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Section 3. The last proviso in sub-section 7(a) of said ordinance is amended to read as follows: provided that the period of ten years referred to in this section shall be retroactive in effect and

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Continuation of Municipal Council Meetings of February 11, 1954

Continuation of Bill No. 334.

Section 1. Sub-section 3(c) of the said ordinance is amended to read as follows: An industrial subsidy shall be allowed over a period of ten years beginning not earlier than January 1, 1949, to all stockholders or partners in any new business or industry in an amount equal to 75% of the Income Tax actually paid into the Municipality by any such stockholders on the dividends or profits derived by any such stockholders or partners from the operation of the new business or industry covered under this law; provided that the period of ten years shall be retroactive in effect and shall apply to all stockholders and partners covered under Bill No. 67, approved August 17, 1951, and Bill No. 8, approved June 25, 1949.

Section 2. Sub-section 3(d) of the said ordinance is amended to read as follows: The period of ten years referred to in this section shall be retroactive in effect and shall apply to all new businesses, industries, and hotels which have been granted exemption and subsidies under the provisions of Bill No. 67, approved August 17, 1951, and Bill No. 8, approved June 25, 1949.

Section 3. The last proviso in sub-section 7(a) of said ordinance is amended to read as follows: provided that the period of ten years referred to in this section shall be retroactive in effect and

shall apply to all stockholders and partners of hotels, covered under Bill No. 67, approved August 17, 1951 and Bill No. 8, approved June 25, 1949.

Mr. Cregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	absent
Mr. Bress	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent.

The following bill was sent to the committee of the whole for further study.

Bill No. 241. — Ordinance, to control the operation of motor vehicles known as "Drive Yourself" Automobiles, and for other purposes. Proposed by Henry O. Cregue, second elected member at large.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez.
Chairman

Henry O. Richards
Henry O. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of February 26, 1954.

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John held on Friday, February 26, 1954 at 2:00 P.M.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council in accordance with Section 13 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, the Municipal Council convened in extraordinary meeting on February 26, 1954. Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez
Hon. Henry C. Leque
Hon. Earl B. Otley
Hon. Percival H. Reese

There were no informal discussion.
No correspondence read.

The following nominations were confirmed:

The Virgin Islands Flag Commission

J. Antonio Jarvis, St. Thomas
Joan Howard, St. Thomas
Miss Clarice Thomas, St. John
Mr. Cyril Marshall, St. Croix
Mr. Egil Rint, St. Croix

Mr. Leque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea

The following bills were adopted in the form and by the votes indicated

Bill No 337

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John
1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Establish a Bureau of Purchase, Centralize Control of Property, and for other Purposes.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1, Bureau of Purchase; Organization and Powers. There shall be established in the Department of Finance, Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, a Bureau of Purchase, under the general supervision of the Commissioner of Finance. The officer in charge of this Bureau shall be designated the Purchasing Agent who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council. He shall receive a salary to be stipulated in the annual budget.

The Bureau of Purchase shall purchase or contract for all supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services, in the manner described below required by any and all departments, offices, boards, institutions, and other agencies of the Municipality except the Legislature. The Bureau shall sell all supplies, materials and equipment not needed for public use or that may have become unsuitable for use, and shall have authority to transfer, between departments, offices, boards, institutions and other agencies of the Municipality any supplies, materials and equipment not needed by one but necessary to the operation of another or others.

Section 2. Competition Required.
Encumbrance. Before making any purchase or sale, the Bureau shall be required to secure competitive bids under the rules and regulations, and with such exceptions as prescribed below. The Bureau shall not issue any order for delivery on a contract or open market purchase unless the request for purchase bears certification that there is to the credit of the department, office, board, institution, or other agency concerned a sufficient unencumbered appropriation balance in excess of all unpaid obligations to defray the amount of such order.

Section 3. (a) Contract Procedure:
 All purchase of, and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services, and all sales of personal property which has become obsolete and unusable, shall be based whenever possible on competitive bids. If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) written contracts shall be awarded. Notices inviting sealed competitive bids shall be published and at least five calendar days must intervene between the date of last publication and the final date for submitting bids. Such notices shall include a general description of the articles to be purchased or sold, shall state where bid blanks and specifications may be secured, and the time and place for opening of bids.

(b) The Bureau shall, in addition, solicit sealed bids from all

responsible prospective suppliers or purchasers who have requested their names to be added to the bidders' list, by sending them a copy of such newspaper notice or such other notice as will acquaint them with the proposed purchase or sale. All pending purchases or sales shall also be advertised by a notice posted on a public bulletin board in the Department of Finance.

(c) All bids shall be submitted sealed to the Bureau and, when deemed necessary, shall be accompanied by security in the form of check, cash or bond in such amount as shall be prescribed in the public notice inviting bids. The bids shall be opened in public at the time and place stated in the newspaper notice. A tabulation of all bids received shall be filed for public inspection. The Bureau may reject any or all bids, or the bid for any one or more commodities or contractual services included in the proposed contract, when the public interest will be served thereby. If all bids received are for the same total amount or unit price, and if the public interest will not permit the delay of re-advertising for bids, the Bureau shall have authority to award the contract to one of the bidders by drawing lots in public. Otherwise the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; quality offered, delivery terms, and service reputation of the vendor may be taken into consideration in determining the successful bidder. It shall be the duty of the Bureau to discourage uniform bidding, and to endeavor to obtain as full and

open competition as possible on all purchases and sales.

(d) Sales shall be made to the highest responsible bidder. All contracts shall be in form previously approved. If the successful bidder shall not within ten days after the award enter into contract, he shall forfeit any surety which accompanied his bid.

Section 4. Board of Standardization.
The Government Secretary, Commissioner of Finance and Superintendent of Public Works, or their representatives, shall constitute the board of standardization, whose duty it shall be to classify and standardize, and to prepare and adopt written specifications for, all supplies, materials and equipment used by the municipality. The members of this board shall serve without additional compensation. It shall be the duty of this board to classify all the supplies, materials and equipment used by the various agencies of the municipality; to adopt as standards the minimum number of qualities, sizes, and varieties of commodities consistent with the efficient operation of the municipality; and to prepare, adopt and promulgate written specifications describing such standards. The board of standardization shall have power to make use of the laboratory and engineering facilities of the municipality and the technical staffs thereof in connection with its work of preparing and revising standards and written specifications. The Board shall also consult with

the heads and other officials of the using agencies to determine their requirements, and shall endeavor to prescribe those standards which meet the needs of the majority of such agencies. All specifications must be definite and certain and permit of competition. After its adoption, each standard specification shall, until revised or rescinded, apply alike in terms and effect to every future purchase and contract for the commodity described in such specification.

Section 5. Requisitions and Estimates. All using agencies of the Municipality shall file with the Bureau detailed estimates of their requirements in supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services in such manner, and at such periods as the Bureau shall prescribe. This shall not prevent any using agency from filing with the Bureau at any time a requisition for any supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services, the need for which was not foreseen when the detailed estimates were filed.

Section 6(a) Open Market Orders. Purchases of supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services, of less than five hundred (\$500) dollars in amount may be made in the open market, without newspaper advertisement and without observing the procedure prescribed by section 3 for the award of contracts. In case of an emergency which requires immediate purchase of supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services, the Governor may authorize the Bureau to secure in the open market at

the lowest obtainable price any supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services regardless of the amount of the expenditure; provided, however, that a full explanation of the circumstances of such emergency shall be filed by the Governor and shall be open to public inspection.

(b) All open market purchases shall, wherever possible, be based on at least three competitive bids, and shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

(c) The Bureau shall solicit bids by direct mail request to prospective vendors, by telephone, and by public notice on a bulletin board in the Department of Finance. The Bureau shall keep a record of all open market orders and the bids submitted in competition thereon, and such records shall also be open to public inspection.

(d) Using agencies may be permitted to make direct purchase, or contract for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services in accordance with rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Purchasing Agent, with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance.

Section 7. Emergency Purchases.
In case of actual emergency and with the consent of the Purchasing Agent, any using agency may purchase directly any supplies, materials, equipment whose immediate procurement is essential to prevent delays in the work of the using agency, which

may vitally affect the life, health or convenience of citizens. The head of such using agency shall send to the Bureau a requisition and a copy of the delivery record together with a full written explanation of the circumstances of the emergency, which shall be filed as a permanent and public record of the purchase. The Purchasing Agent with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance shall by rules and regulations prescribe the procedure under which such emergency purchase may be made.

Section 8. Inspection. The Bureau shall require the inspection or supervision of all deliveries of supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services to determine their conformance with the specifications set forth in the order or contract. Any department having the staff and facilities for adequate inspection may be authorized by the Purchasing Agent to inspect all deliveries made to such using agencies under rules and regulations which shall be established. The Bureau shall have authority to require chemical and physical tests of samples submitted with bids and samples of deliveries which are necessary to determine their quality and conformance with the specifications. In the performance of such tests, the Bureau shall have authority to make use of laboratory facilities of any agency of the Municipality or any outside laboratory.

Section 9. Surplus Stock. All using

agencies shall submit to the Bureau, at such times and in such form as it shall prescribe, reports showing stocks of all supplies, materials and equipment which are no longer used or which have become obsolete, worn out or scrapped. The Bureau may transfer such stock to another or other agencies which have need for and can use it. The Bureau shall also have power to sell all such supplies, materials and equipment which have become unsuitable for public use, or to exchange for trade in the same or new supplies, materials and equipment. Any such sale, exchange or trade-in shall be based on competitive bids secured in accordance with section 3 or section 6, whichever is applicable.

Section 10. Storerooms and
Warehouses. When directed by the Governor, the Bureau shall control and supervise any and all existing storerooms and warehouses and any which may hereafter be established. Appropriations shall be made by the Municipal Council to provide a store revolving fund of sufficient amount to finance the purchase and storage of supplies, materials and equipment which are used in large quantities and which may be purchased and stored advantageously. Such fund shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Finance who shall also be responsible and accountable for all supplies, materials and equipment in the custody of the Bureau and shall maintain a perpetual inventory

record thereof.

Section 11. Rules and Regulations. The Purchasing Agent with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Finance shall establish, and from time to time amend, all rules and regulations authorized by this law and any other necessary to its operations. Such rules and regulations and amendments thereto shall be subject to final approval of the Governor.

Section 12. Annual Report. The Purchasing Agent shall submit through the Commissioner of Finance to the Governor an annual report on the work of his office and may from time to time suggest changes in this law which he deems necessary.

Section 13. No employee of the Procurement Section of the Department of Finance shall be admitted to any share or part of any contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom.

Section 14. No contract or purchase on behalf of the Municipality shall be made unless the same is authorized by law or is under an appropriation adequate to its fulfillment.

Section 15. Conflicting Act Repealed. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 16. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the approval of the Governor.

Mr. Gueque yea
 Mr. Gomez yea
 Mr. Otley yea
 Mr. Reese yea

Bill No. 338

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
 Thomas and St. John.

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To
 Authorize the Governor to Borrow
 Money from the Public and Trust
 Funds of the Municipality of St.
 Thomas and St. John and for
 the purpose of setting up an
 Imprest Fund for work to be
 performed by the Government of
 the Virgin Islands for the United
 States Government on a Reimburse-
 ment Basis," Approved
 April 29, 1942, as amended.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
 Council of St. Thomas and St.
 John in Session assembled:

Section 1. Ordinance "To Authorize the
 Governor to Borrow Money from the
 Public and Trust Funds of the
 Municipality of St. Thomas and St.
 John for the purpose of setting up
 an Imprest Fund for work to be
 performed by the Government of
 the Virgin Islands for the United
 States Government on a Reimburse-
 ment Basis," Approved April 29, 1942
 as amended, is hereby further
 amended by adding the following
 section 3:

The Governor is hereby authorized

and directed to withdraw the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars from the Imprest Fund to be expended for the Purpose of Paving a portion of the King's Wharf area and constructing suitable benches thereon in accordance with plans to be prepared by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Beque yea
 Mr. Gomez yea
 Mr. Otley yea
 Mr. Reese yea

Bill No. 222

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to create an Authority for the Purpose of Operating Municipal Parks and Playgrounds and other Recreational Areas and Maintaining Programs of Recreational and Athletic and for other Purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Policy

Section 1. The Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John hereby declares that the welfare of the Virgin Islands and the improvement of the health and living standards of its People require that public use and development of parks and recreational areas be facilitated by the establishment of a public agency to plan and execute a

continuing constructive program in the field of community recreation.

Creation Of Authority

Section 2. For the purpose of acquiring, improving and operating parks, playgrounds and other recreational areas, there is hereby created an Authority to be known as the St. Thomas Recreation Authority, which is hereby declared to constitute a corporate municipal instrumentality of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Powers & Duties

Section 3. The Authority - - -

- (a) may purchase, lease, receive as gifts, and hold such real and personal property as it deems necessary in carrying out its functions under this ordinance;
- (b) may adopt, amend and repeal by-laws;
- (c) may sue and be sued in its authority name;
- (d) may hire and discharge employees as necessary to carry out its activities;
- (e) may make contracts as herein authorized;
- (f) may construct, maintain and operate ball parks, playgrounds, stadiums and such other facilities and structures and improvements as it may deem necessary;

- (g) Shall adopt rules and regulations governing the use of community recreational facilities and set the standards for recreational and athletic groups, institute programs of recreational or athletic activities; and,
- (h) Coordinate activities in the public schools with programs in public playgrounds and recreation centers;
- (i) Shall institute a program designed to encourage widespread interest and active participation of the population in recreational and athletic activities.

