ignored at the peril of this body, and in particular these democratic members, and while I don't seriously think that because of my decision to bring this matter to your attention, I'll be driven from the village, that is our Council. I do know that a certain number of my colleagues will not be pleased with my words, so be it. I stand here today to announce my intentions to submit a resolution at the next City Council meeting asking that any future democratic caucuses be advertised and that a predetermined agenda be included with the advertisement. I know that some of my colleagues are questioning the reasons behind this resolution and to them I will endeavor to explain. Recall the democratic caucus meeting a few weeks ago, specifically January 24<sup>th,</sup> hind-sight being twenty, twenty. How many of you would have attended that meeting if you knew what was going to be discussed before hand? I would not have attended and I think many of my honorable colleagues would have stayed home to. Last week I received a call from the Council staff inviting me yet to another democratic caucus that was scheduled to take place Monday, February 13th. When I asked the Council staff what was on the agenda for this caucus I was told it would be a follow-up to the discussions of our previous caucus. So this begs the question, which I ask rhetorically, what should I do to ensure that my honorable colleagues and I are not placed in such jeopardy again? My first action was to send a private and confidential letter to the President of this City Council expressing my concerns and offer what I believe to be a reasonable solution. I asked that any future democratic caucus invitations extended to Councilpersons be accompanied by a detailed agenda. A couple of days did elapse and the caucus was still on track and proceeded as

planned and I had not received any feedback from my memo. At that point it seemed obvious to me that my earnestly written letter to the President was ignored and I thought that my reasonable request fell on deaf ears. Not wanting to be placed in yet another vulnerable position, I chose to boycott that caucus, which I found out after the fact, in fact this past Tuesday, that it was cancelled. Now I ask each and every one of you, should not my views and pro-active recommendations count? Shouldn't I be afforded the curiosity of at least a response to my memo and if the answer to that question is yes then shouldn't there be some official communication to acknowledging that memo? Hence, my resolution, which will be proposed at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting and for the record I would like to personally extend an invitation to any and all of my colleagues to co-sponsor this resolution at the appropriate time. Thank you Mr. President and members of this Honorable body.

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

# RULES COMMITTEE COUNCIL WOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG, Chairwoman

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

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Resolution Requesting the Rules Committee to <u>Amend "The Rules of the Providence City</u>. <u>Council"</u>, Approved April 3, 2003.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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# COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT RENEWAL AND PLANNING COUNCILWOMAN BALBINA A. YOUNG, Chairwoman

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

Resolution naming Schaffer Street, from the point at Jewett Street to Smith Street, <u>"Fran Conway Place"</u>.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Resolution Naming that Portion of Brownell Street from Holden Street to Interstate Route 95 "Avenue of the Arts".

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER IS RECORDED AT VOTING "NO"

# COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS COUNCILMAN PETER S. MANCINI, Chairman

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The Following Matters were in City Council February 2, 2006, Referred Back to Committee and are Returned with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

Certificates from the City Collector, No. 57, recommending the Cancellation of the taxes for the years 1993-2003, (Excise Tax-Bankruptcy) pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectable in the amount of (Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Two Dollars and Six (\$25,402.06) Cents.

Certificates from the City Collector, No. 58, recommending the Cancellation of taxes for the years 1995-2003 (Tangible Tax-Bankruptcy), pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956; As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectable, in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty Two Thousand, Twenty Three Dollars and Ten (\$232,023.10)

Cents.

Certificates from the City Collector, No. 59, Recommending the cancellation of the taxes for the year 1993 in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Eighty One (1,835,337.81) Cents and for the year 1994 in the amount of Two Million Seventy Thousand Twenty Four Dollars and Nine (2,070,024.09) Cents (Excise Tax), pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectible.

Certificates from the City Collector, No. 60, Recommending the cancellation of the taxes for the year 1993 in the amount of One Million One Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Fifty (\$1,110,485.50) Cents and for the year 1994 in the amount of One Million Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars and Twenty Seven (\$1,021,227.27) Cents (Tangible Tax), pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectible.

Certificates from the City Collector No. 61, Recommending the cancellation of Real Estate Tax, for various years, pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectible, in the amount of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One Dollars and Seventeen (\$11,681.17) Cents.

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. <u>1K</u> and <u>2K</u>) recommending the same be severally cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of General Laws of Rhode Island, As Amended.

Certificates from the City Assessor (Nos. <u>3K</u> and <u>4K</u>), recommending the same be severally cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, As Amended.

Certificates from City Assessor (<u>5K</u> and <u>6K</u>), recommending the same be severally cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, As Amended.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matter and Moves Passage of the Several Certificates, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA, by the Following Roll Call Vote:

AYES: AYES:

APONTE, BUTLER, DELUCA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI,

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# COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Laurence K. Flynn, Executive Secretary, Board of Canvassers, dated December 31, 2005, submitting the Annual Report for the fiscal year January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Communication from Paul V. Jabour, Probate Clerk, dated January 23, 2006, submitting the Annual Report for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Receives the Several Communications.

#### FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Thomas E. Deller, Director, Department of Planning & Development, dated February 2, 2006, requesting permission to abandon a portion of Broadway, Fountain and Empire Streets, to improve traffic flow surrounding the former Public Safety Building at LaSalle Square.

Petition from Thomas E. Deller, Director, Department of Planning & Development, dated February 2, 2006, requesting permission to seek air rights/easements on Greene and Fountain Streets, to improve traffic flow and encourage development surrounding the former Public Safety Building at LaSalle Square.

Petition from Thomas E. Deller, Director, Department of Planning & Development, dated February 6, 2006, requesting permission to abandon a portion of Sabin, Fountain and Empire Streets to improve pedestrian access and traffic flow to create public open space, for the redesigning layout of LaSalle Square.

Petition from Raymond L. Meador, President, ProvPort Inc., requesting approval for the establishment of an easement on Assessor's Plat 56, Lot 288.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT Refers the Several Petitions to the Committee on Public Works.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

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Susan Tarayco Mary Beth Florenz (Christopher E. Fay, Esquire) Gail H. Rego Richard J. Zabbo Vitant Nicolas (Kenneth A. Schreiber, Esquire) Rosemary Kingston Ana Jimenez
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

# PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and the MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

#### MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16-B of the City Council Rules in order to allow the introduction of the Following Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

#### PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and COUNCILMAN APONTE:

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Code of Ordinances, Article VI, Entitled: "Retirement System".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances and Committee on Finance, Jointly.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA, it is voted to adjourn at 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.), to meet again on THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

ANNA M. STETSON CITY CLERK

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# June 1, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting

#### CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 14 City Council Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 1, 2006, 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

#### **PRESIDING**

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN APONTE, BUTLER, DELUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, LUNA, MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN

COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN SEGAL, COUNCILWOMEN WILLIAMS and

**YOUNG - 13.** 

ABSENT:

COUNCILMEN ALLEN and COUNCILMAN

JACKSON - 2.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 

Anna M. Stetson, City Clerk, Claire E. Bestwick, First Deputy City Clerk, Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk, Adrienne G. Southgate, Deputy City Solicitor

and Vincent J. Berarducci, City Sergeant.

#### INVOCATION

The Invocation is be given by COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COUNCILMAN MIGUEL C. LUNA Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

COUNCILMAN HASSETT Request the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I do have some guests from my ward. The 2006 Girl's Midget Basketball Team State Championship that they won this past year and I thought it would be nice to have the young kids from Saint Patrick's, a great school that I attended many years ago, to come before the Council just for a brief presentation of their proclamations. If I could indulge the Council at this time. I would as you to come forward and we will announce them for the record. Thank you."

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## ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council May 18, 2006, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance Regarding Predatory Lending.

An Ordinance in Amendment of the Providence Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Entitled: "Housing", Article X, "Responsibilities of Owners, Operators and Occupants", to add Section 13-212, Entitled: "Landlord's Liability for Nuisance" and Chapter 16, Entitled: "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions", Article I, "in general", to add Sections 16-21 through 16-24.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 16, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions", Articles I and V of the Code of Ordinances regarding Graffiti and Rewards.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances the Second Time, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, by the Following Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN

APONTE, BUTLER, DELUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO,

COUNCILMEN IGLIOZZI, LUNA, MANCINI,

COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN SEGAL,

COUNCILWOMEN WILLIAMS and YOUNG - 12.

NAYES:

NONE.

ABSENT:

COUNCILMEN ALLEN, HASSETT, JACKSON - 2.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN ALLEN, BUTLER, DELUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LUNA, MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN SEGAL,

## COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS and YOUNG:

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a <u>Happy Birthday to Councilman Luis A.</u>

<u>Aponte</u> on June 3, 2006.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN ALLEN, APONTE, BUTLER, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LUNA, MANCINI, COUNCILWOMEN ROMANO, WILLIAMS and YOUNG:

Resolution Requesting the City Council to retain R. Kelly Sheridan, Esquire, under the provisions of the **Providence** Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 401(d), for the purpose of assisting the City Council on the drafting of a Code of Ethics Ordinance for the City of **Providence**, in a total amount not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI:

Resolution <u>Opposing the Town of Charlestown's resolution</u> requesting the Rhode Island General Assembly reject the proposed **Providence** Tax Plan for the authorization of an additional Ten Million (\$10,000,000) Dollars in State Aid to the City of **Providence**.

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COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting to cause the abandonment of Lily Street, in its entirety.

# COUNCILMAN APONTE (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Handicapped Parking" Sign in front of 252 California Avenue.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Public Works.

## COUNCILEMANDIELUCA-amicouncilemanbuileer (By-Request):

Resolution Authorizing His Honor the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of **Providence**, on behalf of the **Providence Water Supply Board**, and the successful low bidder for Short Term Line of Credit Borrowing up to Two Million Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$2,750,000.00) Dollars, plus interest for a 364 day period.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on

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#### Finance.

## COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Four-Way Stop" Signs at the intersection of Dora Street and Cumerford Street. Control of the Contro

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Stop" Sign on Priscilla Avenue at its intersection with Elmdale Avenue.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Public Works. Cambridge Walker Commencer Commencer

#### COUNCIL WOMAN DI RUZZO:

Section of the section of Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting on Oak Street, Willow Street, Wood Street, Chapin Avenue, Wendell Street, Rosedale Street, Waverly Street, Althea Street, and Ellery Street to 27,500 lumen.

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Eileen Biancuzzo, Principal and the teachers at Webster Avenue Elementary School for sponsoring a successful "Cultural Diversity Night" celebration.

Resolution Requesting the Providence Gas Company to cause the permanent repair of all streets and sidewalks located within Ward 15 as a result of the upgrade of gas lines.

## COUNCILMAN HASSETT (By Request):

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Ray M. DiPasquale upon his appointment as President of the Community College of Rhode Island.

## COUNCILMAN HASSETT and COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO:

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Leona Duffy upon her retirement from the Government of the State of Rhode Island after 50 years of loyal and dedicated service.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting that "Park Row West" be re-named to "Finance Way" from that point

at Francis Street to Exchange Street.

Resolution Requesting that "Avenue of the Arts" be re-named to its former name of "Brownell Street" from that point from Interstate Route 95 to Holden Street, in order to substantially limit geographical confusion associated with the much published street directions for the Mowry Nicholson House, a bed and breakfast venue in Smith Hill.

# COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT and DELUCA:

Resolution Requesting the Mayor of the City of **Providence** and the **Providence** City Council that the State of Rhode Island re-name the Woonasquatucket River Greenway in **Providence** the "Fred Lippitt Woonasquatucket River Greenway" as a permanent tribute to the dedication and leadership of the Honorable Frederick Lippitt.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG, COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, COUNCILMEN ALLEN, APONTE, BUTLER, DELUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LUNA, MANCINI, COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO, COUNCILMAN SEGAL and COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS:

Resolution Extending Sincere <u>Best Wishes to Joseph Vileno</u> for a quick and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY
COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DIRUZZO, Chairwoman
AND
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, JOINTLY
COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Resolution Authorizing the <u>purchase of a portion of City Property</u> immediately adjacent to the residence and office located at 945 Smith Street.

# COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DIRUZZO, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

Resolution Requesting the <u>transfer of the property located on Assessor's Plat 57, Lot 52 (181 Pavilion Avenue</u>) to the **Providence** Redevelopment Agency.

Resolution Requesting the <u>transfer of the property located on Assessor's Plat 57, Lot 82 (186 Pavilion Avenue)</u> to the **Providence** Redevelopment Agency.

Resolution Requesting the <u>transfer of the property located on Assessor's Plat 47, Lot 746 (260 Sayles Street)</u> to the **Providence** Redevelopment Agency.

# COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved, Assertion Amended:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the <u>installation of "Caution Children"</u>
Signs at the intersection of Williams Street and East Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the <u>installation of "No Parking to Corner"</u>
Signs at the intersection of President Avenue and Taber Avenue.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the <u>installation of a "Children at Play" Sign on Tiffany Street</u>.

## Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the <u>installation of a "Handicapped Parking" Sign in front of 217 Sterling Avenue</u>.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the <u>installation of a "Handicapped"</u>
Parking Sign in front of 213-215 Putnam Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the <u>installation of a "No Parking" Sign on Sandringham Avenue</u> at the corner of 409 Sharon Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the <u>institution of an "all-red" period at the traffic light at the intersection of Brook Street and Wickenden Street</u>.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to receive Addeo Street as a public way.

Resolution Granting an <u>easement on a portion of Assessor's Plat 56, Lot 288</u> for continued use in the operations of the Port of **Providence**.

Resolution Granting <u>permission to Trinity Brewhouse for the construction of an outside</u> <u>seating</u> area at 186 Fountain Street for a two year period.

NOT VOTING: COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI - 1.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Granting an easement to place a telecommunications conduit within the public right-of-way of Park Row West.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Resolution Back to the Committee on 

# COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved: 

Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated May 2, 2006, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Public Law Chapter 45-50, sections 1 through 31, passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing Dee Dee Witman, of 64 Hazard Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Providence Public Building Authority for a term to expire in July 2010, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Receives and Approves the Communication, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Mary B. Olenn, Chair, Providence Public Library, 150 Empire Street, Providence, RI 02903, dated May 24, 2006, submitting a petition with more than 3,000 signatures, as well as letters from Providence school children, all supporting neighborhood library services and urging the City and the Library administration to do everything in their power to preserve those services. (Copies of signed petitions are available in the City Clerk's Department for review)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Receives the foregoing Communication.

#### FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Gabrielle Keel, Project Manager, The Procaccianti Group, 1140 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, requesting an easement to construct a wheelchair accessible ramp on the sidewalk of Fountain Street, leading up to a public arcade that will link Fountain Street and Sabin Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public

 $\mathbf{Works.}$ 

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages. Viz:

Liberty Mutual Insurance

a/s/o Donald Carleton

Aja Feingold

Amica Mutual Insurance Company

a/s/o Amy Bowles

Nationwide a/s/o Robert Fraser

Seolito Rodriguez

Progressive Insurance Company

a/s/o Amber Gittens

Holly Silvia

Alma Posadas

(Mariam Lavoie, Esquire)

Luz Velez

(Robert V. Russo, Esquire)

Maria Rivera Mota

(Christopher E. Fay, Esquire)

Christopher Williams

Karen N. Doucette

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#### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

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The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI and MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained..

#### MATTER NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET

On Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16-B of the City Council Rules in order to allow the introduction of the

Following Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

#### PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

## **COUNCILMAN APONTE:**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 1994-29, No. 555, Effective September 9, 1994 of Section 2-23 of the Code of Ordinances Entitled: "Salaries of Councilmen", As Amended.

COUNCILMAN APONTE Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matter.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of COUNCILMAN APONTE, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS, it is voted to adjourn at 8:10 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.), to meet again on THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

ANNA M. STETSON CITY CLERK

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# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832 Data Requests of the Kent County Water Authority Set I

KCWA 1-11. For the Test Year, please provide the minutes of all Providence Water Board meetings.

Answer: Attached are all minutes of Providence Water Board meetings for the test year:

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ANDREW K. MOFFTT
Chairman

JOSEPH D. CATALDI
Vice Chairman

EXANDER D. PRIGNANO
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Member

EVERETT BIANCO

## THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD JULY 20, 2005 MINUTES

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Mr. Robert J. Kilduff, P.E., Esq., Chief Engineer and General Manager

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Deputy General Manager of Administration

Mr. Mike Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Mr. Brian Feeney, Director of Transmission and Distribution

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Acting Secretary and Director of Support Services

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

## OTHERS ATTENDING:

None

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

#### Landa CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Plag was conducted.

#### 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

Chairman Mossit welcomed Councilman Butler as a new member of the Board.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

#### 3.1 June 22, 2005

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman Butler, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 4. <u>REPORTS:</u>

- 4.1. Financial Report
- 4.2 Personnel Report
- 4.3 Overtime Report
- 4.4 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.5 Procurement and Project Status Report

Ms. Quinterno inquired as to the specifics regarding a dead goose decoy, as listed in Item 4.4. Mr. Spremulli stated that decoys were purchased to be used to scare geese away from the Cranston facility.

Item 4.1 reported that revenues were below targets for the month of May. Chairman Moffit asked Ms. Bondarevskis to provide more information regarding this issue. Ms. Bondarevskis and Mr. Spinelli informed the Board that budget revenue projections are based on historical trends and can be affected by factors such as the weather.

Although revenues are below targets, a favorable surplus of \$900,000 is still projected at the end of the year.

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Ms. Bondarevskis and Board members discussed the option of appearing before the Public Utilities Commission during a future full rate filing to ask for rate changes of a fixed/variable ratio of 40% - 60% for increased revenue stability.

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Bianco, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Councilman DeLuca arrived at 5:11 p.m.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

## 5.1 Legislative Update

Ms. Richard provided the Board with a brief update regarding the status of Providence Water's hydrant tampering and road salt legislation:

The hydrant tampering legislation received a hearing and although some senators seemed sympathetic to the issue, there were some members of the committee who had concerns regarding the amount of the proposed penalty. As a result, the bill was held for further study and did not pass.

The road salt legislation, which would allow DOT to suspend the use of an alternative (sodium chloride/calcium chloride) deicing solution on the State roads within the Scituate watershed area, was passed by the General Assembly and became effective on July 8, 2005.

## 5.2 Providence Water Annual Report

Chief Kilduff summarized the information contained in the Providence Water 2004 Annual Report which had been distributed to Board members at the June 2005 meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi to accept the Providence Water 2004 Annual Report. Councilman DeLuca seconded the motion. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

#### 5.3 Rate Filing Update

Mr. Spinelli informed the Board that the June 30, 2005 abbreviated rate filing deadline had been met and the process was moving along.

Additionally, Chief Kilduff and Mr. Spinelli, per the request of the Board, had met with Carol Grant and John Simmons to provide them with information related the rate filing.

Mr. Spinelli stated that monthly status updates would be provided to the Board.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

## 6.1 Resolution for Past Service - Councilman Mancini

Chairman Moffit stated that Councilman Mancini was unable to attend the meeting, but would attend a meeting in the near future.

A motion was made by Chairman Moffit to continue the matter until the August 2005 monthly Board meeting. Ms. Quinterno seconded the motion. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

## 6.2 Interim General Manager

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno for the Board to appoint Mr. Boyce Spinelli as Acting General Manager of Providence Water for up to a period of three months, commencing the day after the retirement of Robert Kilduff. Vice Chairman Cataldi seconded the motion. Councilman DeLuca abstained from voting. All other members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 6.3 Status of Chief Engineer and General Manager Search

Chairman Moffit informed the Board that the national search was well underway and that most of the Board members had spoken to Dr. David Beam, Managing Partner of Beam & Associates, the firm which has been hired by the Board to conduct a search for a Chief Engineer and General Manager for Providence Water.

Dr. Beam had sent Chairman Moffit a draft job description and the first job of the screening committee would be to finalize this draft job description. The committee would work with Dr. Beam to screen numerous candidates and present five or six finalists for the entire Board to interview. The screening committee will meet within the next few weeks to begin this process.

Chairman Moffit stated that the screening committee would consist of Vice Chairman Cataldi, Councilman Butler, Carol Grant and Gary Bliss of the Administration, and Sheila Dormody, President of Clean Water Action of Rhode Island.

## 6.4 Creation of Board Guidelines / By-Laws

Chairman Moffit discussed the issue of creating Board by-laws to provide clarification regarding issues such as Board authority for approval of large purchases and future rate filings, etc.

Chairman Moffit requested that Mr. Cunha, Councilman DeLuca and Ms. Quinterno form a small group to investigate this issue and present their findings to the entire Board sometime during the fall of 2005.

## 6.5 RIDOT Utility Easement

Mr. Gadoury stated that an easement is required for Providence Water to construct a 5,000 gpm pump station on property owned by the State of Rhode Island. The parcel of land consisting of 8,570 square feet is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Wilbur Avenue and Brookdale Avenue in the city of Cranston. The new proposed pump station is needed to meet the rapidly growing demands in the Western Cranston district.

A vacant parcel of land owned by the State of Rhode Island was identified as an ideal site for this pump station. Providence Water entered into negotiations with the State, who has agreed to grant us a perpetual easement on this parcel for the pump station at no cost.

## 6.6 Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget

Ms. Bondarevskis briefly highlighted pertinent portions of the fiscal year 2005 - 2006 budget for Board members. Ms. Bondarevskis stated that Providence Water staff will discuss the budget in extensive detail during upcoming Budget Workshops.

Ms. Quinterno requested that Board members be provided, at the upcoming Budget Workshops, with copies of a list of all the properties which are owned by the City of Providence and are billed for water use by Providence Water.

## 6.7 Engineering Project Update - Filter Bed Rehabilitation

Mr. Gadoury informed the Board that this project is one of the most important projects that Providence Water can embark on, and has always been a part of our IFR plan. This project

involves the replacement of 16 of our 18 filter beds, which are a critical part of our treatment process, along with the replacement of many of the pipes in the pipe gallery.

Ms. Quinterno and other Board members were concerned because the contract for the Filter Bed Rehabilitation had been awarded to the highest bidder. Mr. Gadoury assured the Board that the process had been fair and that the award to McGuire had been based on evaluations by a five-person panel. Four of the five individuals involved in the evaluation had rated McGuire highest and one individual had rated McGuire second highest.

Chief Kilduff and Chairman Moffit clarified that an RFP is different from a standard bid because an RFP presents a problem/issue and requires a proposer to present a solution to the problem. Mr. Gadoury stated that based on the issue posed, all bidders had a fair and equal opportunity to address the issue and present a solution.

Mr. Gadoury stated that there is a high level of safety risk involved in dismantling and removing large pipes, as well as a construction risk due to the complexity of the pipes. Of all the submitted proposals, McGuire's best managed the risk and presented the most unique approach to solving the problem which had been presented. Additionally, they included adequate construction administration services within their proposal, which is critical to avoiding expensive change orders in the future.

Board members discussed the issue of possible Board approval for future purchases/bids over a certain (as of yet undecided) dollar amount.

# 6.8 Engineering Project Update - Neutaconkanut Reservoir and Wash Water Tank Rehabilitation

Mr. Gadoury informed the Board of an upcoming project which has not yet gone before the Board of Contract and Supply for the award of a bid. This is a construction project involving the rehabilitation of a 43 million-gallon underground storage tank located in the Neutaconkanut area.

The second part of the project involves the rehabilitation of the Wash Water Tank located at the Scituate Purification Plant.

There were two bids for the project. The first bid was for \$2.4 million. The second bid, from Marin Construction, was for slightly more than \$2.0 million. Marin Construction has performed work for Providence Water in the past. As such, Providence Water is recommending the award of the bid to Marin Construction, the low bidder.

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Moffit discussed Chief Kilduff's upcoming retirement and invited Chief Kilduff to attend a future Board meeting to receive a Resolution of appreciation for his service to Providence Water.

