

City of East Providence Budget Commission
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Ms. Rosemary Booth Gallogly
Director
Rhode Island Department of Revenue
1 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

March 4, 2013

Dear Ms. Gallogly:

At its most recent meeting on February 28, 2013, the East Providence Budget Commission unanimously adopted a plan to return financial control of the City to its elected officials and administration ("Plan"), a copy of which is attached. The Commission adopted a balanced five (5) year budget which includes continued expenditure reductions, five (5) year collective bargaining agreements with a majority of the unions, and modest one percent (1%) tax increases in FY 2014 and FY 2015. A copy of the five year plan is also attached for your reference.

The Commission's next will be held on March 28, 2013. At its' February 28, 2013 meeting, the Commission voted to delegate its authority under RIGL 45-9 for the period of February 28, 2013 through March 28, 2013 to the City Council and School Committee or the City Manager and Superintendent, as otherwise provided in law, rule, regulation, or ordinance, as follows:

- Appointments to boards and commissions pursuant to RIGL 45-9-6(d)(12) which provides that a Budget Commission has the power to "Appoint, in consultation with the director of revenue, persons to fill vacancies on any authority, board, committee, department or office";
- Procurement and payments of goods and services pursuant to RIGL 45-9-6(d)(6) which provides that a Budget Commission has the power to "Review and approve or disapprove all proposed contracts for goods or services" and RIGL 45-9-3(d)(7) which requires the Budget Commission to "Monitor the expenditures of all funds".
- Personnel actions pursuant to RIGL 45-9-6(d)(8) which gives the Budget Commission the authority to "Appoint, remove, supervise and control all city and town employees and have control over all personnel matters other than disciplinary matters; provided, that the budget commission shall hold all existing powers to hire and fire and set the terms and conditions of employment held by other employees or officers of the city or town; provided, further, that the budget commission shall have the authority to exercise all powers otherwise available to

a municipality regarding contractual obligations during a fiscal emergency; provided, further, that no city or town employee or officer shall hire, fire, transfer or alter the compensation or benefits of a city or town employee except with the written approval of the budget commission; and provided, further, that the budget commission may delegate or otherwise assign these powers with the approval of the director of revenue”.

As such, the Commission is requesting your approval of this delegation of authority. The Commission will subsequently review any purchases, payments, and personnel actions at its next meeting on March 28, 2013. Please indicate your approval of this delegation by signing below.

Thank you for your assistance.

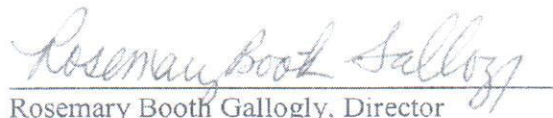
Sincerely,



Diane Brennan
Chairperson, East Providence Budget Commission

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Approved:



Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Director
Department of Revenue