Board of Directors

Section 4. The powers of the Authority shall be exercised by a Board of five directors, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council. They shall originally hold office for one, two and three years; two members for one year, two members for two years, and one member for three years, respectively. Thereafter, the term of each member of the Board shall be two years. Three members of the Board shall at all times constitute a quorum. In addition to the five members, the Superintendent of Education and Superintendent of Public Works shall be members ex-officio, and entitled to full part in its deliberation, but not to vote or hold office therein.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall serve without compensation.

but shall receive such reasonable expenses as may be incurred in the exercise of their duties:

Section 6. The Board of Directors may employ a manager to conduct the affairs of the Authority, supervise the construction of all facilities, and operation of parks, playgrounds and structures and generally transact its business subject to the direction of the board and responsible to it. The Director of Physical Education in the Department of Education may be appointed to serve as manager of the Authority, with such additional compensation as the Board may determine.

Section 7. The Authority shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments on any property acquired by it for its purpose or on any income derived from any of its authorized activities. The Authority shall retain title to all real property that may be transferred or deeded to it.

Section 8. The Authority may set up and operate such activities within park areas as it deems desirable in the public interest, or if a majority of the members of the board so vote, it may lease to private individuals, after advertising for bids, concession within the area in conformity with rules and regulations prescribed by the board. All leases granted within the park areas, shall contain a cancellation clause in favor of the Authority whereby the term may be cancelled, in the public interest upon the

violation of any rule or regulation by the lessee. This rule shall apply also to all persons making temporary use of any of the facilities, who, in case of improper conduct, may be ejected from the premises.

Section 9. The Authority is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations and to adopt such procedure, not in conflict with this ordinance, for the operation, maintenance and construction of public facilities in the areas under its control, and for the conduct of participants in its recreational programs, visitors, patrons and the general public.

Section 10. Any person who willfully violates Authority rules after they shall have been posted by the authority shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

Section 11. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall authorize the Authority to obligate the Municipality for any expenses incurred over and beyond any moneys actually appropriated by the Municipality, nor shall the authority mortgage or similarly encumber any of its real property.

Section 12. The Governor is hereby authorized to transfer to the Thomas Recreation Authority the sum of \$10,000 from any Public or Trust Funds as a loan to the Authority. This loan shall be repaid within a period of ten years at an interest rate of 2 percent per annum. Funds for the operating

expenses of the Authority may be appropriated in the Annual Municipal Budget.

Section 13. All funds acquired by the Authority from whatever source shall constitute a fund for the purposes of this act and for no other purposes.

Section 14. Bill No. 61 of the Fourth Municipal Council, Ordinance to create the Division of Playground Establishments, Establish the St. Thomas Athletic Association, and for other purposes, approved on October 9, 1943, as well as any other law or parts of law in conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 15. All properties, funds, duties, records, personnel, functions, assets, as well as any obligations of the St. Thomas Recreation Commission are hereby transferred to the St. Thomas Recreation Authority.

Section 16. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1954.

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Duke	yea

The following Amendment to the Pay Plan was approved:

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

Division of Personnel

February 9, 1954

Amendment No. 8 to the 1952 Pay Plan for Employees in the Classified Service, Virgin Islands

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Pursuant to Section 15 (b) of the Personnel Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands, the Pay Plan for all Employees in the Classified Service as recommended by the Director of Personnel and approved by the Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby amended as follows:

(1) Add:

<u>Range</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>No of Steps</u>	<u>Step Increase</u>
22	6000	7200	6	210
23	7200	8400	6	240
24	7600	8800	6	240

(2) Reallocate:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Salary Range</u>
Physician I-	22
Dentist	22
Physician II-	23
Physician III-	24

Recommended: February 7, 1954

William F. James
Director of Personnel

Approved: February 9, 1954

Morris S. de Castro
Governor.

Mr. Beque	yes
Mr. Gomez	yes
Mr. Otley	yes
Mr. Reece	yes

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

~~Joseph A. Gomez~~
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman.

~~Denny C. Beque~~
Denny C. Beque
Acting Secretary.

Meeting of March 11, 1954

Of the Second Ordinary Meeting of the Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, held on Thursday, March 11, 1954, at 2:00 o'clock Municipal Council's Chambers, Municipal Building, St. Thomas Virgin Islands.

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Pursuant to call of the Governor of the Virgin Islands, in conformity with Section 13 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, the Municipal Council, assembled in session on Thursday, March 11, 1954, at 2:00 p. m. Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Earle B. Otley
Weymouth Rhymes
Julius E. Sprauel

The following correspondence, were read.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

January 8, 1954

The Honorable,
The Chairman of the Municipal Council,
Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Upon review it has been brought to my attention that there is need to clarify the language of Section 1 of Ordinance to Impose a Tax on Gasoline and for other Purposes, approved July 7, 1952.

According to the present language of this section, the authority to cover into the treasury of the Municipality revenues collected from the Automobile License Fees Ordinance and from the gasoline tax expired on June 30, 1953. However fortunately, the language does not provide for the expiration of the gasoline tax on June 30, 1953. To make the matter more complicated, Section 2, of said Ordinance specifically repeals Section 9 of the Ordinance of May 16, 1938, as amended, which authorized covering the revenues referred to above into the Road Fund. However, in the absence of local law creating a special fund, Section 35 of the Organic Act of 1936 provides that all taxes and public revenues shall be covered into the treasury of the Virgin Islands and held in account for the Municipality in which collected. Therefore, for all practical purposes, the procedure which has been continued of levying the 6¢ per gallon gasoline tax and depositing the revenues in the general treasury is supported by existing law.

Nevertheless, the ambiguity of Section 1 of the Gasoline Tax Ordinance may be questioned at some time and cause unnecessary discussions. Because of this fact, I am transmitting herewith a simple draft of Ordinance amending Section 1 of the Gasoline Tax Ordinance of July 17, 1953, which will clarify the entire matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mario G. de Castro
Governor.

Enclosure.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

February 11, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council,
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John,
Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I have today disapproved, for the second time Bill No. 253, the Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, 1953-1954, Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance creating an Official Lottery in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, to be known as the St. Thomas Virgin Islands Lottery; to provide funds for hospitalization, sanitation, education, poor relief; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John on December 15, 1953 disapproved by me on December 18, 1953, and passed over my veto by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John on January 14, 1954. In accordance with the provisions of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, this bill will be transmitted to the President of the United States for his action.

In the Council's submission to me of January 15, 1954, of the passage of Bill No. 255 over my veto, I have found no additional justification, as had been customary in the past, in support of the passage of this Bill over the

executive veto. Accordingly, I have reviewed my veto message of December 18, 1953 and I find no adequate reason why I should recede from the position taken therein.

This amendment to the Lottery Ordinance of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John purports to provide that any winner of a lottery prize shall be eligible for refund of a sum equal to the amount of any income tax paid on such prize. The St. Thomas Virgin Islands Lottery has been in operation since 1937 and it seems to me that there is no need at this time to provide for refund of the amount paid in income taxes on any lottery prize. There have been no adverse conditions in regard to the operation of the lottery which would indicate that such an incentive is needed. As stated in my veto message, I see no valid reason for now establishing a procedure which, under existing conditions in the operation of the local government, would result in some reduction, no matter how small, in our revenues, particularly on prizes won through the lottery.

It should be remembered that 85% of the total receipts from the sale of lottery tickets is returned to the purchasers of these tickets in prizes. This leaves a small margin of 15% for the Municipality to cover operating expenses, and for distribution, in accordance with law, for hospitalizations, education, and poor relief. I do

not see any justification for further reducing this small margin of profit by refunding to any winner of a lottery prize a sum equal to the amount of any income tax paid on such prize.

The federal income tax law, which applies to the Virgin Islands with the proviso that all receipts therefrom shall be covered into the local treasuries, provides that lottery gains are taxable together with other income earned during the taxable year. Under this law, proved losses in lottery tickets are deductible only to the extent of gains during the same year.

Accordingly, if Bill No. 255 were allowed to become law, a taxpayer would be required to include gains from the lottery on his income tax return and pay the total tax thereon. The taxpayer would then be required to file a claim with the Municipality, under Bill No. 255, for return of a portion of the tax. The tax would then be redetermined on the basis of the total income reported less the amount of the lottery gains reported, and the difference between the tax paid and the redetermined tax would be returned to the claimant, and involved procedure, which does not seem to be either necessary or proper in view of the fact that there is no adequate benefit to the Municipality to be received as a result thereof.

In view of my conviction that this bill is unwise and unnecessary I have no recourse but again, to disapprove it and to transmit it to the President of the United States.

Sincerely,

Morris J. De Bastis,
Governor.

Government House,
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

February 23, 1954.

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am transmitting herewith, for the consideration of the Municipal Council, a Draft of Ordinance for the Purpose of Authorizing the Withdrawal from the Treasury of the Virgin Islands, Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, the Cash Balances of Fiscal Years which have ended, and thereafter, the transfer of the cash balances of fiscal years immediately after the termination of the year, to the special fund for the liquidation of lawful obligations of said fiscal year. This draft of ordinance is to carry out the similar purposes provided in Bill No. 43, approved June 29, 1949, and Bill No. 87, approved October 9, 1951.

The reason for recommending

legislation at this time is due to the fact that unliquidated obligations for the fiscal years 1950 and 1951 amount to approximately \$4,417. At the present time there are no funds in the Outstanding Liabilities Account. On the other hand, there is a cash balance of \$4,593.98 in the fiscal year 1950.

If the attached draft of legislation should become law, then we could transfer immediately the \$4,593.98 in the fiscal year 1950 to the Outstanding Liabilities Account and immediately thereafter, liquidate the unliquidated obligations which we are now holding for the fiscal year 1951.

In order to expedite the liquidation of the outstanding obligation for previous fiscal years I recommend that this draft of ordinance be enacted by the Municipal Council at its earliest convenience.

Enclosure.

Sincerely yours,
Marrio G. de la Bastie
Governor

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

February 26, 1954.

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am transmitting herewith, for the

consideration of the Municipal Council Draft of Ordinance to Authorize the Governor of the Virgin Islands to accept, on Behalf of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, from the Department of the Interior, certain telephone communication facilities installed on the Island of St. Thomas under the Act of Congress of December 20, 1944, (58 Stat. 927).

As you know, it is required that this type of ordinance be enacted by the Municipal Council in order to legally authorize the Governor of the Virgin Islands to sign the necessary agreement as indicated. Early action on this measure will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mario G. de laecho,
Governor

Enclosure

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

January 20, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am transmitting herewith Draft of Ordinance "To authorize the Governor for and on behalf of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, to transfer title to a certain parcel of Government-owned land in Cruz Bay, St. John, to Richard Ellington in

Exchange for a Parcel of Land Owned by the said Richard Ellington."

The proposed exchange of lots included in this Draft of Ordinance has been studied thoroughly by the Administrator for St. John and the Superintendent of Public Works. Lot No. 3 Aba is a small portion of the Cemetery area at Long Bay owned by the Municipality. Due to an existing right of way through the entire Cemetery area, this small lot has become unuseable as a part of the Cemetery. There are no graves in this lot and it is adjoining the property of Mr. Richard Ellington. On the other hand, Lot No. 3 Aba, owned by Mr. Richard Ellington, which would be transferred to the Municipality would add substantially to the area of the existing Cemetery.

The lots to be exchanged are almost equal in area and the lot to be obtained by the Municipality is much more suitable for cemetery purposes than the government owned lot which will be transferred to Mr. Ellington.

In view of these facts it is recommended that this Draft of Ordinance be given favorable action at the next meeting of the Municipal Council.

Sincerely yours

Morris Y. de Castro,
Governor.

Enclosure.

Office of the Chairman,
Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

February 10, 1954.

The Honorable
The Governor of the Virgin Islands
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 20, 1954, transmitting for consideration an Ordinance to transfer title to a certain Parcel of Government-owned Land in Cruz Bay, St. John, to Richard Ellington in Exchange for a Parcel of Land Owned by the said Richard Ellington.

The Municipal Council is very much interested in this proposal and desires to take action thereon as quickly as possible. Before acting on this proposal the members would like to be furnished with a map properly describing the properties involved in order that they might intelligently deliberate the matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Soney
Chairman

Governor's Office,
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

February 11, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with request made in your letter of February 10, 1954, I am transmitting herewith blueprints describing the properties involved in the proposed transfer of parcels of land between the Municipality and Mr. Richard Ellington.

I would appreciate it very much if you would return these blueprints for our files after they would have served the purpose of the Municipal Council.

Sincerely yours,
Marion S. de la Bastie
Governor.

Enclosure.

The following bills were adopted in the forms and by the votes indicated:

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953-1954

Expressing the Intent and Policy of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in regard to our Superfluous House Problem; and in particular to the Altona Area presently being negotiated for by the Municipal Land Authority.