Chairman Moffit stated that the Board had sponsored a retirement reception for Chief Kilduff. The reception would be held in the David F. Walsh Memorial Board Room on July 22, 2005.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Councilman DeLuca, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard

Board Secretary

 ANDREW K. MOFFIT Chairman

JOSEPH D. CATALDI Vice Chairman

ALEXANDER D. PRIGNANO Ex. Officio

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EVERETT BIANCO

# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD AUGUST 17, 2005 MINUTES

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Acting General Manager

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Mike Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Mr. Brian Feeney, Director of Transmission and Distribution

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Paul Titzmann, Director of Special Services

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

Ms. Lynn Roberts, Senior Manager of Personnel

## OTHERS ATTENDING:

None

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

#### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Providence Water staff conducted a Budget Workshop for Board members from 3:50 - 5:00 p.m. Chairman Moffit, Vice Chairman Cataldi and Councilman DeLuca attended. Staff delivered a slide presentation and distributed materials related to the Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

### 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to move Item 6.1 to the top of the Agenda. Councilman DeLuca seconded the motion. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

6.1 Resolutions for Past Service for Councilman Mancini and Mr. Robert Kilduff

Chairman Moffit presented Councilman Mancini with a resolution honoring his service as a member of the Board. Chairman Moffit presented former Chief Engineer and General Manager Robert Kilduff with a resolution honoring his service to Providence Water.

# 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

3.1 July 20, 2005

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1. Financial Report
- 4.2 Personnel Report
- 4.3 Overtime Report
- 4.4 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.5 Procurement and Project Status Report

A motion by Councilman DeLuca, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

## 5.1 Rate Filing Update

Ms. Bondarevskis updated the Board regarding the recent rate filing. Providence Water filed an abbreviated rate filing on June 30, 2005. Since July, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has set the procedural schedule for the filing and Providence Water has received two sets of data requests from the Division of Public Utilities and the Public Utilities Commission.

Ms. Bondarevskis mentioned that the PUC is concerned about benefits to Board members. In the PUC data request, questions are asked about Board health care costs and fringe benefit costs. Ms. Bondarevskis stated that we will be preparing responses to these questions. Ms. Bondarevskis believes that in a recent rate case involving Kent County Water Authority, the PUC removed monies to be paid for Board health care coverage from authorized rates.

Councilman DeLuca suggested that Ms. Bondarevskis bring a copy of the City Charter to the rate filing hearings and let the PUC know that Board benefits are in the Charter, which has been approved by the city residents and the General Assembly.

Additionally, Kent County Water Authority, one of our wholesale customers, has intervened in the rate case, which is customary for them.

## 5.2. Search Process Update

Chairman Moffit distributed, and discussed, an outline of the anticipated search process. Chairman Moffit stated that he spoke to David Beam, who is having a great deal of success reaching out to potential candidates, which primarily seem to be from New England. Dr. Beam is confident that he will have a finalized list of candidates for the Screening Committee to review in mid-September.

Vice Chairman Cataldi asked if the Board intended to issue a contract to the new Chief Engineer and General Manager. Chairman Moffit stated that this was an issue for the Board to discuss, although he felt it was likely that the Board would not go into the process with the intention of issuing a contract but may need to, depending on the candidate, during the negotiation process.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

# 6.2 Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget

Budget information was distributed to members which were not able to attend the Budget Workshop. Mr. Spinelli stated that Providence Water staff would meet with any member that had questions. Given that members were unable to attend the Budget Workshop scheduled for Thursday, August, 18, 2005, the Budget Workshop was canceled.

Mr. Spinelli informed the Board of the budget process.

Members decided to schedule a final Budget Workshop on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 from 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi, and seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to continue Item 6.2 - Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget until the next monthly Board meeting. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Spinelli stated that on August 16, 2005, he had attended a meeting of the Water Resources Board Drought Steering Committee. Highlights included discussions regarding the problems of a statewide advisory given that different parts of the state are affected differently during dry seasons. Systems relying on groundwater are more vulnerable because they don't have the storage system of a reservoir. Providence Water currently has enough water. The Water Resources Board decided to ask residents to practice voluntary conservation.

Mr. Covellone informed the Board that Providence Water will be modifying its corrosion control treatment on August 29, 2005. Providence Water has been in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's regulations for lead and is not required to make any treatment changes. In order to provide the highest level of public health protection to our customers, Providence Water hired an engineering firm to evaluate whether our existing process could be made more effective. The engineering firm recommended that we make a small change

in the pH to improve corrosion control throughout the distribution system and further minimize dissolved lead in the pipes/plumbing.

Providence Water sent a letter to the Department of Health (DOH) asking permission to make these treatment changes. The Department of Health sent a letter back to us approving these changes, but made it quite clear that if Providence Water were ever in noncompliance for lead, the DOH could mandate other treatment changes.

Providence Water currently uses quicklime to achieve a pH of approximately 10.3 within the distribution system. Beginning on August 29, 2005, we will enhance the current corrosion control treatment by slowly decreasing the amount of quicklime added to the water to slightly decrease the pH to the range of 9.5 - 9.7. The full transition is expected to take about nine weeks.

Providence Water believes that this change will have no effect on commercial/industrial customers. Letters will be sent to commercial and industrial water customers, within our retail and wholesale service areas, informing them of the treatment change.

Mr. Spinelli and Ms. Bondarevskis informed the Board that a resolution, passed by the City Council and approved by this Board, authorizing short-term borrowing, was being sent back to the City Council to reconsider and amend because the name of the bank involved in the issue had recently changed due to a merger. As a result, the bank had asked Providence Water, as a housekeeping measure, to amend the resolution to reflect this change.

# 8 OPEN CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(1) - Personnel Matters:

Vice Chairman Cataldi made a motion to enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(1) to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bianco. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## Roll Call

Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman. Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	yes
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	absent
Mr. Bianco	yes
Mr. Prignano	absent

Councilman DeLuca left directly after the Roll Call to attend another meeting.

## RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to exit from Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

#### Roll Call

Chairman Moffit ves Vice Chairman Cataldi yes left to attend another meeting Councilman DeLuca Councilman Butler yes absent Ms. Quinterno ves Mr. Bianco absent Mr. Prignano

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi, and seconded by Mr. Bianco, to seal the records of Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Ms. Richard stated, for the record, that the Board had discussed personnel matters, related to the compensation of Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Acting General Manager, in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, that Boyce Spinelli shall be compensated at the Grade of C42, Step 1, for the duration of his performance of the duties as Acting General Manager of the Providence Water Supply Board. This rate of compensation shall be enacted retroactively to the first day that Mr. Spinelli served in the capacity of Acting General Manager, which was July 26, 2005. Mr. Spinelli shall have use of the office occupied by, and the car designated for, the Chief Engineer and General Manager. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

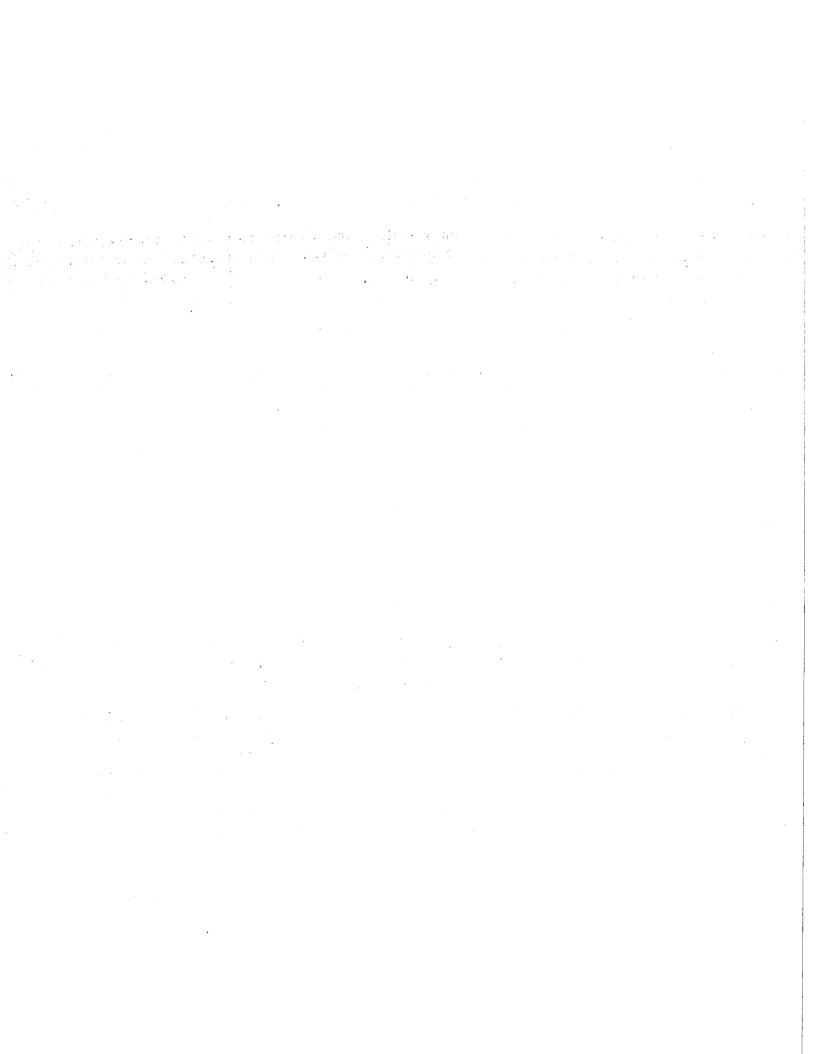
A motion by Councilman Butler, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard

Board Secretary



ANDREW K. MOFFIT
Chairman

JOSEPH D. CATALDI
Vice Chairman

LEXANDER D. PRIGNANO
Ex-Officio

CARISSA R. RICHARD
Secretary



DAVID N. CICILLINE Mayor

BOYCE SPINELLI Acting General Manager

JOSEPH DE LUCA City Councilman

PATRICK K. BUTLER City Councilman

ANNE T. QUINTERNO Member

EVERETI BIANCO

# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 MINUTES

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Acting General Manager

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Mike Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Mr. Brian Feeney, Director of Transmission and Distribution

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Paul Titzmann, Director of Special Services

Mr. Fred Crosby, Manager of Plant Operations

Mr. Steven Santaniello, Manager of Capital Programs

Ms. Mary Deignan-White, Manager of Regulatory

## OTHERS ATTENDING:

None

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

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## BUDGET WORKSHOP

Providence Water staff conducted a Budget Workshop for Board members from 4:35 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Cataldi, Ms. Quinterno and Mr. Prignano attended. Staff delivered distributed materials related to the Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget and responded to Board member questions.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

#### 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

3.1 August 17, 2005

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Bianco, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1. Financial Report
- 4.2 Personnel Report
- 4.3 Overtime Report
- 4.4 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.5 Procurement and Project Status Report

Councilman DeLuca arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Chairman Moffit thanked Mr. Spinelli and Ms. Bondarevskis for updating/changing the format of Item 4.1 - Financial Report and discussed his interest in members receiving a similarly formatted Operating Report in the near future. Mr. Spinelli provided Board members with a detailed overview of the new Financial Report format.

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A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Bianco, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

## 5.1 Rate Filing Update

Mr. Spinelli provided Board members with copies of various data requests from the Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Public Utilities, and the responses of Providence Water staff. Among those questions were those relating to health benefits for Board members. Mr. Spinelli stated that staff had reviewed the City Charter and all ordinances and spoken with the City Personnel Department and City Law Department but could not find a written reason for providing health benefits for Board members.

Chairman Moffit informed Board members that he had contacted Providence Water Regulatory Council Mike McElroy who will be looking into the issue further. Board members discussed the issue.

Mr. Prignano inquired as to the status of rate filing items which would affect the City, such as inflationary increases for the cost of city services. Mr. Spinelli stated that although City issues had been discussed in past rate filings, they were not being addressed in the current abbreviated rate filing. Mr. Spinelli stated that the possibility of a full rate filing in March 2007, at which time such issues could be addressed. Chairman Moffit stated that the March 2007 rate filing could be a target to address such issues and define the relationship between Providence Water and the City.

Discussion was held regarding the relationship between Providence Water and the City. Councilman DeLuca mentioned that he knew of a city in Florida which faced many of the same issues and eventually was able to justify receiving a profit/rate of return from its water supplier.

Ms. Bondarevskis informed the Board that the Public Utilities Commission has posted a Notice of Public Hearings. The first hearing date is set for Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at North Providence Town Hall. The second public hearing will be held on November 21, 2005. The hearing on Providence Water's rate case will begin immediately following the public comments.

## 5.2. National Search Process Update

Chairman Moffit informed Board members that the first Screening Committee Meeting had been delayed due but the Committee was expected to meet within the next few weeks. At that time, the Screening Committee will finalize the Chief Engineer/General Manager job description.

Ms. Quinterno requested that the Board receive documentation confirming job postings, such as those on AWWA, NEWWA, etc.

### 5.3 Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget

Budget information was distributed to members which were not able to attend the Budget Workshop. Ms. Bondarevskis stated that she and Mr. Spinelli would schedule a meeting with Mr. Prignano to review and discuss the budget.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi, and seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to continue Item 5.3 - Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget until the next monthly Board meeting. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

None

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Moffit distributed a draft of By-Laws of the Providence Water Supply Board to Ms. Quinterno and Councilman DeLuca. At the July 2005 meeting, Ms. Quinterno, Councilman DeLuca and Mr. Cunha had agreed to form a group which would investigate this issue and report their findings back to the entire Board.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST: A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard Board Secretary

ANDREW K. MOFFIT Chairman

JOSEPH D. CATALDI Vice Chairman

EXANDER D. PRIGNANO EX-Officio

CARISSA R. RICHARD Secretary



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Mayor

BOYCE SPINELLI
Acting General Manager

JOSEPH DE LUCA
City Councilman

PATRICK K. BUTLER
City Councilman

ANNE T. QUINTERNO
Member

EVERETT BIANCO
Member

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
WATER SUPPLY BOARD
OCTOBER 19, 2005 MINUTES

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Acting General Manager

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

## BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

Mary Deignan-White, Manager of Regulatory

Mr. Ron DelGallo, Manager of Transmission and Distribution

Ms. Karen Vollucci, Laboratory Supervisor - Chemistry

## OTHERS ATTENDING:

Mr. Michael McElroy, Esq.

Mr. John Vallone, Esq.

Mr. Thomas Casale

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Plag was conducted.

#### 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

# 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

3.1 September 21, 2005

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Bianco, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

## 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1. Financial Report
- 4.2 Operating Report
- 4.3 Personnel Report
- 4.4 Overtime Report
- 4.5 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.6 Procurement and Project Status Report

Councilman Butler arrived at 5:14 p.m.

Per the request of Chairman Moffit, Ms. Bondarevskis provided Board members with a brief summary of the information contained in **Item 4.1** - **Financial Report**. Mr. Russo and Mr. Gadoury provided a summary of the information contained in **Item 4.2** - **Operating Report**.

Ms. Quinterno asked a question regarding Item 4.5 - Payroll and Receiving Report related to a charge of \$700.00 from the City Collectors Office for "No Parking" signage. Ms. Quinterno inquired if signs were included in the city service charge that we pay on a yearly basis. Mr. Spinelli provided members with a summary of the services which we receive from the city. "No Parking" signs are not included in those services. Ms. Quinterno requested that members be provided, at the next meeting, with a list of the city services that Providence Water receives.

Councilman Butler asked where the signs were posted. Mr. DelGallo responded that the signs were posted around the various job sites involving repairs of pipes, etc.

Ms. Quinterno asked a question regarding Item 4.5 - Payroll and Receiving Report related to legal services. Ms. Quinterno stated that she has made several requests for the Board to receive a monthly summary or breakdown of legal services. Councilman Butler stated that he supports this request.

Ms. Quinterno questioned an invoice listed on Item 4.5 - Payroll and Receiving Report related to a charge of \$4,800.00 for two (annual) parking passes at the Washington Street Garage. Mr. Spremulli stated that one of the passes was assigned to the mail courier who needs to make deliveries to City Hall at least once daily. The other pass is held by the Chief Engineer and General Manager and distributed throughout the organization to staff who need to attend meetings at City Hall. Unfortunately, parking has become increasingly difficult and the garage rarely allows daily parking. Chairman Moffit and Ms. Quinterno requested that Mr. Spremulli investigate the issue and report options to the Board at the next meeting.

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman Butler, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

## 5.1 Rate Filing Update

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi, and seconded by Ms. Quinterno, to hold Item 5.1 for Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

# 5.2. Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget

Mr. Spinelli stated that Mr. Prignano, who was unable to attend this meeting due to a conflict in his schedule, had asked that the Board be made aware that he had met with Mr. Spinelli and Ms. Bondarevskis to review the budget. He supported the passage of the budget and complimented Ms. Bondarevskis regarding budget preparation.

Per the request of Chairman Moffit, Mr. McElroy informed Board members that approval of the Providence Water budget was basically irrelevant to the upcoming rate filing being heard before the Public Utilities Commission.

Members had budget questions which were related to issues being discussed in Executive Session regarding Item 5.1. As such, members agreed to continue the issue until they had received further information.

## 5.3 National Search Process Update

Chairman Moffit decided to address Items 5.3 and 5.4 at the same time. The Screening Committee had met on Monday, October 17, 2005 and reviewed the slate of candidates who had applied for the Chief Engineer and General Manager position. The Committee was able to identify at least five candidates that they plan to interview over the next few weeks. The Chairman emphasized that the Committee had sworn confidentiality regarding the issue. The Committee hopes to deliver a few candidates for the entire Board to interview before or around the date of the next meeting.

## 5.4 Interim General Manager

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to reappoint Boyce Spinelli as Acting General Manager of Providence Water until a permanent Chief Engineer and General Manager assumes responsibility. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

# 6.1 AWWA Annual Conference Summary Report

Mr. Spinelli introduced Mr. Ron DelGallo and Ms. Karen Vollucci, who along with Ms. Quinterno and Ms. Bondarevskis, had attended the American Water Works Annual Conference in June 2005. Both had prepared summary reports of the information that they had acquired and these reports had been included in the Board packet. Mr. DelGallo and Ms. Vollucci thanked the Board for being given the opportunity to attend and briefly described their experiences at the conference.

# 6.2 Presentation - Request to Acquire Providence Water Property

Mr. Thomas Casale, a business owner in Johnston, and his attorney Mr. John Vallone, made a presentation to the Board regarding a request by Mr. Casale to purchase approximately 4.6 acres of Providence Water/Providence Public Building Authority - owned land adjacent to a lot owned by Mr. Casale. This was the third time over the course of the past several years that Mr. Casale

had put forth a request to the Board to purchase the land. Information regarding the details of the proposal was distributed to members by Mr. Vallone. The Board agreed to consider the proposal and receive information/recommendations from staff before providing Mr. Casale with a response.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

None

# 8 OPEN CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) - Litigation Matters:

Vice Chairman Cataldi made a motion to enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) to discuss litigation matters. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bianco. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call	
Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman. Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	absent
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	yes
Mr. Bianco	yes
Mr. Prignano	absent

# 9. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to exit from Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Roll Call	
Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	absent
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	yes
Mr. Bianco	yes
Mr. Prignano	absent

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi, and seconded by Mr. Bianco, to seal the records of Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Richard stated, for the record, that the Board had discussed litigation matters in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to continue Item 5.2 - Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget until the next monthly Board meeting. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Ms. Quinterno, to continue Item 6.2 - Presentation - Request to Acquire Providence Water Property until the next monthly Board meeting. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Bianco, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST: A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard Board Secretary

ANDREW K. MOFFIT
Chairman

JOSEPH D. CATALDI
Vice Chairman

EXANDER D. PRIGNANO
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City Councilman

PATRICK K. BUTLER
City Councilman

ANNE T. QUINTERNO
Member

EVERETT BIANCO

# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD NOVEMBER 16, 2005 MINUTES

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Acting General Manager

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

# **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Michael Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Brian Feeney, Director of Transmission and Distribution

Mr. Paul Titzmann, Director of Special Projects

Mr. Steven Santaniello, Manager of Capital Programs

Mr. Antonio Araujo, Manager of Facilities

## OTHERS ATTENDING:

None

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

#### 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

#### 3.1 October 19, 2005

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman Butler, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. Councilman DeLuca abstained as he was not present at the October 19, 2005 meeting. Chairman Moffit, Vice Chairman Cataldi, Councilman Butler, Ms. Quinterno, Mr. Bianco and Mr. Prignano were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

### 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1. Financial and Operating Report
- 4.2 Personnel Report
- 4.3 Overtime Report
- 4.4 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.5 Procurement and Project Status Report

A motion by Ms. Quinterno, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

## 5.1 Rate Filing Update

Chairman Moffit informed Board members that Providence Water has negotiated a settlement with the Division of Public Utilities and plans to file a stipulation and settlement with the Public Utilities Commission. The Division of Public Utilities has agreed to recommend that current Board members continue to receive medical benefits. Within the next four to six weeks, the

Public Utilities Commission will engage in discussion and issue a ruling on our overall rate package.

Mr. Prignano asked if the current amount paid by the City of Providence to Providence Water for hydrant rentals would remain the same following the rate increase. He stated that the City currently pays approximately \$760,000. per year. Ms. Bondarevskis answered that the amount paid would increase by 9% on January 1, 2006. This would equate to an increase of approximately \$75,000.

Mr. Prignano asked if the amount paid by Providence Water to the City of Providence for city services would also increase by 9%. Ms. Bondarevskis stated that the amount would remain the same.

Board members briefly discussed the issue. Mr. Prignano suggested that legislation should be introduced which would remove the requirement of municipalities to pay hydrant rental fees. Ms. Quinterno suggested that Mr. Prignano ask the Law Department to draft legislation to be presented to the Board, for review, at the January 2006 meeting.

# 5.2. Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget

Mr. Spinelli stated that the Board had been given the opportunity to review and discuss the budget. There has been only one change to the proposed budget since the October meeting. This change included the addition of two unfunded plumber's positions to the Compensation and Classification Ordinances. Prior to funding these positions, the Board would be provided with information regarding necessity, etc.

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca to amend the Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget by substituting the Compensation and Classification Ordinances with those proposed at this meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno to approve the Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget as amended. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

# 5.3 Request to Acquire Providence Water Property

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno to continue Item 5.3 - Request to Acquire Providence Water Property to the next monthly meeting. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

# 6.1 Providence Water Supply Board Guidelines/By-Laws

Chairman Moffit distributed a draft of the Providence Water Supply Board Guidelines/By-Laws to Board members for review and briefly discussed some issues which the guidelines would provide clarification.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to continue Item 6.1 - Providence Water Supply Board Guidelines/By-Laws to the next monthly meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman DeLuca. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

# 6.2 Interview of Chief Engineer and General Manager Candidates

Chairman Moffit stated that this item should be held for Executive Session.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Chairman Moffit to take Item 7 out of order. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Cunha stated that he had a litigation issue which he recommended be discussed in Executive Session.

# 8 OPEN CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(1) and (a)(2) - Personnel and Litigation Matters:

Vice Chairman Cataldi made a motion to enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(1) and (a)(2) to discuss personnel and litigation matters. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call	
Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	yes
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	yes
Mr. Bianco	yes
Mr. Prignano	yes

# 9. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to exit from Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

Roll Call	
Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	yes
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	yes
Mr. Bianco	yes
Mr. Prignano	yes

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to seal the records of Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno, and seconded by Councilman Butler, to approve the settlements of Patricia Dimuccio and Thomas Biagetti up to the amounts discussed in Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

# 10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Councilman Butler, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard Board Secretary ANDREW K. MOFFIT
Chairman

JOSEPH D. CATALDI
Vice Chairman

EXANDER D. PRIGN'ANO
EX-Officio

CARISSA R. RICHARD
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Member

EVERETT BIANCO
Member

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
WATER SUPPLY BOARD
DECEMBER 15, 2005 MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Acting General Manager

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

None

## OTHERS ATTENDING:

Mr. John Simmons, City of Providence - Chief of Administration

Mr. Doug Hadden, Reporter for the Pawtucket Times

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

## 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

# 3. APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF ENGINEER AND GENERAL MANAGER

Vice Chairman Cataldi made a motion to enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(1) to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Councilman Butler. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

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Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	yes
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	arrived at 11:15 a.m.
Mr. Bianco	yes
Mr. Prignano	yes

The Board requested that Mr. John Simmons be present during Executive Session.