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Whereas, On July 1, 1953, the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John passed Bill No. 198, Ordinance

to create the Municipal Land Authority; to Establish Municipal Homesteads, to Provide Home Loans, and for other Purposes; and,

Whereas, said ordinance was approved by the Governor on July 7, 1953; and,

Whereas, In enacting this law, the Municipal Council realized the great need for more individual land ownership among our people; and,

Whereas, This legislature considers our superficially house problem an urgent matter which should receive the immediate attention of the Municipal Land Authority in order that superficial house owners may own the land on which their homes are built; and,

Whereas, The acquisition of the land by superficial house owners will secure more individual economic stability and will assist in the general progress of our community; and,

Whereas, It has been brought to the attention of the Municipal Council that the Land Authority is now in the process of negotiating with owners of Estate Altona for the purchase of this area for resale to superficial house owners thereon; and,

Whereas, It is understood that said owners have expressed their willingness to sell that portion of the Estate on the Southern side

of the Harwood Highway running into Barenage and retaining the portion on the Northern side of the Harwood Highway on which over 30 superficial houses are built; and,

Whereas, The retention of this northern area by the owners for development and the consequent removal of all the House Owners there would bring great hardship and difficulty on these people; many of whom are prepared to make substantial improvements to their homes if they acquire the land; and,

Whereas, The Municipal Council is in complete disagreement with the proposal which would leave the superficial house owners at Altona on the Northern side of the Harwood Highway at the mercy of their landlords; and

Whereas, This Body would support any action of the Municipal Land Authority to acquire the entire Altona Estate on which superficial houses are built north and south of the Harwood Highway:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled, that the Municipal Land Authority be and it is hereby advised that the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John is fully in favor of the purchase of Estate Altona for the benefit of the superficial House Owners thereon and is in complete disagreement with the proposal to purchase only the section

of the estate on the southern side of the Harwood Highway and not the Northern side; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, That the Municipal Land Authority be and it is hereby directed to proceed immediately with negotiations for the purchase of the entire area on both sides of the Harwood Highway on which superficial houses are located; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, That the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John will fully support any action taken by the Municipal Land Authority to acquire this area; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Municipal Land Authority, the Owners of Estate Astoria, the Governor of the Virgin Islands and Owners of Superficiary Houses situated on Estate Astoria.

Mr. Greque	Absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	Absent
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprawl	yea

Bill No. 340

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 -- 1954

Amendment No. 19 to the Budget for
the Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the Fiscal year July 1, 1953
to June 30, 1954.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St.
John in session assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipal-
ity of St. Thomas and St. John for
the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30,
1954, is hereby amended as follows:

Revenues:

IV. Sundry Revenues

Increase Item 14, Miscellaneous,
by \$2,700.00

Expenditures:

Municipal Council

Add new sub-item 01-10-3-1,

Inaugural Committee - For
Expenditure in the discretion
of the Inaugural Committee in
connection with the inauguration
and its co-incidental
functions of Governor designate
for the Virgin Islands Archibald
A. Alexander, by \$1500.00

Office of the Governor.

Planning Board

Increase Item 01-90, by \$6000.00

Museum Commission

Add new sub-Item 01-1902
by \$ 200.00 \$ 2,700.00

Mr. Cregue absent
Mr. Gomez yea
Mr. Otley yea
Mr. Reese absent
Mr. Rhymes yea
Mr. Richards yea
Mr. Sprauve yea.

Bill No. 236

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John.

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to
Provide for the Retirement of
Officials and Employees of the
Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John, and for other Purposes,"
Approved by the Governor July 18, 1947,
as amended.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. Section 5 of "Ordinance
to Provide for the Retirement of
the Officials and Employees of the
Municipality of St. Thomas and St.
John, and for other Purposes,"
Approved by the Governor July 18, 1947,
as amended, is amended as follows:

Retirement shall be granted with
a life annuity, by reason of age,
physical disability, length of service,
or involuntary separation, in
accordance with the provisions of

this ordinance. The minimum life annuity payable shall be three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per annum where the length of service, as provided herein, is fifteen (15) years or more. Where the length of service is twenty (20) years or more, the minimum life annuity shall be Fifty (50.) Dollars, but in no case shall any life annuity exceed one thousand two hundred (\$1,200) dollars per annum. The term basic salary or compensation, as used in this ordinance, shall be understood to exclude any bonus, perquisite, remuneration for extraordinary services, or compensation paid in addition to the salary provided for the position by law.

The provisions hereof shall apply to annuitants receiving less than the minimum stipulated herein.

Mr. Bequith	yes
Mr. Gomez	yes
Mr. Otley	yes
Mr. Reese	yes
Mr. Rhymes	yes
Mr. Richards	yes
Mr. Spawne	yes

Bill No. 345

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Transfer Cash Balances in the Municipal Treasury for the Liquidation of Obligations Incurred During any Fiscal year after the close of said Fiscal year.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor of the Virgin Islands, he and he is hereby authorized to cause the Commissioner of Finance of the Virgin Islands to withdraw from the Treasury of the Virgin Islands, Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, the cash balances of prior fiscal years, and thereafter the cash balances of fiscal years immediately after the close of said fiscal year, and to deposit same in a special fund for the liquidation of obligations of any fiscal year, after the close of said fiscal year.

Mr. Gregue	yea
Mr. Boney	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Beebe	yea
Mr. Palmer	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauel	yea

Bill No. 344

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Authorize the Governor for and on behalf of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, to transfer title to a certain Parcel of Government Owned Land in Cruz Key, St. John, to Richard Ellington in exchange for a Parcel of Land Owned by the said Richard Ellington.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council

of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor, for and on behalf of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, is hereby authorized to transfer title to Lot No. 3 Aaaa, Cruz Bay Town (P. W. Drawing 43-77-753) to Richard Ellington in exchange for Lot No. 8 Aaa, Cruz Bay Town (P. W. Drawing 43-78-753), owned by the said Richard Ellington who shall transfer title of said lot to the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John free of any encumbrances.

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymmer	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Spraupe	yea

The following bill was rejected by the following votes:

Bill No. 332, Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance "To create a commission to regulate and control the prices of foodstuffs and general supplies in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, Virgin Islands, and for other purposes," Approved May 4, 1953. Proposed by Henry C. Bregue, Second Member At Large.

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	Present
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymmer	yea
Mr. Richards	Not Voting
Mr. Spraupe	yea

The following bills were sent to the Committee of the Whole for further study.

Bill No. 335. - Ordinance, to further Amend Ordinance "To Prescribe Minimum Wage and Maximum Hours Standards and for other Purposes," Approved October 17, 1946, as amended. Proposed by Henry O. Cueva, Second Member At Large.

Bill No. 342. - Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to Impose a Tax on Gasoline and for other Purposes," Approved July 17, 1952.

Bill No. 343. - Ordinance to Establish a monthly service charge for the use of the municipal salt water flushing system.

The meeting recessed at 4:25 P. M.

~~Joseph D. Gomez~~
Joseph D. Gomez
Chairman

~~Henry N. Richards~~
Henry N. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of March 23, 1954

Of the Extraordinary meeting of the
Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John called by the
Chairman for Tuesday, March 23,
1954 at 2:00 P.M.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman
the Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John convened
in Extraordinary session on
Tuesday, March 23, 1954, at 3:10 P.M.
Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
" Henry V. Richards, Secretary
" Earl B. Otley
" Percival H. Peep
" Weymouth Rhymes
" Julius E. Sprauve.

The following correspondence were
read:

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

February 23, 1954

Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Gentlemen:

We the landowners and tenants
of Hassel Havn of Crown Prince
Quarter are hereby making a
request to have suitable roads
cut through the area, to allow
us to use the plots for the
construction of homes.

As in the tenant case, they
have to trespass on other people's

lot to get to their homes, and in the event of illness a doctor will need a road to get to the patient.

I would also like to say that many of these landowners are in New York and desire to build, but their signatures are not available.

18/ Almero Jacobs
 28/ Alma Jimenez
 128/ Austin Blyden
 John Turnbull
 Adina Emanuel
 Rejilio Parrott
 Leroy Jacobs
 Una Davis
 John Newton
 Bernice Parrott

cc: The Honorable Marris G. de lastra.

Government House
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

February 25, 1954

The Honorable,
 The Chairman of the Municipal Council,
 Charlotte Amalie,
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am transmitting herewith, for the information of the Municipal Council, correspondence from certain interested parties who are desirous of taking over the Municipal Telephone System on a lease - purchase agreement and operating same as a private utility. Perhaps at some later

date this proposal could be discussed with the Governor.

Sincerely yours,

Morris H. de Castro
Governor.

Enclosures.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

March 16, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am transmitting herewith Draft of Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "to Provide for the Payment of certain Employees for Accumulated or Accrued Annual Leave Due upon their Separation from Municipal Service" approved March 12, 1945. The purpose of this measure is to allow the payment of compensation in lump sum for all accumulated and current accrued annual or vacation leave of any employee who may be separated from the Municipal Service, whether such separation is with or without prejudice. At the present time the law provides that such payments can only be made when the employee has voluntarily separated from the service without prejudice.

This amendment will also provide for a system of payment of such compensation, in the case of

death of employees, to the first person or persons legally entitled to such payment if the employee should die without designating a beneficiary or beneficiaries. At the present time, the law provides that the employee must designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries or the compensation shall be paid to the estate of the deceased employee.

These amendments are intended to liberalize the ordinance and to facilitate the employee. It is recommended that this Draft of Ordinance be favorably considered by the Municipal Council at its earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,
 Morris G. de Castro
 Governor.

Enclosure.

St. Thomas Labor Union
 L. I. U. No. 1812 C. I. O.
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
 Virgin Islands

March 16, 1954

Joseph Gomez, Chairman
 Municipal Council
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Hon. Joseph Gomez:

We have attached a copy of our proposed amendments to the Hill's Wage and Hour Act also our justification for same.

This matter is very important and we are looking forward to

favorable action by the Municipal Council.

Thanking you in anticipation,
we remain

Very truly yours

Albert Sewer
Albert Sewer, President

cc: Governor de Castro.
members of the Municipal Council.
The Wage Commissioners.

The Mon-Partisan League of Virgin
Islanders.
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

March 18, 1954

Honorable, Joseph Gomez
Chairman,
St. Thomas Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Re: Destruction of
trees in the
Emancipation
Garden Area.

Dear Sir:

It has been observed by the Mon-
Partisan League of Virgin Islands
that quite a number of our
beautiful trees that have taken
many years to mature are now
being destroyed.

As an organization interested
in the general welfare and
beauty of these islands, we
vehemently object to having this
island's beauty defaced without
any apparent good reason.

We assume that this is done
with the purpose of securing a

parking area. It seems to us that the size of the area we herein refer to does not justify the sacrificing of those beautiful trees for parking accommodations. We urge an immediate discontinuance of this practice.

We would like to draw to your attention gentlemen (according to your own argument) that this island is a tourist haven and therefore should be maintained as such. Trees, of course, being one of the logical things for the beautification of any country should be preserved.

Sincerely,
The Non-Partisan League of Virgin Islanders
Llewellyn Jackson
Secretary.
cc: Governor
Daily News
Home Journal..

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

March 18, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to confirm my conversation with a majority of the members of the Municipal Council in my office on March 16 in regard to surplus property.

at the Atomic Energy Commission's Savannah River Project, approximately in value over \$100,000, which has been made available for transfer to the Government of the Virgin Islands without exchange of funds.

I raised the question then that this "gold mine" of equipment could be obtained without charge except for land transportation from Augusta, Georgia, to Charleston, South Carolina, where the equipment would be sent to the islands by many boat. In addition of course, there will be cost of stevedoring at Charleston and unloading at St. Thomas.

It is impossible to give you an accurate estimate of these costs. For the entire project, all items for St. Thomas and St. Croix, we believe that the sum of \$10,000 would be conservative. This would be shared by both municipalities.

I write to ask, therefore, that you confirm to me in writing that at the appropriate time, after all bids are received, the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John will agree to appropriate the necessary funds from any special fund available for this purpose in order to cover these costs. As you know, we are making plans to have this equipment come here about the middle of April and we are about to send a representative to Augusta to select the equipment in detail.

May I hear from you at an early date?

Sincerely,
 Morris G. de Castro,
 Governor.

Government House
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

March 23, 1954

The Honorable,
 The Chairman of the Municipal Council
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am sending you herewith copy of a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior regarding water transportation for surplus equipment to the Virgin Islands. I think that this is an outstanding contribution again made by the Navy for the benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Sincerely

Morris G. de Castro
 Governor.

Enclosure.

Department of the Navy
 Office of the Secretary
 Washington 25, D. C.

13 Mar. 1954

My dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in further reference to the Honorable Orme Lewis' letter of

11 February 1954 in the matter of naval assistance in transporting certain surplus equipment to the Virgin Islands.

The Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet and the Commandant Tenth Naval District have commented favorably on the subject and, accordingly, the U. S. S. LST. 532 will be made available for the lift. The estimated time of arrival of this vessel at Charleston, S. C., is 21 April 1954.