# 4. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Mr. Bianco, to exit from Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

<u>Roll Call</u>	
Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	yes
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	yes
Mr. Bianco	yes
Mr. Prignano	yes

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A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi, and seconded by Councilman Butler, to seal the records of Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Ms. Quinterno, to approve the employment agreement made between Ms. Marchand and the Providence Water Supply Board. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Ms. Quinterno and Vice Chairman Cataldi, to amend the Compensation Ordinance to reflect the Chief Engineer and General Manager position. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

A true attest.

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ANDREW K. MOFFI I
Chairman

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Member

EVERETT BIANCO

# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD DECEMBER 21, 2005 MINUTES

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

# **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Michael Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Mr. Rich Blodgett, Manager of Environmental Resources

Mr. Fred Crosby, Manager of Plant Operations

Mr. Ron DelGallo, Manager of Distribution

# OTHERS ATTENDING:

Mr. Michael McElroy, Esq., Providence Water Legal Council

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

## 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

Ms. Richard informed the Board that Mr. Spinelli, Acting General Manager, was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

# 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- 3.1 November 16, 2005 Meeting
- 3.2 December 15, 2005 Special Meeting

A motion by Ms. Quinterno, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to approve Agenda Items 3.1 and 3.2 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Mr. Bianco arrived at 5:07 p.m.

## 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1. Financial and Operating Report
- 4.2 Personnel Report
- 4.3 Overtime Report
- 4.4 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.5 Procurement and Project Status Report

Ms. Quinterno asked questions regarding Item 4.4 - Payroll and Receiving Report. She asked why Providence Water was paying \$23,000. in refunds to customers. Mr. Caruolo answered that much of the AMR program had been completed. Following AMR installations, it was discovered that many customers had been paying overestimated bills for years. As such, they are entitled to refunds. In much the same way, we are discovering that there are customers who have been paying underestimated bills for years. These customers will be paying Providence Water for the underestimated amounts.

Ms. Quinterno asked Mr. Caruolo to provide the Board with a list of underestimated customer accounts and amounts. Mr. Caruolo stated that he was not certain if a list was available/easily accessible. Ms. Quinterno asked him to research the issue.

Mr. Caruolo provided the Board with an overview of the AMR program and the current status.

Ms. Quinterno asked Mr. Caruolo to provide the Board with the criteria for overestimated customer reimbursement. Chairman Moffit suggested that, at future meeting, Mr. Caruolo provide the Board with a formal presentation of the AMR program. Chairman Moffit stated that he would contact Mr. Caruolo regarding the requirements of the presentation.

Ms. Quinterno asked Ms. Bondarevskis a question regarding page 17 of Item 4.4, a payment in the amount of \$5,478. for unemployment insurance. Ms. Bondarevskis stated that an employee, who had been awarded a compensation case settlement, applied for unemployment compensation. Unemployment sends an invoice to City Hall and City Hall charges Providence Water.

Ms. Quinterno asked Ms. Bondarevskis a question regarding page 15 (McNicols Co.) and page 6 (Crispin Multiplex Co.) of Item 4.4, of payments made for shipping charges. The total of the two charges was more than \$2,800. and no explanation was provided of the items purchased. Ms. Bondarevskis stated that she would investigate the issue and report her findings to the Board.

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman Butler, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

# 5. OLD BUSINESS:

# 5.1 AWWA Annual Conference Summary Report

Ms. Bondarevskis provided members with a report and brief summary of her experiences attending the American Water Works Association Annual Conference in June 2005.

# 5.2. Request to Acquire Providence Water Property

Mr. Blodgett stated that Mr. Casale and his attorney had made a presentation to the Board in October 2005 regarding a request to acquire Providence Water property. It was the third time that this request had been made to the Board since 2003.

Mr. Blodgett stated that it was his recommendation that the Board denies Mr. Casale's request for the following reasons:

Selling the land would be counter to our past practice of protecting land to prevent development and protect the reservoirs.

The type of use which Mr. Casale wishes to use the land is highly inconsistent with any recommendation that we have received from the State.

Providence Water has made good progress with the EPA / DEM in cleaning up the low level contamination (from the previous owner) on the site. Disrupting the clean up, by bringing in a new owner and dividing the land, would slow the process and possibly raise objections from the EPA / DEM.

Selling the land would be inconsistent with Board policy regarding Property Interests.

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca to deny the request of Mr. Casale to purchase 4.6 acres of Providence Water land located on Lot 17, Plat 54 in Johnston. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

# 5.3 Response to Board Member Inquiry - School Department and State Accounts

Ms. Bondarevskis, in response to a request from Ms. Quinterno, provided members with lists of all Providence School Department and State Accounts. Ms. Bondarevskis briefly summarized the information which had been distributed.

# 5.4 102" Aqueduct Inspection Update

Mr. Gadoury distributed written information and provided members with a verbal presentation regarding the history and recent finding of a section of significant and threatening deterioration in the 102" aqueduct pipeline. Mr. Gadoury stated that Providence Water is making plans to repair this section (estimated cost \$250,000.) and to further investigate all suspect areas of the pipeline.

# 5.5 Revised Providence Water Supply Board By-Laws

Chairman Moffit summarized the information contained in the revised draft of the Providence Water Supply Board By-Laws. Members had a few questions and suggestions. Chairman Moffit requested that members review the document during the following weeks and potentially adopt a final version at the next meeting.

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A motion was made by Chairman Moffit to continue Item 5.5 - Revised Providence Water Supply Board By-Laws to the next monthly meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 7 to 0.

Councilman Butler and Councilman DeLuca left the Board meeting at 5:55 p.m. to attend a Providence City Council meeting.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

# 6.1 Proposed Land Exchange - West Warwick

Mr. Gadoury briefly informed the Board of the details of a request by Mr. Bertram Tivey to exchange an area of property that he owns for an equal abutting area owned by Providence Water.

A motion was made by Chairman Moffit to continue Item 6.1 - Proposed Land Exchange - West Warwick to the next monthly meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

# 6.2 Renewal of Lease to Saint Joseph's Church - Scituate

Mr. Gadoury briefly informed the Board of the details of a request by St. Joseph's Church in Scituate for a renewal of a lease between Providence Water and St. Joseph's Church.

Board members discussed policy and liability issues. Chairman Moffit requested that information be provided to Board members at the next meeting relating to Providence Water leases.

A motion was made by Chairman Moffit to continue Item 6.2 - Renewal of Lease to Saint Joseph's Church - Scituate to the next monthly meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bianco. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

# 7. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>:

Chairman Moffit informed the Board that, beginning in January, he was going to take steps to make Board meetings more efficient and productive. As such, he would be setting an agenda which would realistically be covered/discussed in approximately sixty minutes. He stated that meetings would begin at 5:00 p.m. sharp and that he would take a more active, formal role during meetings.

Chairman Moffit thanked the Board and the Screening Committee members for their work during the process of finding and hiring a new Chief Engineer and General Manager. Chairman Moffit thanked Ms. Richard and Mr. Spremulli for their help in preparing for the December Special Board meeting/reception. Chairman Moffit thanked Ms. Quinterno and Ms. Richard for their help in arranging the Board Holiday Reception.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Chairman Moffit, seconded by Ms. Quinterno, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard Board Secretary ANDREW K. MOFFIT Chairman

JOSEPH D. CATALDI Vice Chairman

ALEXANDER D. PRIGNANO Ex-Officio

CARISSA R. RICHARD Secretary

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EVERETT BIANCO Member

# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD JANUARY 18, 2006 MINUTES

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Acting General Manager

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Michael Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Mr. Brian Feeney, Director of Transmission and Distribution

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Mr. David Nickerson, Manager of Communications and Training

# OTHERS ATTENDING:

None

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

## 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

# 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

3.1 December 21, 2005 Meeting

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Ms. Quinterno, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Councilman Butler arrived at 5:15 p.m.

## 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1. Financial and Operating Report
- 4.2 Personnel Report
- 4.3 Overtime Report
- 4.4 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.5 Procurement and Project Status Report

Per the request of Chairman Moffit, Mr. Spinelli summarized the information contained in Item 4.1 - Financial and Operating Report.

Ms. Quinterno asked questions regarding Item 4.4 - Payroll and Receiving Report. She asked about an item on page 3 labeled BCM Controls - Scituate Fence Repair - Damage done by Conway Transportation, for \$2,618. Mr. Spremulli stated that Providence Water was being reimbursed by Conway Transportation.

Ms. Quinterno asked why Providence Water was paying refunds to customers which averaged approximately \$14,000. each. In particular, Ms. Quinterno inquired about a refund paid to Roger Williams Realty Corp. in the amount of \$22,154.72. Mr. Caruolo and Mr. Spinelli stated that the issue would be researched and Board members would be provided with an explanation.

Councilman DeLuca asked a question regarding Item 4.4 - Payroll and Receiving Report, page 16 which indicated that 8 gallons of bleach had cost a total of \$460.84. Ms. Bondarevskis said that this was due to the (computer) reporting system being used. When a multi-part purchase order is entered into the system, the reporting system will only grab the last line of information entered into the computer. As such, it appears that 8 gallons of bleach cost \$460.84 but in actuality, the bleach was part of a much larger order.

Ms. Bondarevskis stated that this was the case of an issue which Ms. Quinterno had inquired about at the last Board meeting, which related to shipping charges. It had appeared that shipping charges for two items had cost Providence Water \$2,800. In this case also, the report had only grabbed the last line of the purchase order which was the total price for both the cost of the items and the charges related to shipping.

Councilman DeLuca asked a question regarding Item 4.4 - Payroll and Receiving Report. He inquired as to the details regarding waste removal. Mr. Spremulli said that facilities have eight-cubic yard containers which are picked up twice a week at each location. Mr. Spremulli stated that he would check the amount of the monthly charge for this service and report back to Board members.

Councilman DeLuca inquired as to the date (12/30/03) listed under the description portion on page 26 for chemicals supplied by Univar. Ms. Bondarevskis stated that this is the date which the bid was awarded by the Board of Contract and Supply.

Councilman DeLuca asked a question about Item 4.3 - Overtime Report related to planned overtime requests that were dated 3/25/04 and 8/5/04. Ms. Bondarevskis said that she would contact the Payroll Supervisor about this issue and report back to the Board. It would seem that a few old requests for overtime were mistakenly placed in the report. Mr. Spinelli stated that the planned overtime requests are submitted by a Director and signed by the General/Acting General Manager. The form doesn't generate payment. It is only a request for approval. The requested overtime may not be worked at all or only partly worked. The actual amount of overtime which was paid during the reporting period was listed on the front of the report.

Councilman Butler asked a question regarding Item 4.2 - Personnel Report related to vacant-funded positions. He stated that the position of Water Systems Mechanic was listed as a vacant-funded position on past Personnel Reports and is no longer listed. Mr. Spinelli informed Councilman Butler that he would research the issue and report back to Board members. Several members stated that 4.2 - Personnel Report used to contain more information regarding promotions, terminations, etc. They expressed that they would like to receive the information which they had been provided in the past.

A motion by Councilman DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Quinterno, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Mr. Nickerson took pictures of Board members for the Providence Water website. Ms. Quinterno and Vice Chairman Cataldi noted that Board photos should hang in the Scituate Treatment Plant. Mr. Spremulli said that he would look into obtaining the additional pictures.

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca to take Item 6.1 out of order and address at that time. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

## 6.1 Election of Officers

Chairman Moffit stated that it is written in the Home Rule Charter of the City of Providence, Article 11, Section 1101, that annually at its first meeting following the qualification of new members, the Board shall elect one of its appointed members to serve as Chairperson. Although not specified in the Home Rule Charter of the City of Providence, the Board traditionally also elects a Vice Chairperson at its first meeting following the qualification of new members.

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno to nominate Mr. Moffit for the position of Chairperson. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bianco. There were no other nominations. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca to nominate Mr. Cataldi for the position of Vice Chairperson. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. There were no other nominations. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

# 5. OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno to take Item 5.5 out of order and address at that time. This motion was seconded by Councilman DeLuca. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

# 5.5 Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget

Mr. Spinelli presented changes in the fiscal year 2005 - 2006 budget classification and compensation ordinances which had been previously approved by the Board. Mr. Spinelli informed the Board that on the previous Thursday evening, the City Council Finance Committee had reviewed Providence Water's budget and approved most of the ordinances. There had been some classification issues that had been in the works for quite a while. It became clear at the Finance Committee meeting that the Union and the Administration wanted the final adjustments in the budget. Mr. Spinelli said that Providence Water was going back to the Finance Committee that evening and wanted to present the budget changes to the Board.

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Mr. Spinelli summarized the changes and the reasons for these changes. Board members had discussions about the changes and related issues.

Councilman DeLuca and Ms. Quinterno questioned why the changes had been introduced after the budget process had taken place. Mr. Spinelli stated that the timing of events was unfortunate but it was the wish of the Union and the Administration that the final adjustments are in the budget.

Members agreed that during the next budget discussions, issues should be presented at the beginning of the process.

Councilman DeLuca said that he didn't feel comfortable taking up issue at that time. He didn't feel as though enough notice or time had been provided to properly evaluate and discuss the issue.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to approve the Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Budget as amended. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. Chairman Moffit, Vice Chairman Cataldi, Councilman Butler, Ms. Quinterno and Mr. Bianco were in favor of the motion. Councilman DeLuca was opposed to the motion. The motion passed 5 to 1.

## 5.1 Responses to Board Member Inquiries

Ms. Bondarevskis had previously (see Item 4 - Reports) provided Ms. Quinterno with a response to her inquiry regarding shipping charges. Mr. Spinelli stated that Mr. Caruolo would be providing the Board with an overview presentation of the AMR program at a future meeting.

# 5.2. Revised Draft of Providence Water Supply Board By-Laws

Councilman DeLuca suggested a few minor changes to the Draft By-Laws.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to approve the changes suggested by Councilman DeLuca. This motion was seconded by Councilman DeLuca. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca to adopt the Providence Water Supply Board By-Laws. This motion was seconded by Councilman Butler. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

# 5.3 Renewal of Lease to Saint Joseph's Church / Lease Information

#### Proposed Land Exchange - West Warwick 5.4

A motion was made by Chairman Moffit to continue Item 5.3 - Renewal of Lease to Saint Joseph's Church / Lease Information and Item 5.4 - Proposed Land Exchange - West Warwick to the next monthly meeting. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

#### NEW BUSINESS 6.

Potential Sale / Transfer of Providence Water Property - Warwick 6.2

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi to continue Item 6.2 - Potential Sale / Transfer of Providence Water Property - Warwick to the next monthly meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman DeLuca. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

#### OTHER BUSINESS: 7.

Councilman DeLuca asked for details relating to an item which he had noticed on the Board of Contract and Supply Calendar. Providence Water was asking for approval to pay \$140,000. to the Public Utilities Commission. Mr. Spremulli stated that all public utilities are required to pay a portion of the total Public Utilities Commission bill. The cost to each utility is calculated using a formula stated in the Rhode Island General Laws.

Mr. Spinelli thanked everyone for their support during his time as Acting General Manager.

#### ADJOURNMENT: 8.

A motion by Chairman Moffit, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

A true attest. ATTEST:

Carissa R. Richard

**Board Secretary** 

ANDREW K. MOFFIT Chairman

JOSEPH D. CATALDI Vice Chairman

LEXANDER D. PRIGNANO

Ex-Officio

CARISSA R. RICHARD
Secretary



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JOSEPH DE LUCA City Councilman

PATRICK K. BUTLER City Councilman

ANNE T. QUINTERNO Member

EVERETT BIANCO

# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD FEBRUARY 15, 2006 MINUTES

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

Ms. Pamela Marchand, Chief Engineer and General Manager

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Deputy General Manager of Administration

Mr. Michael Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Mr. Brian Feeney, Director of Transmission and Distribution

Mr. Paul Titzmann, Director of Special Projects

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Mr. Richard Blodgett, Manager of Environmental Resources

# **OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Mr. Michael McElroy, Esq.

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

## 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

### 3.1 January 18, 2006 Meeting

Councilman Butler stated, upon reviewing the minutes, he noticed that Chairman Moffit had made several motions at the last meeting. Councilman Butler felt, per Robert's Rules of Order, the Chairperson was only allowed to entertain motions. Chairman Moffit stated that Providence Water's by-laws allowed for all members to entertain motions and vote.

Members raised procedural questions. Chairman Moffit asked Ms. Richard to research the issues and report back to the Board.

A motion by Ms. Quinterno, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 4. **REPORTS**:

- 4.1. Financial and Operating Report
- 4.2 Personnel Report
- 4.3 Overtime Report
- 4.4 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.5 Procurement and Project Status Report

Chairman Moffit informed the Board that he and Chief Marchand had discussed providing Board members with a monthly Chief Engineer's Report, possibly at the next meeting.

Per the request of Chairman Moffit, Mr. Spinelli summarized the information contained in Item 4.1 - Financial and Operating Report.

Ms. Quinterno stated that overtime requests dated May 18, 2005 and March 14, 2004 had been included in Item 4.3 - Overtime Report. In addition, there was a request with no date at all. Mr.

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Spinelli informed the Board that the former Chief Engineer preferred to sign only one overtime request form for an ongoing project. This process was being changed.

Ms. Quinterno remarked that the refunds listed in Item 4.4 - Payroll and Receiving Report totaled over \$18,000. for the month. Chairman Moffit stated that Mr. Caruolo would be providing the Board with a presentation that would address these issues.

Councilman Butler asked a question regarding Item 4.4 - Payroll and Receiving Report (page 16) related to Steve's Mobile Service. Ms. Bondarevskis informed the Board that grounds maintenance equipment had been taken from Scituate to be serviced at this business.

A motion by Councilman Butler, seconded by Ms. Quinterno, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

# 5.1 Responses to Board Member Inquiries

Councilman DeLuca was absent and the inquiry regarded an issue that he had raised.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to continue Item 5.1 to the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

# 5.2. Renewal of Lease to Saint Joseph's Church / Lease Information

Chief Marchand informed the Board that she agreed with Mr. Gadoury's recommendation to renew the lease to Saint Joseph's Church, but from a water quality perspective, requirements of a drainage system to prevent run-off should be discussed.

Members discussed issues relating to liability, lease length, water quality and property maintenance. Mr. Blodgett provided members with information concerning the property.

Ms. Quinterno requested that the Board be provided with clear photographs of the property, including the condition of the lot, fencing and relationship to the watershed/pond. Mr. Prignano asked to be provided with information relating to the fair market value of the lease.

Chairman Moffit asked that a basic proposal be prepared, for the next meeting, which would address lease length, environmental concerns, liability issues, and fair market value of the lease. Additionally, photographs should be provided to members.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to continue Item 5.2 to the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 5.3 Proposed Land Exchange - West Warwick

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi to approve the request by Mr. Bertram Tivey to exchange an area of property owned by Mr. Tivey with an equal abutting area owned by Providence Water, and to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to process the land exchange to the City Properties Committee of the City Council of the City of Providence and authorize the necessary recordings. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 5.4 Potential Sale / Transfer of Providence Water Property - Warwick

Mr. Covellone informed the Board that last year, the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council had contacted Providence Water regarding its interest in either donating, deeding, or selling Providence Water property (2,614 sq. ft.) located in the Pawtuxet Cove Area of Warwick. Adjacent to the property, Providence Water owns a concrete dam.

The dam and property serve no water supply purpose for Providence Water, as the land was purchased before the construction of the Scituate Reservoir. Ownership costs are minimal, but potential liability related to dam failure is high.

The Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council would like to obtain the property, or an easement over the property, to re-establish fish passage upstream of the dam.

Mr. Covellone recommended selling the property, which is unbuildable and unlikely able to be sold on the open market, to the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council for a dollar, to avoid maintenance and liability issues. Chief Marchand agreed that dams are huge liabilities.

Councilman Butler asked if the land should be bid on before being sold. Chief Marchand stated that generally, when a public agency gives up a piece of property, it is opened up first to other public agencies. The property was purchased as watershed property and as such, selling watershed property (for profit) can become a major issue. You can have a difficult time trying to buy property or having people donate property for watershed protection if they believe that it could be sold in the future. It is much more understandable to sell or give the property to another environmental agency to be used for environmental purposes.

Ms. Quinterno and Vice Chairman Cataldi asked that photographs of the property be provided to members at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to continue Item 5.4 to the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

# 5.5 Rate Filing - Docket 3684 Report and Order

Ms. Bondarevskis distributed supplemental information related to Item 5.5.

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno to receive supplemental information related to Item 5.5. This motion was seconded by Councilman Butler. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Bondarevskis summarized the information related to Item 5.5.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to accept Item 5.5 as amended. This motion was seconded by Councilman Butler. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

# 6.1 Board of Contract and Supply Deputy

Chairman Moffit stated that provisions of the Home Rule Charter authorize a Deputy to attend meetings of the City of Providence's Board of Contract and Supply if the Chairman is unable to attend.

Councilman Butler questioned if Mr. Spremulli could serve as Deputy given that he was not a member of the Board. Chairman Moffit stated that it was his understanding that a opinion regarding this issue had been provided by the City of Providence Law Department. Ms. Richard stated that she had (in her files) a letter from the Law Department regarding the opinion. Councilman Butler asked Ms. Richard to send him information related to the issue.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi to appoint Mr. Joseph Spremulli to serve as Deputy to the City of Providence Board of Contract and Supply if the Chairman is unable to attend. The motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. Chairman Moffit, Vice Chairman Cataldi, Ms. Quinterno and Mr. Prignano were in favor of the motion. Councilman Butler abstained from the vote. The motion passed 4 to 0.

## 6.2 Potential Land Acquisitions for Watershed Protection

Mr. Blodgett summarized the issue for Board members.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to pursue the acquisition of the development rights to Lots 24 and 29 on Plat 9 in the town of Foster and Lots 12 and 13 on Plat 47 in the town of Scituate. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Ms. Quinterno and Councilman Butler asked Mr. Blodgett to provide them with information/overview of the land purchasing process and the current land owned by Providence Water. Mr. Blodgett stated that he would mail this information to members. Chairman Moffit asked Mr. Blodgett to provide the Board with a land acquisition presentation at a future meeting.

## 6.3 Drafts of Providence Water Legislation

Ms. Quinterno informed Board members that Providence Water was proposing two pieces of legislation for the 2006 session of the General Assembly. The first was a Resolution asking that Providence Water be reimbursed for expenses incurred during the 102" Aqueduct Main Break in 1996 and the other would increase penalties for contractors who tamper with fire hydrants.

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno to approve the drafts of Providence Water legislation. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 6.4 AWWA Annual Conference

Chairman Moffit informed members that the American Water Works Association Annual Conference was being held in San Antonio, Texas from June 11 - June 15, 2006.

## 6.5 Budget Calendar

Ms. Bondarevskis provided members with an overview of the budget schedule/process.

# 6.6 Scituate Tax Appeal Decision

Members had been provided with newspaper articles relating to the recent Scituate tax appeal decision. Ms. Richard distributed additional newspaper articles to members.

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno to hold Item 6.6 for Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Quinterno presented Chief Marchand with a Providence Water jacket on behalf of the Board members.

Mr. Cuhna stated that he had a litigation issue to discuss in Executive Session.