It should be emphasized that stevedoring and other accessorial expenses accruing to the Navy from this shipment must be reimbursed by the Department of the Interior. Charges and other details will be a matter of cognizance of the Chief, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C. It is requested that further negotiations be conducted directly with the Assistant Chief for Transportation of that Bureau.

Sincerely yours.

R. H. Gogler
Assistant Secretary of the Navy

Honorable Douglas Mc Kay
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

The following bills were adopted in the form and by the votes indicated.

Resolution

The Fifth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954

Of Tribute to Honorable Mario G. de
Castro, Governor of the Virgin
Islands, on Behalf of the People
of the Municipality of Saint Thomas
and Saint John.

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Whereas, On April 9, 1954, the
phenomenal and brilliant career
of Honorable Mario G. de Castro in
the Government Service in the
Virgin Islands will come to a
close after thirty-six years of
devotion to public duty; and,

Whereas, In 1918, the year following
the transfer of the Virgin Islands
to the United States of America, Mr.
de Castro, then sixteen years old,
began his career in the service of
the Government as a clerk in
the Sanitation Service. In 1920
he was posted as a secretary for
one year to the naval station in
St. Thomas, and in 1921, was made
chief clerk in the offices of the
Governor and of the Government
Secretary. Mr. de Castro held
this position until 1931, when
civil government was established
in the islands, and the general
administration transferred from
the Navy Department to the
Department of the Interior; and

Whereas, The post of Assistant
Government Secretary and Assistant
Commissioner of Finance were
assigned to Mr. de Castro in 1931.
These he filled until 1934 when

he became Commissioner of Finance, a position he held for ten years; and,

Whereas, In 1944, he was made Administrative Assistant to the Governor. The next year he was appointed Government Secretary for the Virgin Islands by the President of the United States. in which position he remained until he became Governor of the Virgin Islands on March 24, 1950, after serving upon a number of occasions as Acting Governor; and,

Whereas, During World War II, Mr. de Castro was coordinator for Civilian Defense in the Virgin Islands. He also served as Deputy State Director of Selective Service and worked on the Price Control Board. His record in the last two capacities earned for him the Office of Price Administration Award and, in 1947, the Selective Service medal; and,

Whereas, All through his thirty-six years of service Mr. de Castro has been a shining example of the ideal public servant totally dedicated to work and duty. His integrity, honesty, zeal, ability, in Government service in the Virgin Islands are beyond the slightest hint of reproach. He has demonstrated repeatedly of conviction courage and fairness in the administration of public affairs. At the same time he has manifested great sympathy and a reservoir of human understanding and good will; and

Whereas, The People of the Virgin

Islands desire to honor and pay tribute to Honorable Morris F. de Castro upon his retirement from public service:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled, that the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, for and on behalf of the People of this Municipality, hereby expresses through this testimonial a tribute to Governor Morris F. de Castro on his retirement from public service; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, that this Testimonial be properly enrolled and framed and be presented to Mr. de Castro in a fitting and proper manner as lasting evidence of the sincere appreciation and gratitude of the People of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for his many years of outstanding and devoted public service.

Mr. Greque	Absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Blaymer	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of
St. Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Authorizing the Presentation of the

Municipal - Owned Painting Known as "The Synagogue" to Morris G. de Castro as a Gift from the People in Recognition of his Distinguished Career as a Public Servant.

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Be It Resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

That in recognition of the faithful, devoted and prolific service of Morris G. de Castro for and in behalf of the People of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, it is hereby authorized to be presented, and it is hereby presented, to Morris G. de Castro the Municipal-owned Painting known as "The Synagogue" as a gift of the People of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Mr. Leque	.....	absent
Mr. Gomez	.....	yea
Mr. Little	.....	yea
Mr. Reese	.....	yea
Mr. Rhysner	.....	yea
Mr. Richards	.....	yea
Mr. Sprauel	.....	yea.

Bill No. 222

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Create an Authority for the Purpose of Operating Municipal Parks and Playgrounds and other Recreational Areas and Maintaining Programs of Recreational

and Athletic Activities and for other Purposes.

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Be It Enacted, by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled;

Policy

Section 1. The Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John hereby declares that the welfare of the Virgin Islands and the improvement of the health and living standards of its People require that public use and development of parks and recreational areas be facilitated by the establishment of a public agency to plan and execute a continuing constructive program in the field of community recreation.

Creation of Authority

Section 2. For the purpose of acquiring, improving and operating parks, playgrounds and other recreational areas, there is hereby created an Authority under the general supervision and control of the Governor, to be known as the St. Thomas Recreation Authority which is hereby declared to constitute a corporate municipal instrumentality of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Powers and Duties

Section 3. The Authority

(a) may purchase, lease, receive as gift, and hold such real and personal property as it

deems necessary in carrying out its functions under this ordinance;

- (b) may adopt, amend and repeal by-laws;
- (c) may sue and be sued in its authority name;
- (d) may hire and discharge employees as necessary to carry out its activities in accordance with the Personnel Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands and the Rules and Regulations promulgated under this Law;
- (e) may make contracts as herein authorized;
- (f) may construct, maintain and operate ball parks, playgrounds, stadiums, and such other facilities and structures and improvements as it may deem necessary;
- (g) shall adopt rules and regulations governing the use of community recreational facilities and set the standards for recreational and athletic groups, institute programs of recreational or athletic activities; and,
- (h) coordinate activities in the public schools with programs in public playgrounds and recreation centres;

- (i) Shall institute a program designed to encourage widespread interest and active participation of the population in recreational and athletic activities.

Board of Directors

Section 4. The powers of the Authority shall be exercised by a Board of five directors, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council. They shall originally hold office for one, two and three years; two members for one year; two members for two years, and one member for three years, respectively. Hereafter, the term of each member of the board shall be two years. Three members of the board shall at all times constitute a quorum. In addition to the five members, the Superintendent of Education and the Superintendent of Public Works shall be members ex-officio, and entitled to full part in its deliberation but not to vote or hold office therein.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall serve without compensation but shall receive such reasonable expenses as may be incurred in the exercise of their duties.

Section 6. The Board of Directors may recommend and the Governor may appoint a manager, with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council, to conduct the affairs of the Authority, supervise the construction of all

facilities, and operation of parks, playgrounds and structures and generally transact its business subject to the direction of the board, and responsible to it. The Director of Physical Education in the Department of Education may be appointed to serve as manager of the Authority, with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council and with such additional compensation as the Board may determine.

Section 7. The Authority shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments on any property acquired by it for its purposes or on any income derived from any of its authorized activities. The Authority shall retain title to all real property that may be transferred or deeded to it.

Section 8. The Authority may set up and operate such activities within park areas as it deems desirable in the public interest, or if a majority of the members of the board so vote, it may lease to private individuals, after advertising for bids, concessions within the area in conformity with rules and regulations prescribed by the board. All leases granted within the park areas shall contain a cancellation clause in favor of the Authority, whereby the term may be cancelled in the public interest, upon the violation of any rule or regulation by the lessee. This rule shall apply also to all persons making temporary use of any of the facilities, who, in case of improper conduct, may be ejected.

from the premises.

Section 9. The Authority is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations and to adopt such procedure, not in conflict with this ordinance, for the operation, maintenance, and construction of public facilities in the areas under its control, and for the conduct or participants, in its recreational programs, visitors, patrons and the general public.

Section 10. Any person who wilfully violates Authority rules after they shall have been posted by the Authority shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

Section 11. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall authorize the Authority to obligate the Municipality for any expenses incurred over and beyond any moneys actually appropriated by the Municipality, nor shall the authority mortgage or similarly encumber any of its real property.

Section 12. The Governor is hereby authorized to transfer to the St. Thomas Recreation Authority the sum of \$10,000 from any Public or Trust Funds as a loan to the Authority. This loan shall be repaid within a period of ten years at an interest rate of 2 percent per annum. Funds for the operation expenses of the Authority may be appropriated in the Annual municipal budget.

Section 13. All funds acquired by the Authority from whatever source

shall constitute a fund for the purpose of this act and for no other purposes.

Section 14. Bill No. 61 of the Fourth Municipal Council, Ordinance, to create the Division of Public Playgrounds, Establish a Recreation Commission, Establish Playgrounds and Recreation Centers, Establish and St. Thomas Athletic Association, and for other purposes. Approved on October 9, 1943, as well as any other law or parts of law in conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 15. All properties, funds, duties, records, personnel, functions, assets, as well as any obligations of the St. Thomas Recreation Commission are hereby transferred to the St. Thomas Recreation Authority.

Section 16. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after approval.

Mr. Breque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 341

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas + St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Authorize the Governor of the Virgin Islands to Accept, on behalf of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, from

the Department of the Interior certain
Telephone Communication Facilities
Installed on the Island of St. Thomas
under the Act of Congress of
December 20, 1944. (58 Stat. 827)

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor of the
Virgin Islands he and he is
hereby authorized to execute, for
and on behalf of the
Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John, the following Agreement
by and between the United States
of America, acting by and through
the Secretary of the Interior, and
the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John, acting by and
through the Governor of the
Virgin Islands, for the acceptance
of title in and to certain Telephone
Communication Facilities constructed
and installed on the island of
St. Thomas under the Act of
Congress of December 20, 1944, (58
Stat. 827):

Agreement

This Agreement, Dated this
day of 1954, by and
between the United States of America,
acting by and through the
Secretary of the Interior and
the Municipality of Saint Thomas
and Saint John, acting by and
through the Governor of the
Virgin Islands, who has been duly
authorized so to act by Ordinance
No. 341 of the North Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John, approved

on the day of

1954;

Witnesseth That:

Whereas, Pursuant to the Act of Congress approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 827, 48 U.S.C. 1409), certain telephone communication facilities (Project No. 53-113) have been constructed and installed on the Island of Saint Thomas; and,

Whereas, Said telephone communication facilities are intended for the benefit of the Island of Saint Thomas; and,

Whereas, Section 3 of the Act of Congress, approved December 20, 1944 provides that all rights and title of the United States in projects constructed pursuant to the provisions of said Act may be transferred to the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John;

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the mutual agreements and covenants herein expressed, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The United States of America hereby, quitclaims, assigns and transfers to the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John all its right, title and interest in and to telephone communication facilities of Saint Thomas, together with any right and title it may have in any land in and upon which said facilities are constructed and installed, which said facilities are described as follows:

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Outside cable plant in the
Town of Charlotte Amalie and
from Charlotte Amalie to West
Indian Company; Flamboyant
Hotel; Estate Sackem; entrance
to Brookman; Louisenhof;
Lerkerlund; Mafolie; Boune
Field, including relief cable;
French Village; Estate Contant
and Solberg, as shown on
the as constructed plans
designated as 13A1 and 13A2,
dated March 3, 1953, prepared
by Col. H. O. Bigby, as they
will be amended to show the
installation of 200 common
battery telephones, which
will be delivered to the
Municipality of Saint Thomas
and Saint John;

Telephones in all areas served
by cable, as shown on the
as constructed plans designated
above;

Telephone exchange building
in Charlotte Amalie, as shown
on the as constructed plans
designated as 13X1, 13X2, and
13X3, dated March 11, 1953,
prepared by Col. H. O. Bigby,
which will be delivered to
the Municipality of Saint
Thomas and Saint John;

Inside cable plant in Charlotte
Amalie, as shown on the as
constructed plans designated
as 38008, dated January 25, 1950;
38008-E, dated June 2, 1953; 38550,
dated October 12, 1948; 38550-B,
dated June 2, 1953; 49284, dated
November 15, 1950; 49285, dated
November 17, 1950; 49286, dated
November 17, 1950; 49287, dated

November 20, 1950; 49288, dated
 November 3, 1950; 49289, dated
 November 3, 1950; 49290, and
 49291, dated November 15, 1950.
 prepared by Kellogg Switchboard
 & Supply Co., which will be
 delivered to the Municipality
 of Saint Thomas and Saint
 John and

All necessary appurtenances.

The United States also disclaims any
 rights, title and interest in and
 to 200 common battery telephones to
 be purchased with funds of the
 United States, to be installed on
 Saint Thomas and to become a
 part of the telephone communication
 facilities hereby conveyed to the
 Municipality of Saint Thomas
 and Saint John as of the time
 of such installation.

2. The Municipality of Saint
 Thomas and Saint John hereby
 agrees that the telephone
 communication facilities described
 above have been satisfactorily
 completed and hereby consents to the
 transfer of said facilities to the
 Municipality of Saint Thomas and
 Saint John.

3 The Municipality of Saint Thomas
 and Saint John hereby accepts the
 transfer of said telephone
 communication facilities and agrees
 to operate and maintain them for
 the purposes for which they have
 been constructed and installed,
 unless and until relieved of
 such responsibility by the United
 States of America.

4. No member of or Delegate to the Congress of the United States or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit that may arise therefrom.

In Witness Whereof This Agreement has been executed and witnessed by and on behalf of the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

United States of America

By Secretary of the Interior.

The Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John

By Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Attest:

Mr. Lereque	Absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 346

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Provide for the Payment to Certain Employees for Accumulated or Accrued Annual Leave Due Upon Separation from Municipal Service.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. That whenever any civilian officer or employee of the Municipality, entitled to leave under law of December 9, 1938 is separated from the service with or without prejudice, he shall be paid compensation in a lump-sum for all accumulated and current accrued annual or vacation leave to which he is entitled under existing law. Such lump-sum payments shall equal the compensation that such employee would have received had he remained in the service until the expiration of the period of such annual or vacation leave.

Section 2. If such employee is reemployed in municipal service under the same leave system prior to the expiration of the period covered by such leave payment, he shall refund to the Municipality an amount equal to the compensation covering the period between the date of reemployment and the expiration of such leave period, and the amount of leave represented by such refund shall be credited to him.

Section 3. The lump-sum payment herein authorized shall not be regarded, except for purposes, of taxation, as salary or compensation, and shall not be subject to retirement deductions.

Section 4. Upon the death of any such municipal officer or employee compensation for all of his

accumulated and current accrued annual or vacation leave in a lump sum equal to the compensation that such officer or employee would have received had he remained in the service until the expiration of the period of such annual or vacation leave, shall be paid, together with the amount due such official or employee for services rendered, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, first, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, if any, lawfully designated by the employee and; second, if there be no such designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, to the following first person or persons who are alive on the date title to the payment arises:

1. To the widow or widower.
2. If neither of the above, to the child or children in equal shares, with the shares of any deceased child distributed among the descendants of that child.
3. If none of the above, to the parents in equal shares or the entire amount to the surviving parent.
4. If there be none of the above to the duly appointed legal representative of the estate of the deceased employee, or if there be none, to the person or persons determined to be entitled thereto under the laws of the domicile of the deceased employee.

Section 5. All laws, ordinances or parts thereof, particularly "Ordinance to Provide for the payment to certain Employees for Accumulated or Acquired Annual Leave Due Upon their Separation from Municipal Service," Approved March 12, 1945, are hereby repealed.

Mr. Bogue	Absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Peest	yea
Mr. Rhynes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 347

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John
1953 - 1954.

Amendment No. 20 to the Budget for
the Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the Fiscal Year July
1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in session
assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, is hereby amended as follows:

Revenues

III Sundry Revenues

Increase Item 14, Miscellaneous, by \$108,567

Expenditures:

Municipal Council & Municipal Committee

Increase Item 10-3, Maintenance,
all necessary expenses for the
operation of the Municipal
Council, etc, by \$3,500

Add new Item 10-1-1, Employ-
ment of Legislative Consultant
on contractual basis \$750 \$4,250

Office of The Administrator For St. John

Increase Item 100-3, Maintenance
all necessary expenses, by . . . \$100

Increase Item 100-4, Boat
Transportation and repairs
to St. John, by 400 500

Office of the Government Secretary

Add new Item 110-2, Equipment
for purchase of 1 Motor
Vehicle \$1,100

Department of Finance

Increase Item 140-3, Maintenance,
all necessary expenses, by 1,000

Tax Assessor & Water Commissioner

Increase Item 150-3, Maintenance,
including travel allowance
of \$25 per month for three
months during assessment
period, by 75

Office of the Virgin Islands Auditor

Increase Item 160-3, Maintenance,
all necessary expenses, by 200

Office of the Governor

Increase Item 170-4, General
contingent, all necessary
expenses in the discretion
of the Governor, by

500

Police And Public Safety

Increase Item 200-3, Maintenance,
all necessary expenses including
the employment of one
detective-instructor, by

5,000

Public Works And Fire Department

Add new item 305, Construction
of concrete curb and gutters
at Long Bay \$650

Add new item 305-1, Installation
of safety devices at the
Bulk Head 450

Add new item 305-2, Repairs
to London Bridge 700

Add new item 305-3, Construction
of Bridge at Seventh Bay
Street 2,000

Add new item 305-4, Repairs
of Jade Sade Road 800

Add new item 305-5, Paving
of Roadway Elizabeth
Estate 5,000

Add new item 305-6, Cleaning
well at Estate, Brookman,
raising manhole entrance
and installing pump 650

Add New Item 305-7, New sewers
(A) Main Street

(b) Estate Thomas
 (c) West Carriage
 (d) Free Passage by Max Wallace
 (e) Berger Gade \$3,500

Increase Item 310-2 Roads
 and Highways, St. John,
 including paving of
 Streets in Cruz Bay, by 2,000

Increase Item 330, Street
 Lighting 4,000

Increase Item 335-1, Salt
 Water and Sewage Lift
 Station, by 5,000

Increase Item 365-2, Lease
 and Substitutes, by 1,500 \$26,250

Department of Health

Increase Item 410-2, Equipment
 including one Ambulance,
 by \$392

Increase Item 410-3, Maintenance
 all necessary expenses
 including transfer of mental
 patients, by 20,000

Rental Service

Increase Item 420-1, Salaries,
 Classified Employees, by 400 \$20,792

Department of Social Welfare Mandahl School

Increase Item 540-1, Salaries,
 Classified Employees, by \$6,500

Increase Item 540-3, Maintenance,
 all necessary expenses, by 5,000 6,500

Department of Education

Increase Item 605-6, Vocational Education and Industrial Arts Fund, by \$3,700 ^{\$5,700}

Office of Price and Rent Control

Increase Item 720-3, Maintenance, by 500

Tourist Development

Increase Item 802-1, Contribution to Tourist Development Fund, including contribution of \$2000 to assist in installation of light streamers for Virgin Islands Carnival, by 6,200

Tax Refund

Increase Item 905-1, Income Tax and General Refunds, by 30,100 \$108,567

Mr. Inguet	Absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Spaulne	yea

The meeting was then declared adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry V. Richards
Henry V. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of March 30, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the
Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John called by the Chairman
for Tuesday, March 30, 1954, at 3.00 P. M.

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Pursuant to the call of the Chairman
of the Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John, the Municipal
Council convened in Extraordinary
Session on Tuesday, March 30, 1954 at
3:00 P. M. Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Hon. Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Hon. Percival H. Reese
Hon. Earl B. Otley
Hon. Weymouth Rhymes

The following letter was read:

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

March 30, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Ordinance to
Establish a Bureau of Purchase,
Centralize Control of Property,
and for other Purposes, approved
March 24, 1954, I hereby nominate
Mr. Mario Lewis, at present
Purchasing Agent in the Depart-
ment of Finance, to be Purchasing
Agent of the newly created
Bureau of Purchase, Department of
Finance, to become effective on
the effective date of Bill No. 337.

The Commissioner of Finance has recommended that Mr. Mario Lewis be appointed to the position of Purchasing Agent. Mr. Lewis entered the service of the Government of the Virgin Islands on December 24, 1934. On August 1, 1948, he was appointed to the position of Purchase Clerk, and on April 1, 1952, his title was changed to Purchasing Agent under the new Pay Plan.

During the years that Mr. Lewis has been in charge of the Purchasing Section, he has worked diligently and untiringly for the improvement of the work of that section, and it is the earnest recommendation of this office that he be confirmed to the position of Purchasing Agent as provided in Section 1 of Bill 337, a position for which we believe he is fully qualified.

I recommend confirmation.

Sincerely,

H. Morris de Castro
Governor.

At this point, Mr. Lewis' nomination was confirmed by the following votes.

Mr. Breeze	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhynes	yea
Mr. Richard	yea
Mr. Sprauel	absent

The following Lease Agreement was approved by the following votes:

Lease Agreement entered into between the St. Thomas Development Authority and the Sunbelt Tropical Fruit Products, Ltd., of St. Thomas, V.I. for the Premises with building located at the deactivated Marine Corps Air Facilities at St. Thomas V.I. formerly known as Boune Field, at present known as Harry S. Truman Airport, and known as the Cold Storage Plant.

Mr. Breque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

The following bills were adopted in the form and by the votes indicated

Bill No. 350

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Amendment No. 21 to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year, July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Revenues:

III Sundry Revenues

Increase Item 14, Miscellaneous
by \$200.80

Expenditures:

Department of Finance

Decrease Item 140-1, Salaries
by 669.20 \$870.00Add New Item 01-141 —
Bureau of Purchase01-141 — 1 Salaries,
Purchase Agent. @ \$4200 p.a.
effective April 24, 1954 \$870.00

Mr. Lueque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Preece	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent.

Bill No. 349

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to Encourage the Establishment of New Businesses and Industries and the Promotion of Tourism in the Virgin Islands through the Granting of Exemptions from the Payment of certain Taxes and Fees, and the Granting of Special Subsidies, and for other Purposes," Approved January 25, 1954, as amended.

" — "

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Section 3 of "Ordinance to Encourage the Establishment of New Businesses and Industries and the Promotion of Tourism in the Virgin through the Granting of Exemptions from the Payment of Certain Taxes and Fees, and the Granting of Special Subsidies, and for other Purposes," Approved January 25, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended by addition of the following sub-sections:

(f) Each bona fide resident of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, and each firm or corporation organized and doing business in said Municipality, shall for a period of ten (10) years from July 1, 1954, be entitled to a subsidy each year in an amount equal to fifty (50) percent of the income tax paid on that portion of his or its income derived from the purchases or sales of stocks, bonds, and all other kinds of securities or debentures of whatever character purchased or sold each year through an investment company or corporation organized and authorized under the laws of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, to engage in the business of purchasing and selling stocks, bonds, and other securities or debentures.

(g) The following words appearing at the end of section 1 of Title II, Chapter 26 of the Code of Laws of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, dealing with

the incorporation of Business Corporations are hereby deleted: "except for the purchase of banking, insurance, brokerage, or loan trust and guaranty associations."

(h) No firm, company, or corporation shall engage in an investment brokerage business for the purpose of buying and selling stocks, bonds, and other securities or debentures to and for others without first securing a license or authorization to engage in said business signed by the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands. No such license shall issue, unless: (a) the firm, company, or corporation deposits in a Reserve Account with a Bank, designated by the Government Secretary, fifty thousand (\$50,000) Dollars in cash or in interest-bearing United States Government Obligations; (b) each incorporator and member of the Board of Directors is a bona fide resident of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Mr. Breque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhynes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

The Harbor Regulations and Amendment No. 9 and 10 were adopted by the following vote:

Harbor Regulations
for the
Port of St. Thomas
Virgin Islands of the United States

1. These Rules and Regulations shall apply to the Harbor of St. Thomas and to all waters which are now, or may hereafter be, under its jurisdiction.

2. Shipmasters can best assist by thoroughly familiarising themselves with these regulations and carrying them out, particularly as regards the following:

(a) Report by cable to Harbormaster, St. Thomas, as far in advance as possible time of arrival, requirements, draft, if over 29 feet, amount of local cargo, mail, number of local passengers, sickness, if any on board, and other matters of interest.

(b) Assisting the boarding parties in quickly carrying out their duties.

(c) Advising the Pilot accurately as to the manœuvring qualities and other peculiarities of the vessel and of any defects.

(d) Arrival should be scheduled, if possible, to occur between 06:00 and 23:00 so as to pass quarantine inspection, if from a foreign or infected port.

3. The Harbor Authorities may deny any vessel entrance into the harbor whenever it is deemed that the vessel or its cargo might in any way endanger the wharves, warehouses, equipment, or any part of the harbor, by being

explosive or highly inflammable, and are vested with the further authority to impose such safety regulations as they may see fit. Such explosives as may be on board shall be reported by cable or to the pilot on boarding the ship, and shall not be unloaded without prior permission from the Harbormaster. Handling of dangerous cargo shall be in accordance with Coast Guard regulations C.G. 187 and C.G. 239 and or subsequent revisions or supplements.

4. In any case where the condition of the cargo, hull, or machine of a vessel is such that it is liable to endanger or obstruct the harbor, permission to enter may be refused until steps have been taken to remedy the defects. Failure to report any such existing conditions to the attention of the Harbor Authorities prior to the vessel's entry inside the harbor shall constitute a violation of Harbor Regulations.

5. The Harbor Authorities may hold a vessel for the purpose of investigating any report made against her by the proper persons on for violation of any of the Rules and Regulations, or for the investigation or adjustment of any claims that may arise; but no vessel shall have any claims for damages against the Harbor Authorities for any delay in consequence thereof.

6. Between sunrise and sunset every vessel entering or leaving

the harbor, or when under way in the harbor, shall fly its national flag. Every vessel shall have entered the harbor after sunset shall fly such flag for at least two hours after the sunrise the following morning.

7. Except as otherwise provided, no boat or other vessel shall be permitted to go alongside any vessel entering the harbor for passing St. Thomas, nor shall any person other than a Harbor, Customs, Police, Quarantine, Immigration, or other authorized Government Official be permitted to go on board any such vessel before the vessel is anchored or moored, or before permission is granted by the proper authorities, or shall any person or persons be permitted on board, except by such permission, before the boarding parties are finished with their work.

8 Any action by any person or persons which causes danger or damage to any person or persons or to any waterfront facility or equipment thereon, or who prevents entrance to or egress therefrom shall be punished to the full extent of the law.

9 No one on board shall leave any vessel in the harbor before permission is given by the Customs, Immigration Officials or Quarantine Officers in cases where the vessel is subject to quarantine inspection, and if any person should be forbidden to go ashore, the master of the

vessel is, responsible that such person shall not leave the vessel until proper authority has been obtained.