# 8 <u>OPEN CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.I.G.L.</u> 42-46-5 (a)(2) - Litigation Matters:

Councilman Butler made a motion to enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) to discuss litigation matters. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## Roll Call

Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	absent
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	yes
Mr. Bianco	absent
Mr. Prignano	yes

## 9. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to exit from Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Rol	Call

Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	absent
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	yes
Mr. Bianco	absent
Mr. Prignano	yes

A motion was made by Councilman Butler, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to seal the records of Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

## 10. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

A motion by Councilman Butler, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST: A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard Board Secretary

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# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD MARCH 15, 2006 MINUTES

# BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Ms. Pamela Marchand, Chief Engineer and General Manager

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

# **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

# PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Deputy General Manager of Administration

Mr. Michael Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Mr. Paul Titzmann, Director of Special Projects

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Mr. Ron DelGallo, Manager of Distribution

# OTHERS ATTENDING:

None

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

## 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

# 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

## 3.1 February 15, 2006 Meeting

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Bianco, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. Chairman Moffit, Vice Chairman Cataldi, and Mr. Bianco were in favor of the motion. Councilman DeLuca abstained from the vote as he was not present at the February 15, 2006 Board meeting. The motion passed 3 to 0.

## 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1 Chief Engineer's Report
- 4.2 Financial and Operating Report
- 4.3 Personnel Report
- 4.4 Overtime Report
- 4.5 Payroll and Receiving Report
- 4.6 Procurement and Project Status Report

Councilman Butler arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Ms. Quinterno arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Chief Marchand summarized the information contained in Item 4.1 - Chief Engineer's Report.

Mr. Spinelli summarized the information contained in Item 4.2 - Financial and Operating Report.

Councilman DeLuca noted that seven open workers' compensation claims were listed in the 4.3 - Personnel Report as being from prior fiscal years. Mr. Spinelli stated that he would research the issue and provide the Board with a breakdown of the amount of time that the claims have been open.

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Ms. Quinterno remarked that the refunds listed in Item 4.5 - Payroll and Receiving Report totaled more than \$44,000. for the month. Chairman Moffit stated that Mr. Caruolo would address this issues during the AMR Presentation.

Ms. Quinterno questioned the use of 190 proof everclear alcohol, listed on page 3 of Item 4.5 - Payroll and Receiving Report. Mr. Covellone responded that the alcohol was used in the laboratory.

A motion by Councilman Butler, seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

# 5. OLD BUSINESS:

# 5.1 Responses to Board Member Inquiries

Chairman Moffit stated that several procedural questions had been raised at the previous Board meeting. Ms. Richard had researched the issue and provided members with information. Members had a general discussion regarding procedural issues. Councilman Butler raised the concern that the procedures of the Providence Water Supply Board differ from those of other Boards. Chairman Moffit stated it was his understanding that by laws do vary but cannot conflict with the City Charter. Our Board procedures are in compliance with both.

In 2003, the City of Providence Law Department had provided Providence Water with the opinion that provisions of the Home Rule Charter authorize a Deputy to attend meetings of the City of Providence's Board of Contract and Supply if the Chairman is unable to attend. At the February 2006 meeting, Councilman Butler questioned if Mr. Spremulli could serve as Deputy given that he was not a member of the Board.

Councilman Butler stated that the City Law Department had informed him that Mr. Spremulli could not serve as Deputy given that he was not a member of the Board. This was in conflict with the original opinion rendered in 2003. Chairman Moffit asked that Councilman Butler provide him with any information he had received from the Law Department.

Mr. Spremulli responded to Councilman DeLuca's request for information relating to trash removal at the three Providence Water facilities.

# 5.2. Renewal of Lease to Saint Joseph's Church / Lease Information

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to continue Item 5.2 to the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

# 5.3 Potential Sale / Transfer of Providence Water Property - Warwick

Mr. Covellone informed the Board that last year, the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council had contacted Providence Water regarding its interest in either donating, deeding, or selling Providence Water property (2,614 sq. ft.) located in the Pawtuxet Cove Area of Warwick. Adjacent to the property, Providence Water owns a concrete dam.

Due to property/dam maintenance and liability issues, Chief Marchand and Mr. Covellone recommended selling the property.

Per the request of the Board, Mr. Covellone provided members with photographs of the property and dam.

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca to authorize the transfer of ownership of the property described as Assessor's Plat 291, Lot 33 and adjacent dam located in the City of Warwick, to the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council, and authorize the Chief Engineer and General Manager to process the transfer through the City Council and City Properties Committee of the City of Providence, and further, authorize the necessary recordings.

The transfer of this property and dam is conditional upon agreement by the Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council that the land/dam is used for environmental preservation and protection purposes.

This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

# 6. NEW BUSINESS

# 6.1 Resolution for Service to Providence Water - Boyce Spinelli

Chairman Moffit presented Mr. Spinelli with a resolution commending his recent service as Acting General Manager of Providence Water.

# 6.2 Providence Business News Article

Chairman Moffit had requested that members receive copies of a recent article in The Providence Business News which featured Chief Marchand.

# 6.3 AMR Presentation

Mr. Caruolo provided Board members with an overview of the AMR program (see attached summary).

## 7. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>:

There was no other business to discuss.

# 8. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Councilman Butler, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST: A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard

**Board Secretary** 

# PROVIDENCE WATER

Automatic Meter Reading

Program 2006

## I. PRE-AMR

# A. AMR Project Team:

AMR project team was assembled consisting of various directors and managers to research and evaluate various AMR & metering options.

# B. Obstacles:

- 1. PUC denied Providence Water's request to implement AMR October 1996
- 2. Sole source meter utility vs. Multi meter utility
- 3. Open Architecture AMR system vs. Proprietary AMR system
- 4. Technological Changes

# C. Key Decisions:

- Supreme Court rules Providence Water can implement AMR 1998
- 2. Project Team endorses meter competition
- 3. Project Team recommends an open architecture AMR system
- 4. Project Team recommends radio frequency drive by system

# II. AMR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

# A. Selecting Installation Service Areas:

- 1. Where will the installations commence?
  - In the vicinity of Providence Water
  - Continue throughout the City of Providence
- 2. Why start here?
  - Crews will be close to home base to address inventory issues
  - Good beta site to monitor productivity
  - Providence Water is part of the City of Providence
- 3. When will the program begin?
  - August 1999
- 4. Who will do the installations?
  - Providence Water Meter Crews

## B. Notification Process:

1. Who needs to be notified?

- Providence Water Board Members, Mayors, City / Town Councils, Police Departments, PUC, General Public, Providence Water employees and media outlets

2. What must they know?

- Installation locations, installation time frame, benefits of the system, the customers responsibility & Providence Water's responsibility

3. How will they be notified?

- Meetings, reports, notification letters, Providence Water web site, posters, and media outlets

4. When will they be notified?

- Two weeks prior to installing a target area and throughout the program

## 5. Notification Results

- 1st letter generated a 50% installation success rate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> letter raised the installation success rate to 75%

## C. Obstacles:

1. Union Issues

- crew composition, 90 degree days, overtime and incentives program

2. Production

- PUC expectations, accessability, and plumbing

# D. Key Decisions:

1. Re-locate Target areas

- Low response rate in transient areas, convert willing customers, and convert scat accounts

2. Install difficult target areas at the end of the AMR program

- Two man routes and confined space settings

3. Refrain from terminating non-AMR accounts

- Avoid negative public relations

4. Estimate non-AMR

- Soft penalty for not converting

## III. PROVIDENCE WATER'S AMR PROGRAM 2006

#### A. Current Results

- 1. 85% of the system has been converted to AMR
- 2. 81% of the total accounts were billed on actual reads in 2005
- 3. 99.37 % of the AMR accounts were read in 2005

#### B. Current Plan

- 1. Mail Final Notification Letter & PUC notification to non-AMR accounts
- 2. Convert to AMR or terminate water service if necessary

#### C. Current Benefits

- 1. Improve meter accuracy
- .2. Reduce estimated reads
- 3. Reduce customer complaints
- 4. No need to enter households
- 5. Discourage the theft of water
- 6. Increased safety measures for personnel
- 7. Re-deployment of our workforce
- 8. Improved customer service

## D. Current Obstacles with non-AMR Accounts

- 1. Accessibility, poor plumbing, and language barriers
- 2. Terminating accounts will upset customers & cost them money
- 3. Numerous estimated reads lead high catch up bills or refunds

#### E. Refunds

- 1. Security deposit refund for hydrant meters
- 2. Contractor refund for over payment on services and meters
- 3. Customer refund for payment error
- 4. Customer refund for over estimated bills

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# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD MAY 17, 2006 MINUTES

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Ms. Pamela Marchand, Chief Engineer and General Manager

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

### PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Boyce Spinelli, Deputy General Manager of Administration

Mr. Michael Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Ms. Jeanne Bondarevskis, Director of Finance

Mr. Ricky Caruolo, Director of Commercial Services

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Mr. Paul Titzmann, Director of Special Projects

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Mr. Brian Feeney, Director of Transmission and Distribution

#### OTHERS ATTENDING:

Mr. Anthony Cartone, City of Providence Law Department

Ms. Sharon Mulcahey, City of Providence Law Department

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moffit called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

#### 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

#### 3.1 March 15, 2006 Meeting

A motion by Vice Chairman Cataldi, seconded by Councilman Butler, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1 Chief Engineer's Report
- 4.2 Financial and Operating Report
- 4.3 Personnel Report
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Ms. Quinterno noted that information contained in Item 4.1 referenced that Providence Water will be working with EPA Region I and other New England Utilities to attempt to implement a regional mutual aid agreement similar to what is in place in Florida and California. Ms. Quinterno stated that the importance of such agreements was stressed at the Public Officials Summit she recently attended in Alabama. Ms. Quinterno stated that she has given Chief Marchand copies of the information distributed at the summit.

A motion by Ms. Quinterno, seconded by Councilman Butler, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

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#### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

#### 5.1 Responses to Board Member Inquiries

Chairman Moffit stated that two issues had been carried over from previous meetings. Councilman DeLuca had requested that Mr. Spinelli provide members with information regarding prior years workers compensation cases. Mr. Spinelli informed the Board that the Personnel Report (Item 4.3) had been modified to include the requested information.

Councilman Butler had questioned if Joe Spremulli could serve as Board of Contract and Supply Deputy. Chairman Moffit stated that it was his understanding that the City of Providence Law Department had recently reexamined the issue and felt that the original ruling, allowing Mr. Spremulli to serve as deputy, should stand.

### 5.2. Renewal of Lease to Saint Joseph's Church / Lease Information

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to approve the renewal of the lease with Saint Joseph's Church for a period to expire on December 31, 2015 and under the terms as outlined in the draft agreement presented to the Board. This motion was seconded by Ms. Quinterno. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Renewal of Line of Credit

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Cataldi to authorize staff to process the necessary paperwork to obtain a one-year line of credit in the amount of \$2,750,000., with the option to renew for an additional two years. This motion was seconded by Councilman Butler. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### 6.2 Information Management and Technology Conference Summary Report

Ms. Bondarevskis provided Board members with a brief summary of the report.

Ms. Quinterno questioned if Providence Water is accepting payments online/credit cards. Ms. Bondarevskis stated that we expect to be doing this after July 1, 2006. Councilman Butler asked if there was a cost to Providence Water to do this. Ms. Bondarevskis answered that there is no cost to Providence Water. Credit card payments are processed through a third party vendor. The customer pays a small amount, in addition to the amount owed on the bill, for the convenience. This additional amount is paid to the third party vendor.

Vice Chairman Cataldi stated the Board used to receive information regarding cost, etc. prior to individuals attending conferences. Mr. Spinelli stated that this information was requested by the previous City of Providence Administration and a copy of this information was made available to Board members. This information is not requested by the current Administration. Chief Marchand informed the Board of the internal process used to determine conference attendance.

#### 6.3 IFR/CIP Report

Mr. Gadoury provided Board members with a brief summary of the report.

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Spinelli informed the Board that the proposed Providence Water fiscal year 2006 - 2007 budget is balanced. Ms. Richard would be contacting members in order to schedule Budget Workshops. Copies of the fiscal year 2006 - 2007 draft budget would be mailed to members before the first Budget Workshop.

#### 8 <u>OPEN CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.I.G.L.</u> 42-46-5 (a)(2) - <u>Litigation Matters:</u>

Councilman Butler made a motion to enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) to discuss litigation matters. This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

<u>Roll Call</u>	
Chairman Moffit	yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi	yes
Councilman DeLuca	yes
Councilman Butler	yes
Ms. Quinterno	yes
Mr. Bianco	absent
Mr. Prignano	absent

Councilman Butler had to leave at 6:02 p.m.