Pilots And Movement of Vessel

10. Vessels, of and above 100 gross registered tons, must engage or pay for the services of a Government Pilot in order to enter, leave, or shift berth in the harbor; provided, that public vessels duly commissioned by the United States or foreign governments, yachts, and all other vessels exempted in each case by the Government of the Virgin Islands, shall not be subject to the foregoing requirements but should a vessel so exempted anchor or move so as to obstruct a fairway or other part of the harbor, the Harbormaster may, if it be deemed advisable, order such vessel shifted to a more suitable berth, and all expenses incurred thereby will be charged against the vessel so shifted. No vessel at anchor, or at any dock, or mooring within the harbor shall disable her engine or otherwise be rendered inoperative except on specific written authority from the Harbormaster. Vessels under 100 gross tons will not usually be required to take a pilot, but vessels under 100 gross tons may be required to take a pilot at the discretion of the Harbor Authorities. All vessels of any nationality or tonnage shall be required to take a pilot when the vessel has on board dangerous or explosive cargo.

11. (a) Vessels exempted from engaging a Government pilot shall report their arrival and intended departure to the Harbormaster as soon as practicable. Should a vessel outside the harbor send a boat ashore before having previously been granted pratique, such boat shall fly the letter "Q" and not communicate with the shore until permission has been granted by the Quarantine Officer.

(b) Vessels shall not anchor off the Islands of St. Thomas inside the three mile limit except in case of necessity. When a vessel shall have so anchored, the vessel's anchorage shall be shifted to the harbor as soon as circumstances shall permit this to be done.

(c) No vessel shall shift berth in the harbor without previous permission from the Harbormaster.

12. No vessel in danger or distress shall be prohibited from entering the harbor in case of necessity or emergency; but such vessel should, when practicable, give due notice in advance, by cable or otherwise, and obtain a pilot.

13. No person, steamer, company or corporation will be allowed to maintain or employ pilots in this harbor for their own exclusive use or for any other vessel.

14. All vessels entering the port must take the berth or docks assigned them.

by the Harbormaster or his Assistant.

15. The captain or master of a vessel in these waters shall be charged with the safe handling and proper navigation of the vessel; the pilot is to be considered as being on board solely in an advisory capacity, but the masters of vessels must abide by the Rules and Regulations as interpreted by the pilot.

16. The pilot shall be consulted fully at all times to insure safety in navigation, and that no accident or damage result from ignorance on the part of the master or officers of the vessels; and should any such master, officer, or person connected with the ship give or cause to be given any order, or direct any change of speed or direction of the ship on his own initiative, Without The Knowledge of the pilot or against his advice, which may result in damage to his own or any other vessel, or property of any kind, he will be held strictly responsible, and the vessel itself may be held by legal process until settlement in full shall have been made to cover any loss or damage that may have resulted in consequence thereof.

17. When in the opinion of the pilot the master or his representatives fail to follow the pilot's advice and thereby endanger his own or any other vessel or property, the pilot shall then direct the master or captain of such vessel to stop, anchor or make, until the facts have been laid before the

proper authorities.

18. Inasmuch as every vessel has its own individual peculiarities in handling, it shall be the duty of the master of the vessel, or his qualified representative, to be present at all times on the bridge of the ship, and he shall keep the pilot continually informed, in regard to these matters so that the pilot may be better qualified to give advice in regard to safely navigating the ship.

19. The pilot shall inform the captain or master that his experience and knowledge of these waters is at the latter's disposal and that inasmuch as the pilot is not in a position to know the defects, difficulties, or eccentricities of the vessels in maneuvering while getting under way, or docking, the responsibility for navigating the vessel is entirely in the hands of the master or captain.

20. The harbor of St. Thomas is easy of approach and well protected by aids to navigation. Incoming vessels will find the pilots from one to two miles outside the entrance, but should display pilot signals in time or cable time of arrival. Should the master of a vessel be a stranger in these waters and not be in possession of the necessary charts and Pilot books, the pilot will meet the vessel further offshore if so requested.

21. On arrival the following papers must be ready for delivery to the

boarding party:—

1. National Register
2. Passenger List
3. Crew List
4. Clearance from last port
5. Bill of Health
6. Manifest
7. Store List
8. Pratique
9. Humigation Certificate.

22. The international Rules and Pilot Rules for inland water in their respective spheres must be strictly complied with, except that the sailing boats and other small craft shall, within the limit of the harbor, give way for larger vessels; the latter shall however take all necessary precautions and only use reduced speed in the harbor.

23. All obstructions to navigation in these waters must be promptly reported to the harbor authorities and such marks must be placed on them, both day and night, as may be deemed necessary for safe navigation and as are required by federal statute.

24. All vessels having a dangerous cargo on board, such as explosives or oils must fly a red flag as required by day and show a red light at night.

25. Everything extending from a vessel's sides which could obstruct the traffic in the harbor, must be hauled in, and boats, rafts, or spars, must not be moored astern of the vessel.

unless specific permission to the contrary has been granted by the harbor authorities.

26. It is prohibited to throw anything overboard from any boat or vessel in the harbor, or to pump or allow to run overboard any fuel oil. Ballast ashes, and refuse shall be conveyed to such place as the Harbormaster may designate for dumping. It is prohibited to boil pitch, tar, turpentine or other combustible on any wharf, or on board any vessel, without permission from the Harbormaster.

27. Vessels alongside wharves shall not place any garbage on the dock, unless they have made arrangements for this garbage or refuse to be collected, in which case only covered garbage can may be used. There is no free garbage disposal service in this port. Vessels anchored or moored in the harbor for any length of time may request a garbage scow to be placed alongside, if available, and at their expense.

28. No vessel shall make fast any lines to or otherwise injure or damage any marker, buoy, beacon or aid to navigation. Should any damage be inflicted it should be reported to the harbor authorities immediately, and the damaging party shall be liable.

29. In case of the sinking in the harbor of any floating or

other equipment belonging to a private person or corporation that tends to create an obstruction, the harbor authorities may order the removal of the obstruction at once or remove it at the owner's expense. Immediate notification of such obstruction shall be made to the U. S. Army Engineer, the U. S. Coast Guard, and the Harbor authorities.

30. Vessels loading or unloading ballast, coal or similar cargo shall have proper chutes so arranged as to prevent such cargo or ballast from falling overboard.

31. Anyone finding any buoy out of position, or lights not working properly should report it immediately to the Harbor authorities.

32. Steamers, while within the harbor, must take all precautions to avoid the issue of sparks or excessive smoke, and shall be held liable for any damages resulting therefrom.

33. In case of fire on board a vessel all masters shall render such assistance as may be in their power. Give prolonged blast on the vessel's whistle will indicate that there is a fire on board and that immediate assistance is required.

34. A vessel anchored or moored in the harbor or lying at the docks must at all times, night or day, have on board a sufficient

number of men to take care of the vessel.

35. Ships at fueling berths must keep up steam and keep a sufficient crew on board, to make on short notice, unless specific written authority to the contrary has been obtained from the Harbourmaster.

36. All vessels, lighters, barges, and scows shall be anchored only in such places in the harbor as the Harbourmaster may direct and shall not be anchored in any other place.

37. No person or persons shall take possession of, deface, destroy, move or injure any property or equipment belonging to the Government, or any of the Departments under its supervision or to any private company or corporation, whether floating or otherwise, without the proper permission.

38. The harbor authorities will not be responsible for damage to any protrusion beyond the ship's side, permanent or otherwise. All obstructions must be rigged in before docking and adequate fenders should be at hand. The vessel shall be liable for all damages caused by any such protrusion as may extend from the vessel.

39. A vessel carrying a deck load shall have it so arranged that it will be clear of chocks, bitts and other gear used in docking.

40. If any defect, in any part of

the vessel, of such a nature that it might interfere with further progress, be discovered after entering the harbor, the vessel shall stop, anchor or moor, and make full report to the Harbormaster.

41. Pilots or other officials detained on vessel in these waters shall be subsisted without charge.

42. Unnecessary sounding of steam whistles, air whistles or sirens in the harbor is prohibited. It is also prohibited to flash the rays of a search-light on the pilot-house or bridge of a vessel under way.

43. It is prohibited for launchers, boats and other small craft to remain at the boat-landings for a longer time than is necessary for landing and embarking passengers and baggage.

44. The orders of the Harbormaster Harbor Pilots or any duly authorized official concerning order in the harbor shall be promptly and explicitly obeyed. Any question arising, or damage resulting from any violation of these Regulations shall be dealt with as herein provided.

45. Every effort will be made by the Harbormaster and other authorities to expedite traffic and to fill promptly the needs of shipping. In this connection the active and intelligent cooperation of shipmasters and local agents, as well as owners

and operators, is most essential and is earnestly solicited.

46. Masters of vessels will not allow anyone to take passage on their ships leaving from, or for St. Thomas, who is not on the ship's Articles or Muster Roll, or a duly accredited passenger, or a Government official or other persons designated by proper authority. Masters of ships shall satisfy themselves as far as possible that there are no stowaways on board.

47. None of the crew or officers of any vessel shall be discharged or left behind in St. Thomas without permission from the Immigration officials and Bureau of Customs.

48. Any person violating any of the provisions of the Rules and Regulations established hereunder, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall, except where otherwise provided, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200 or by imprisonment not exceeding 15 days, or both, in the discretion of the court. The local courts of St. Thomas and St. John are hereby granted jurisdiction to adjudge the fines and penalties herein provided.

49. Masters of vessels will receive on arrival at St. Thomas, a copy of these Regulations gratis.

January 26, 1953.

E. L. Simmons,
Harbormaster

approved.

Manis L. de Castro.
Governor.

Mr. Greque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Beeke	yea
Mr. Rhysner	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent.

Amendment

No. 9

To the 1952 Pay Plan for Employees
in the Classified Service, Virgin Islands.

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Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Personnel Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands, the Pay Plan for all employees in the classified service as recommended by the Director of Personnel and approved by the Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby amended as follows:

Class	Salary Range
Telephone Technician	14
Collection Clerk	12
Trade Tax Inspector	13

Recommended: March 4, 1954

William T. James
Director of Personnel

Approved: March 4, 1954

Morris G. de Castro
Governor.

Mr. Breque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhynes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Amendment

No. 10

To the 1952 Pay Plan for Employees in
the Classified Service, Virgin Islands.

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Pursuant to Section 15(b) of the
Personnel merit System Law of the
Virgin Islands, the Pay Plan for
all employees in the classified
service as recommended by the
Director of Personnel and approved
by the Governor of the Virgin
Islands is hereby amended as
follows.

Class	Salary Range
Physical Therapy Attendant	<u>7</u>
Medical Record Clerk	12

Recommended: March 15, 1954

Allmond L. James
Director of Personnel

Approved: March 16, 1954

Morris G. de Castro
Governor.

Mr. Bregue	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauwe	absent

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

~~Joseph A. Gomez~~
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

~~Henry V. Richards~~
Henry V. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of April 7, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the
Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John held on April 7, 1954,
at 3:00 P.M.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman
of the Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John, the Municipal
Council convened in Extraordinary
meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 1954,
at 3:00 P.M. Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Earl B. Otley
Weymouth Rhynes
Julius E. Spraupe.

There were no correspondence. No
informal discussions.

The following bills were adopted
in the form and by the following
votes:

Bill No. 352

The Ninth Municipal Council of Saint
Thomas and Saint John.

1953-1954.

Amendment No. 22 to the Budget for
the Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1953
to June 30, 1954.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality

of St. Thomas and St. John for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30
1954, is hereby amended as follows:

Revenues

III. Sundry Revenues

Increase Item 4, Revenues from
Customs, by \$ 5,000

Expenditures

Department of Health

Increase Item 410-1, Salaries, by.. \$ 5,000

Mr. Leque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Attley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 353

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953-1954

Amendment No. 23 to the Budget for
the Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the Fiscal Year July 1,
1953, to June 30, 1954

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in session
assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal
year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, is hereby

amended as follows:

Expenditures

Department of Education

Public Library Division

Reduce Item 640-2, Equipment
by \$4,000

Department of Health

Office of the Commissioner &
Medical care

Increase Item 410-1, Salaries, by . . . \$8,000

Change "110-2, Equipment, for purchase
of 1 motor Vehicle" in Amendment No.
20, Approved March 26, 1954, to read:
"Increase Item 110-3 Equipment, for
purchase of 1 motor Vehicle."

Mr. Lereque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymor	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprague	yea

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Joseph L. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry V. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of April 22, 1954

Of the Extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John held on Thursday April 22, 1954, at 2:30 P.M., Municipal Building, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, the Municipal Council convened in Extraordinary meeting on April 22, 1954, at 2:30 P.M. Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Earle B. Otley
Percival H. Reese
Weymouth Phynes
Julius E. Sparrow

The following correspondence were read:

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

March 23, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I hand you herewith copies of the following correspondence in regard to the study of the compensation rates of the Municipality made by the Bureau of Employees' Compensation in Washington:

1. Copy of letter from Mr. W. D. Priscoll, Deputy Director, Bureau of Employees'

- compensation dated February 17, 1954
2. Copy of letter from Mr. W. D. Driscoll, Deputy Director, Bureau of Employers' Compensation. Dated March 4, 1954.
 3. Copy of memorandum from the Custodian of the Municipal Insurance Fund dated March 11, 1954.
 4. Copy of memorandum from the Custodian of the Municipal Insurance Fund dated March 12, 1954.

These are furnished in order to keep the Municipal Council fully informed on these important matters.

Sincerely,
 Morris G. de Castro
 Governor.

Virgin Island Planning Board
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas.

March 25, 1954

The Honorable,
 The Chairman of the Municipal Council
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

With the completion of the Master Plan of St. Thomas and Charlotte Amalie, there will apparently be a considerable length of time prior to its approval and the passing of legislation for this accomplishment.

There is underway, at the present

moment, land development on the islands involving at least six or seven large parcels. At this time, no control is possible, and in order to avoid mistakes which will be impossible of correction later, it is urgently recommended that an ordinance or regulation be passed so that some control may be exercised.

The attached draft is a suggestion for the accomplishment of the above.

Sincerely

Walter J. Reed
Chairman, V.I. Planning Board.

Attachment

Government House
Charlotte Amalie; St. Thomas V.I.

March 24, 1954

Dr. Kenneth A. Bartlett, President
Virgin Islands Corporation
King's Hill,
St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Bartlett:

I have your letter of March 16, 1954, requesting me to terminate on or before April 30 the agreement for the use of Mr. Violet's service in connection with the St. Thomas Telephone System.

As you will see by Bill No. 182 of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, approved December 1, 1953, a copy of which is attached, I am authorized by law to enter into a contract with Victor

to permit the General Manager of the Power Division of the Corporation to serve as Manager of the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System and to permit the cashier of the Power Division to serve as the cashier of the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System.

This bill was passed, upon my recommendation, after negotiations with and approval by your predecessor. Naturally, you have the right to terminate Vicorp's portion of the agreement but it seems to me that the notice given is too short for us to effectuate a major change of this kind.

I shall have to discuss the matter with the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and, after that has been done, I doubt whether I can get legislation and secure the appointment of a new Manager by April 30, especially since I am leaving office immediately.

In the circumstances, I want to ask that you kindly extend the time for this change for at least two months, say until the end of the fiscal year, in order to give the new governor an opportunity to go into it for himself and to determine what best should be done.

Sincerely yours

Morris F. de la Roche
Governor.

Encl.

cc: The Municipal Council
Mr. Fred Violet.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas, V.I.

April 1, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I wish to express to you and, through you, to the members of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John my deep and warm appreciation of their graciousness in tendering me a farewell banquet, which was very much enjoyed, and -- in particular -- for the wonderful resolution, which was passed by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in connection with my services in the Government of the Virgin Islands, and the official gift of the painting "The Synagogue" in Charlotte Amalie as well as the personal gift of a silver cigarette box.

These mementos, and very substantial ones, of the esteem of the members of the legislature shall always be with me as a reminder of years of pleasant association, difficult and hard work, yet continued and continuous working together in the interest of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Again, let me thank you and all your colleagues for your generosity which was more than I had thought of receiving at

this time.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very Sincerely Yours

Mario G. de Castro
Gouverneur.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

April 5, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am transmitting herewith
Draft of Ordinance to authorize the
Gouverneur for and on behalf of the
Municipality of St. Thomas and St.
John to Execute Supplement to
Lease Agreement, dated March 25,
1950, between the United States of
America and the Municipality of
St. Thomas and St. John.

It is necessary that this
Supplement to Lease Agreement,
dated March 25, 1950 between the
United States of America and the
Municipality of St. Thomas and St.
John be executed in order to
formally transfer the power plant
and other facilities to the Virgin
Islands Corporation which, as you
know, is now operating the said
power facilities.

Accordingly, it is recommended
that this Draft of Ordinance be passed

by the Municipal Council as soon as possible so that the Supplement to lease Agreement may be executed by me before April 9, 1954.

Sincerely,

Morris G. de Castro
Governor.

Enclosure.

Gouvernement of
The Virgin Islands of the U.S.

Board of Muses Examiners
Municipality of St. Croix.

April 5, 1954

Honorable Joseph Gomez
Chairman, of the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas & St. John
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

Dear Mr. Gomez:

I would like to call your attention to section 9 (c) of Bill No. 37 which was passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands in the second session of 1952.

This paragraph states that an annual appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) shall be made by each Municipal Council for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the law.

In view of the fact that you are now working on the Budget for the fiscal year I am asking you to kindly include this sum in the budget.

Yours Respectfully

Ingerborg H. Mesbitt
President

Government House,
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

April 14, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

We have received a communication from the White House regarding Bill No. 255 of the Ninth Municipal Council of St. John, a copy of which is hereto attached, which is self-explanatory. Bill No. 255 is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours.

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

The Council next confirmed the following salaried appointments by the following votes:

Committee on Appointments

Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John, Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

List of Confirmation
Police & Prison Department

James Harrigan as Policeman, with pay at the rate of \$1056 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1951.

Daniel R. Edwards as Policeman, with pay at the rate of \$1056 per annum, effective on and after January 23, 1952.

George H. Smith as Policeman, with pay at the rate of \$1056 per annum, effective on and after January 18, 1952.

Hubert Dickerson as policeman, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after September 16, 1952.

Jeremiah Benjamin as Policeman with pay at the rate of \$879.96 per annum, effective on and after November 1, 1952.

George V. Rogers as Policeman, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after January 19, 1953.

Camille King as Policeman, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after July 20, 1953.

Allan Lans as Policeman, with pay at the rate of \$1680 per annum, effective on and after March 14, 1954.

Lydia B. Lockhart as Clerk-Typist II, with pay at rate of \$1440 per annum, effective on and after March 15, 1954.

Archibald Mcynard as Cook I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after August 1, 1953.

Office of the Price & Rent Control

James A. O'Bryan as Chairman of Price Control Commission, with pay at the rate of \$3000 per annum, effective on and after July 1, 1953.

Office of the District Attorney

Ernest Shulterbrandt, Jr., as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after November 19, 1953.

Government Secretary's Office

Messrs. Miguel A. Boschulte and Ramon Steel Turbe as Laborers I, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after July 16, 1953.

Alphonso Melthropp as Horticulturist in the Agricultural Station, with pay at the rate of \$250 per month, effective on and after July 1, 1952.

Alphonse Donastorg as Director of Printing Office, with pay at the rate of \$3600 per annum, effective on and after August 9, 1952, superseding all previous appointments.

Rudolph Donastorg as Trades Helper, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after July 1, 1952.

Municipal Telephone System

Austin Stagger and Leon Monsanto as Linemen II, with pay at the rate of \$1800 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1953.

Victor George as Trades Helper, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1953.

John R. Joseph as Account Clerk II, with pay at the rate of \$2160 per annum, effective on and after January 4, 1954.

Department of Health - Medical Service

Josephine Lois Singleton as Nurse II, with pay at the rate of \$3500 per annum, effective on and after March 1, 1953.

Mabel Daansen as Nurse I, with pay at the rate of \$1810 per annum, effective on and after September 16, 1953.

Ellen Prince as Nurse I, with pay at the rate of \$1800 per annum, effective on and after October 16, 1953.

Gladys Wood as Nurse II, with pay at the rate of \$2760 per annum, effective on and after February 1, 1954.

Arthur L. Rodgers as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1953.

Leah Thomas as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after March 14, 1954.

Helen Burke as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after October 20, 1952.

Ina Grett as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after November 16, 1952.

Hugh Otis Liburd as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after January 16, 1953.

Doris Simmonds as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after August 16, 1953.

Leo E. Faulkner as Custodial Worker I with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after December 20, 1953.

James Alexander Charles and Cyantlia P. Gumbs as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after March 14, 1954.

Alfred James Puer as Trades Helper, with pay at the rate of \$1560 per annum, effective on and after July 16, 1953.

Mario D. de Bastos as Trades Helper, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after July 16, 1953.

Elonay Maloon, Gladys Gumbs, Enid Francis, Constanca de Graff, Eleanor Lavington, Mario E. Congoon, Lauris Jackson as Nurses' Aides, with pay at the rates of \$960 per annum, effective on and after August 16, 1953.

Gwendolyn Delgado and Lenore Eugenie O'Neal as Nurses' Aides with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after February 14, 1954.

Luther King as Nurse Aide, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after March 14, 1954.

Basil Nlric Gelyk as Nurse's Aide, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after August 6, 1953.

Lucia England as Nurse's Aide, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after March 16, 1953.

Peter D. Henry as Cook II, with pay at the rate of \$816 per annum, effective on and after October 16, 1951.

Cyril Baptiste and Aubrey Jennings as Food Service Workers, with pay at the rates of \$780 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1953.

Eric Smith and Warren Hendricks as Food Service Workers, with pay at the rates of \$780 per annum, effective on and after March 14, 1954.

A. Louis Gumbs and Antonio Scarbell as Food Service Workers, with pay at the rates of \$780 per annum, effective on and after January 31, 1954.

Leonard Francis as Chauffeur, with pay at the rate of \$1080 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1952.

Ivan Grayer as Messenger, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after November 1, 1953.

Arthur P. Joseph as Storekeeper, with pay at the rate of \$1500 per annum, effective on and after August 1, 1953.

Harriet Thomas as Laundry Supervisor, with pay at the rate of \$2160 per annum, effective on and after January 5, 1953.

Romeo Thomas as Laundry Worker with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum effective on and after September 1, 1953.

John Corea, Jr., as Clerk-Typist II, with pay at the rate of \$1440 per annum, effective on and after February 14, 1954.

Aurelia M. Richards as Clerk & Typist I with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after September 16, 1952.

Enid, S. Grederiksen as Clerk Typist I, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1953.

Pauline Gardner as Account Clerk I, (Trainee) with pay at the rate of \$1560 per annum, effective on and after November 16, 1953.

Lee M. Cole as Physician II, with pay at the rate of \$5400 per annum effective on and after December 8, 1952.

Mr. Leque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Ahynes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

The next item was approved by the following votes:

Approval of Lease Agreement entered into between the St. Thomas Development Authority and Grand Pina of St. Thomas for structure consisting of four walls with no roof, doors, floors or windows and building including 0.80 acre of land.

Mr. Leque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Ahynes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

The following bills were considered and adopted in the form shown and by the votes indicated:

Bill No 351

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Authorize the Governor for and on behalf of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John to Execute Supplement to Lease Agreement, dated March 25, 1950, between the United States of America and the Municipality of St. Thomas & St. John.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor of the Virgin Islands he and he is hereby authorize to execute for and on behalf of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John the following Supplement to Lease Agreement, dated March 25, 1950, between the United States of America, acting by the Secretary of the Interior, and the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, acting by the Governor of the Virgin Islands:

"Supplement To Lease Agreement

Dated March 25, 1950, Between The United States, Acting by the Secretary of the Interior and the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

This Supplement to a Lease Agreement entered into this day of ¹⁹⁵⁴, by and between the United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of the Interior, hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary," and the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, hereinafter referred to as the "Lessee":

Witnesseth

Whereas, the parties hereto did on March 23, 1950, enter into a Lease Agreement whereby certain installations formerly known as the Marine Corps Air Facility and the Naval Submarine Base at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, were leased to the Lessee by the Secretary, pursuant to a Permit and Memorandum of Agreement dated January 1, 1948, between the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Navy; and,

Whereas, by a Supplement to the Lease Agreement, entered into on October 8, 1951, certain additional installations, formerly a part of the Naval Submarine Base at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, were leased to the Lessee by the Secretary; and,

Whereas, the power plant at the said Naval Submarine Base, together with the buildings, structures, facilities, and equipment appurtenant thereto and necessary for the operation thereof, were included in the said Lease Agreement, as supplemented; and,

Whereas, the Lessee has sold to the Virgin Islands Corporation its electric light and power distribution system

and transmission lines on the island of St. Thomas; and,

Whereas, It is the intention of the Secretary, that the said power plant be used to the greatest extent possible for the benefit of the people of the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, To that end it is desirable that the said power plant be withdrawn from the installations leased to the Lessee and that it be operated by the Virgin Islands Corporation under permit from the Secretary:

Now, Therefore, The Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Lease Agreement dated March 25, 1950, as supplemented October 8, 1957 is hereby amended to exclude from the installations thereby leased to the Lessee, the power plant and all the buildings, structures, facilities, and equipment appurtenant thereto and necessary for the operation thereof, located on the former Naval Submarine Base at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, which power plant, buildings, structures, facilities, and equipment are more fully described in Exhibit A. which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. The following facilities, leased by the Secretary to the Lessee pursuant to the Lease Agreement of March 25, 1950, as Supplement, constitute the fresh water supply for the electric generating plant, designated as Item No. 13 on Exhibit A, attached: Item No. 126, the rainwater catchment; Item #112, a freshwater

reservoir; Item No. 113, freshwater reservoir; and 400 feet of pipe included in Item No. 72. The Virgin Islands Corporation shall have the right to purchase water from the aforementioned reservoirs at the standard water rates fixed by the Lessee; and the Lessee shall undertake to maintain a reserve of not less than four feet of water in said reservoir for the exclusive use of the Virgin Islands Corporation.