#### 9. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to exit from Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

Roll Call

Chairman Moffit yes
Vice Chairman Cataldi yes
Councilman DeLuca yes

Councilman Butler

had to leave at 6:02 p.m.

Ms. Quinterno yes
Mr. Bianco absent
Mr. Prignano absent

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to seal the records of Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca, and seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to authorize the office of the Providence City Solicitor to negotiate up to the amount discussed in Executive Session to settle the case of Harkins v. Providence Water Supply. Chairman Moffit, Vice Chairman Cataldi and Councilman DeLuca were in favor of the motion. Ms. Quinterno was opposed to the motion. The motion passed 3 to 1.

#### 10. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

A motion by Councilman DeLuca, seconded by Vice Chairman Cataldi, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST: A true attest.

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# THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD JUNE 21, 2006 MINUTES

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Joseph D. Cataldi, Vice Chairman

Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Board Member

Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Board Member

Mr. Everett Bianco, Board Member

Ms. Anne T. Quinterno, Board Member

Ms. Pamela Marchand, Chief Engineer and General Manager

Mr. Fernando S. Cunha, Esq., Legal Advisor

Ms. Carissa Richard, Board Secretary

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Andrew K. Moffit, Chairman

Mr. Alexander Prignano, Ex-Officio

#### PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Mr. Michael Russo, Deputy General Manager of Operations

Mr. Paul Gadoury, Director of Engineering

Mr. Joseph Spremulli, Director of Support Services

Mr. Paul Titzmann, Director of Special Projects

Mr. Michael Covellone, Director of Water Supply

Mr. Rich Blodgett, Manager of Environmental Resources

Mr. Dennis Salema, AMR and Large Meter Project Manager

#### OTHERS ATTENDING:

Mr. Kirk Rerick

Mrs. Susan Rerick

Ms. Janice Kirby

Ms. Darlene Yureko

The Providence Water Supply Board met in the David F. Walsh Memorial Boardroom of the Providence Water Supply Board building located at 552 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Cataldi called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted.

#### 2. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was established by calling attendance of all Board members.

A motion was made by Councilman Butler to move Item 7 - Other Business, to the top of the agenda. This motion was seconded by Councilman DeLuca. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Kirk Rerick, a property owner from the Fiskville, Scituate/Cranston-line, made a brief statement to the Board regarding an issue of concern to himself and neighboring property owners. Mr. Rerick alleged that run off from property owned by Providence Water was causing damage to adjacent and nearby properties. Mr. Rerick believed that the cause of the issue was a septic tank located on the property owned by Providence Water. Mr. Rerick provided the Board with ownership information related to the effected properties.

Due to Open Meeting Laws, the issue could not be formally addressed by the Board. Mr. Rerick's issue will be placed on the July 19, 2006 Meeting Agenda. At that time, he will be allowed to make a formal presentation to the Board.

Mr. Gadoury stated that he was aware of the issue and that engineering staff had investigated Mr. Rerick's complaint. The Board requested that Mr. Gadoury provide a report at the July 19, 2006 meeting.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

#### 3.1 May 17, 2006 Meeting

A motion by Ms. Quinterno, seconded by Councilman Butler, to approve Agenda Item 3.1, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### 4. REPORTS:

- 4.1 Chief Engineer's Report
- 4.2 Financial and Operating Report
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Ms. Quinterno questioned an issue mentioned in both Item 4.1 and Item 4.4 related to collection activity within the Commercial Services Department. Given that the Account Collector was being paid overtime to conduct collections from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and this person is scheduled to normally work from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Ms. Quinterno inquired if it would be prudent to permanently change the schedule of the Account Collector to avoid paying overtime.

Chief Marchand responded that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has mandated that Providence Water prioritize the posting of delinquent residential accounts, therefore the Account Collector must be available during evening and weekend hours in order to secure payments or agreements. This is a temporary situation. Chief Marchand stated that customers whose service has been turned off are charged a fee of \$107.00 for service to be reinstated.

Per Councilman DeLuca's request, Mr. Covellone elaborated on issues cited in Item 4.1 which related to second quarter results for total trihalomethanes and the revised RIPDES report. Councilman DeLuca stated that at a future meeting, he would like to discuss establishing a subcommittee on water quality so that Board members may learn more about the treatment process, etc.

Councilman DeLuca noted that it was listed in Item 4.1 that the Finance Department was preparing for the annual inventory of the materials and supplies housed throughout the facilities and used by the construction areas. Councilman DeLuca asked to be provided with a copy of the completed inventory list.

Ms. Quinterno inquired as to the current status of the vacant-funded positions listed in Item 4.3. Chief Marchand responded that a recommendation has been made, and forwarded to City Hall, for the Forest Supervisor position. The Inspector position is currently pending because we are revising the job description with the Union. We are in the process of recruiting a Processor of Equipment and no final selection has been made. A recommendation has been made, and forwarded to City Hall, for the Regulatory Service Supervisor position. Russell Carpenter, the

new Utility Maintenance Worker, has already started working at Providence Water. Per Councilman DeLuca's inquiry, Chief Marchand explained that the Inspector position was an entry-level union position within the Engineering Department and that Mr. Gadoury developed the specifications for the position.

Councilman DeLuca questioned an issue listed in Item 4.4 related to overtime meter installations on Saturdays and evenings. He noted that the total overtime cost for the month was \$9,583.68 for a Plumber (24 hours), a Senior Meter Reader Technician (132 hours) and a Meter Reader Technician (192 hours). Vice Chairman Cataldi stated that it had been decided that a Plumber would be used in case Providence Water employees cause damage to a valve when installing a meter. It is less expensive than paying a contractor to fix such a problem.

Chief Marchand stated that Providence Water is mandated by the Public Utilities Commission to accelerate the amount of meters that we are installing and in order to do this, we had to provide the PUC with a plan of how this could be accomplished within the allotted time frame. Presently, we are installing at least 500 meters per month and as such, staying ahead of schedule. Since we are terminating noncomplying accounts, we have to set up appointments in the evening and weekends so that individuals who work can be available for meter installation appointments. The overtime associated with meter installations is given on a rotating schedule based on seniority. Since the cost of using the Plumber is the greatest, we use the Plumber less often and are training technicians to perform more of the work involved

Per the request of Councilman DeLuca, Chief Marchand provided an explanation of the posting process, used by the Account Collector, mentioned in Item 4.4.

Councilman Butler had to leave the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

A motion by Ms. Quinterno, seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to approve Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 concurrently, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007 Budget

Chief Marchand stated that Providence Water staff would like to schedule a Budget Workshop for Board members. Chairman Moffit had suggested scheduling the workshop on a Wednesday evening. Board members agreed that Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., was the best day to hold a Budget Workshop.

### 6.2 Tuition Reimbursement Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno to approve revising the policy to a 100% tuition reimbursement amount for a passing grade, effective immediately. This motion was seconded by Councilman DeLuca. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

#### 6.3 Land Acquisition Program Presentation

Mr. Blodgett provided members with an overview of the Land Acquisition Program.

#### 8 <u>OPEN CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.I.G.L.</u> 42-46-5 (a)(2) - Litigation Matters:

Ms. Quinterno made a motion to enter into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(2) to discuss litigation matters. This motion was seconded by Councilman DeLuca. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

#### Roll Call

Chairman Moffit absent
Vice Chairman Cataldi yes
Councilman DeLuca yes

Councilman Butler had to leave at 5:35 p.m.

Ms. Quinterno yes
Mr. Bianco yes
Mr. Prignano absent

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#### 9. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca, and seconded by Mr. Bianco, to exit from Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

#### Roll Call

Chairman Moffit absent
Vice Chairman Cataldi yes
Councilman DeLuca yes

Councilman Butler had to leave at 5:35 p.m.

Ms. Quinterno yes
Mr. Bianco yes
Mr. Prignano absent

A motion was made by Councilman DeLuca, and seconded by Ms. Quinterno, to seal the records of Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Quinterno, and seconded by Councilman DeLuca, to authorize the Board Legal Advisor to pay the Department of Environmental Management up to the amount discussed in Executive Session. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Councilman DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Bianco, to adjourn the meeting, was made. All members present were in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

A true attest.

Carissa R. Richard Board Secretary

## PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket 3832

# Data Requests of Kent County Water Authority Set 1

- KCWA 1-12 Does the City Clerk's Office maintain resolutions and /or notifications of bids for the City School Department? Does the Board of Contract and Supply evaluate bids for the School Department? Regarding page 8, Line 13 of Mr. Bebyn's testimony:
  - a. How many resolutions were related to Providence Water? To the School

    Department? What were the total number of resolutions?
  - b. How many notifications were related to Providence Water? To the School Department? What were the total number of notifications?
  - c. Please show how Mr. Bebyn used this data to derive the allocation of the City Clerk's office to Providence Water.

ANSWER: The City Clerk's Office does maintain resolutions and notifications of bids for the City School Department. The Board of Contract and Supply does not tabulate the bids however the tabulations are evaluated and the award is approved or denied by the Board. The procedure for evaluation of bids is the same for School, Water and City.

### a. Still acquiring this data. Will provide once available.

- b. The notifications were obtained from the count of bid awards. The total number of notifications/awards for fiscal year 2006 was 785. This total includes 98 notifications/awards from Water and 281 notifications/awards from School Department. Since the Clerk's office provides this service for the School department, the School department awards were included in the total notifications/awards used in the allocation.
- c. The allocation was based solely on the bid notifications/awards. The 98 notifications/awards for Water and total notifications/awards of 785 agree with the numbers reported in the clerk allocator on schedule DGB-6 of my pre-filed testimony.

Prepared by DGB

## PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket 3832

# Data Requests of Kent County Water Authority Set 1

## KCWA 1-13 Regarding the allocation of the Personnel Office:

- a. Does the total number of employees include school department personnel? If not, what is that number?
- b. Explain how the Personnel Department's activities with union negotiations, grievances, training and EEO issues differs between Providence Water and the School Department.

#### ANSWER:

- a. The total number of employees used in the calculation of the Personnel allocator did not include school department personnel. The total number of School employees as of the end of the fiscal year 2006 was 3,333.
- b. Providence Water is represented by the City Human Resources Department (Personnel) for both union negotiations and grievance hearings. The School Department is represented by its own Human Resources Department for both negotiations and grievance hearings. The City Human Resources Department sits in on the union negotiations for informational purposes only and is not a party to the bargaining. Furthermore, the City has no involvement with School Department grievance hearings.

Providence Water has a training coordinator for water-specific training. All other non-water specific training is provided by the City's training coordinator. The school handles their own training through Human Resources Department for the School.

All Providence Water EEO issues are handled by the City's EEO officer who is an employee of the City Personnel Department. The School's EEO issues are handled directly by the School's own EEO officer.

## PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket 3832

# Data Requests of Kent County Water Authority Set 1

KCWA 1-14 Please explain how the City Finance Department's services to Providence Water differs from the services it provides to the School Department. How many "bond issuances" did the Finance Director sign Providence Water in the Test Year and the year immediately proceeding the test year? For that same period, how many bonds were issued by the City for projects that involved any funds for the School Department?

ANSWER: The City Finance Director does not sit on the School Board as he does for the Water Board. Also, the City's oversight of School financial transactions is reduced in comparison with Water due to the School Department's higher level of staffing in their finance department.

The Finance Director did sign one "bond issuance" for Providence Water in the year proceeding the test year, but none for the Test Year. There were no bonds issued by the City for projects that involved any funds for the School Department for that same period.

Prepared by DGB

## PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD Docket No. 3832

## Response to Data Request of Kent County Water Authority Set I

Question 1-15: Please provide a listing of Providence Water Assets (net and gross) for the latest period available. Were assets used as a basis for allocating any costs? If so, which costs and provide backup or workpapers that were used for such an allocation (in electronic format if available)

Response: The most current asset information is provided in the attached pdf file and was used in the rate model. As shown in the rate model, asset information is used to allocate all capital costs except for the Western Cranston Fund and Meter Replacement.

Response prepared by: Harold Smith 6/04/07