3. The Lessee expressly recognizes that the Virgin Islands Corporation shall have authority to occupy such areas in and around the property described in Exhibit A, to construct such distribution lines and pipe lines in and over such portions of the area known as the Naval Submarine Base as are leased to the Lessee, and to have such ingress and egress over roads located upon the said portions as its operations and future expansion may reasonably require, and that the Virgin Islands Corporation shall have authority to construct fences around the facilities described in Exhibit A.

In Witness Whereof, The parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed and sealed by their duly authorized officers as of the day, month, and year cited above.

The United States of America

By Assistant Secretary of the Interior
Municipality of St. Thomas & St. John

By Governor

Mr. Bregue	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymen	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 356

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954

Amendment No. 24 to the Budget for
the Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the fiscal year July 1, 1953
to June 30, 1954.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John
for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June
30, 1954, is hereby amended as follows:

Revenues

II Indirect Taxes

Increase Item 4 Revenues
from Customs \$1700.00

Expenditures

Municipal Council

Increase Item 01-10-3-1,

Annual Committee — For
expenditure in the discretion

of the Inaugural
Committee in connection
with the inauguration
and its co-incidental
functions of Governor
designate for the Virgin
Islands Archibald A.
Alexander, by \$500

Department of Education
(School & Headquarters Division)

Add new Item 01-600-3-3
For Establishment of a
New Kindergarten Center,
at East End, as follows...

1 Teacher for 2 months @ \$110 \$220

Equipment 250

School Lunch Facilities:

1 Cook for 2 months @ \$52.50... 105

Equipment \$325

Necessary improvements
to provide Kitchen
facilities \$300

\$1700.00

Mr. Leque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Beest	yea
Mr. Rhysner	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauel	yea

Bill No. 355

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to create the St. Thomas
Municipal Telephone System and
to provide for its management
and operation.

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Be It Enacted by the municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. There is hereby
created the St. Thomas Municipal
Telephone System as an agency
of the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John, the head of
which shall be known as the
Manager. The manager, and
such other officers and
employees as shall be necessary
for the efficient operation of
the Municipal Telephone System
shall be appointed by the Governor
by and with the advice and
consent of the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John. All
incumbents in office and
positions now existing under
the present telephone system
shall continue in office until
their successors are appointed
and duly qualified unless they
shall have been removed for
cause by competent authority.

Section 2. The Manager shall be
responsible for the proper
administration of the Telephone
System in all its particulars.
The Municipal Telephone System
is hereby declared to be a
business affected with a public
interest and devoted to a public
use and as such is hereby
declared to be a public utility
subject to control and regulation.

by the Public Utilities Commission.

Section 3. All funds derived from the operation of the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System shall be deposited with the

Commissioner of Finance in the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone Fund, and all disbursements shall be made therefrom in accordance with regular municipal procedures for the expenditure and accounting of public funds.

Section 4. The budget for the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System shall be approved annually by the Governor and the Municipal Committee.

Section 5. The ordinance of December 1, 1952. "To create the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System and to provide for its management and operation," and any other ordinances, laws or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Mr. Breque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Bueck	yea
Mr. Rhynier	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

The following bill was discussed and referred to the municipal committee.

Bill No 354. — Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year

July 1, 1954 to June 30 1955.

The meeting then adjourned at
4:00 P. M.

~~Joseph A. Gomez~~
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

~~Henry V. Richards~~
Henry V. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of May 3, 1954

Of the Extraordinary meeting of
the Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John held on
Monday, May 3, 1954, at 3:30 P. M.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman
of the Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John by authority
of Section 13 of the Organic Act
of the Virgin Islands, the
Municipal Council convened in
Extraordinary Session on May 3, 1954
at 3:30 o'clock, Municipal Building
St. Thomas, V.I. Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Earle B. Otley
Percival H. Reese
Weymouth Rhymes
Henry O. Grege

There were no correspondence. No
informal discussions.

The following Resolutions were
adopted in the form and by
the votes indicated:

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Praying for the Enactment by the
United States Congress of the
Organic Act of the Virgin Islands
Recommended by the people on
May 20, 1953.

Whereas, In a Virgin Islands wide Referendum held on April 30, 1953 the People clearly proclaimed their readiness and ability to accept a greater measure of self-government; and,

Whereas, On May 20, 1953, the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, in obedience to the declaration of the People, recommended to the United States Congress an Organic Act for the Virgin Islands designed to afford the people of the islands a greater measure of self-government; and,

Whereas, The People of the Virgin Islands, as all other American citizens, cherish the maintenance of a government by reflection and choice --- a representative democracy in which the people govern themselves by entrusting the entire administration of the islands to representatives of their own choosing; and

Whereas, This is the principle upon which the Government of the United States has been built; and,

Whereas, The Recommendation of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands adheres strictly to the principles of American Government; and

Whereas, The people of the Virgin Islands have unequivocally proven and demonstrated their readiness and capability for assuming greater self-government:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled, that the United States Congress be and is hereby petitioned to adopt without undue delay An Organic Act for the Virgin Islands substantially as recommended by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, as embodied in Bills H. R. 5608 and S. 2323, bearing in mind that the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly is actually the wish of the people; and,

Be It Further Resolved; and it is hereby further resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Senate and House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Chief, Division of Territories and Islands Possessions and the Governor of the Virgin Islands, with the recommendation that all influence at their command be employed in effecting passage of the Organic Act recommended by the people.

Mr. Leque	...	yea
Mr. James	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Beebe	...	yea
Mr. Rhymes	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sparrow	...	absent

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of
St. Thomas and St. John

1953--1954

Recognizing the Philanthropic
Work of the Continental Society
for Children of the Virgin
Islands, Inc., of New York.

— 11 —

Whereas, The Continental Society of the Virgin Islands, Inc., is a Philanthropic Organization of Ladies with headquarters in New York and branches in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D. C., and Newport News, Virginia, dedicated to the task of serving humanity; and,

Whereas, Since 1948 this organization has been engaged in the task of comforting the sick and helping those in need, and as a result of such efforts the children of the Virgin Islands have been happy recipients of the sweet fruits of the labors of the Continental Society for Children of the Virgin Islands, Inc.,

Whereas, The People of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John are cognizant and appreciative of the contribution which the Continental Society for Children of the Virgin Islands, Inc., has made and is making in the field of Philanthropy and desire to make of record their sentiments:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled, That, in recognition of the generous contribution made during the years by the Continental Society for Children of the Virgin Islands, Inc., in the field of Philanthropy, and particularly in behalf of the people in the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, the Municipal Council hereby makes of record its appreciation of the noble and humane acts of the Continental Society for Children of the Virgin Islands, Inc.; and,

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, that this Resolution be properly enrolled and presented to the Continental Society for Children of the Virgin Islands, Inc., in testimony of the wish of the People of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the success of the organization's work; and

Be It Further Resolved, and it is hereby further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Bregue	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Little	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea
Mr. Rhymes	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

~~Joseph A. Gomez~~
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

~~Henry V. Richards~~
Henry V. Richards
Secretary

meeting of May 13, 1954

Of the Third Ordinary Meeting of
the Municipal Council of Saint
Thomas and Saint John held on
Thursday, May 13, 1954, Municipal
Building, Charlotte Amalie, Saint
Thomas, Virgin Islands.

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Pursuant to call of the Governor
of the Virgin Islands, in accordance
with Section 13 of the Organic
Act of the Virgin Islands, the
Municipal Council of Saint Thomas
and Saint John convened in
session on May 13, 1954, at 3:20 P. M.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Henry O. Breque
Earle B. Ottley
Percival H. Reese.

The following correspondence was
read:

Governor of
the Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

April 29, 1954

The Honorable
the Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I hereby renominate for appointment
for one-year terms, Miss Enriqueta
Chaudruc and Mr. Joseph Baschille
to succeed themselves on the
Committee for Distribution of Legacies.

Your early and favorable consideration of these nominations will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

May 3, 1954.

The Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Gomez.

I am returning herewith Bill No. 355 passed by the Joint Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John on April 22, 1954.

In view of the fact that this bill creates a new Municipal Telephone System and dissolves the old system, I suggest that all physical property, facilities, and funds, etc., be transferred to the new system.

If it is desired, some thought might be given as to whether you would want to include an effective date in the ordinance.

Very sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Attachment:

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1954

Mr. Joseph A. Gomez,
Chairman, the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
Virgin Islands

Dear Mr. Gomez:

I thank you for your letter of
May 3, 1954, transmitting a Resolution
of the Municipal Council of
Saint Thomas and Saint John,
adopted on May 3, 1953, praying
for the enactment by the United
States Congress of the Organic
Act for the Virgin Islands
Recommended by the people
on May 20, 1953.

It is my hope that the
Congress will approve an Organic
Act for the Virgin Islands in
response to the well-considered
thinking of the people of the
islands.

Sincerely,

A. Hernos - Isern
Resident Commissioner

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

May 12, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

my dear Mr. Chairman:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated April 27, 1954 from the Superintendent of Social Welfare, in which he outlines the need for a deficit appropriation of \$1,250 to enable his department to be able to operate to the end of the fiscal year.

I concur in this request, and hereby submit a draft of money bill amending the Budget of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year 1953-1954, making this amount available to the Department of Social Welfare.

I recommend that the Municipal Council takes early action on this matter.

Sincerely

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

The following non-salaried appointment was confirmed:

Jury Commission

Mr. Felix Esquedo to serve as a member of the Commission.

Mr. Crague	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea
Mr. Petyner	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprague	...	absent

The following bills were considered and adopted by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 355

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to create the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System and to provide for its management and operation.

— 11 —

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System as an agency of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, the head of which shall be known as the manager. The manager, and such other officers and employees as shall be necessary for the efficient operation of the Municipal Telephone System, shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John. All incumbents in office, and positions now existing under the present telephone system shall continue in office until their successors are appointed and duly qualified unless they shall have been removed for cause by competent authority.

16). All facilities, buildings, equipment, funds and other property and records of the existing Telephone System are hereby transferred to the St. Thomas Telephone System created by this Ordinance.

Section 2. The Manager shall be responsible for the proper administration of the Telephone System in all its particulars. The Municipal System is hereby declared to be a business affected with a public interest and devoted to a public use and as such is hereby declared to be a public utility subject to control and regulation by the Public Utilities Commission.

Section 3. All funds derived from the operation of the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System shall be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance in the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone Fund, and all disbursements shall be made therefrom in accordance with regular municipal procedures for the expenditure and accounting of public funds.

Section 4. The budget for the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System shall be approved by the Governor and the Municipal Committee.

Section 5. The Ordinance of December 1, 1952, "to create the St. Thomas Municipal Telephone System and to provide for its management and operation," and any other ordinances, laws or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective June 15, 1954.

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymes	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 357

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Amendment no. 20 to the Budget for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the fiscal year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled:

That the budget for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the fiscal year, July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953, is hereby amended as follows:

Expenditures

Harbor Department:

Reduce Item 01-390-2,
Equipment, by \$3,400

Police and Public Safety

Increase Item 01-200-3,
Maintenance, by \$3,400

Mr. Beque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea
Mr. Rhymes	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

Bill No. 358

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance
"Creating an Official Lottery in
the Municipality of Saint Thomas
and Saint John to be known as
The Saint Thomas Virgin Islands
Lottery; to provide funds for
Hospitalization, Sanitation, Education,
Poor Relief; and for other Purposes;"
Approved June 1, 1937, as amended.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of Saint Thomas and
Saint John in session assembled:

Section 1. Section 13 of the
Ordinance "Creating an Official
Lottery in the Municipality of
Saint Thomas and Saint John
to be known as the Saint Thomas
Virgin Islands Lottery; to provide
funds for Hospitalization, Sanitation,
Education, Poor Relief; and for
other Purposes," Approved June 1,
1937, as amended, is hereby
amended to read as follows:

The prizes shall be paid by the
Treasurer of the Lottery Board as
soon as the result of the

corresponding drawing, and the legitimacy of the winning tickets are known, without more delay than may be necessary to make the corresponding liquidation and that required by the provisions of funds. In making payments of prizes, only those lists of winning numbers shall be authentic which are printed and distributed by the Director, and any other document or notice shall be considered as a private notice without official character. No prize shall be paid without the previous presentation of the ticket winning it and the verification of its legitimacy, which document cannot be substituted in any manner. Provided, however, that prize for winning tickets alleged lost or stolen may be redeemed by the lawful owner if such owner submit a claim therefor within the time required herein for liquidation of prizes. The claimant shall file an affidavit with the Director of the Lottery showing the number and quantity of ticket lost or stolen, the name of the dealer or subdealer from whom purchased and all other relevant factors as the Lottery Board may by regulations prescribe. In no case shall any claim for any winning ticket lost or stolen be paid until the expiration of six months after the drawing. The right to collect prizes expires at the end of six months counting from the day following that on which the corresponding drawing was made. When this term has expired, the Treasurer and the

Operating Fund of the Saint Thomas Virgin Islands Lottery shall be free from all liability. The provisions hereof shall be retroactive to cover any pending claim.

Mr. Breque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea
Mr. Rhymmer	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

Resolutions

1st The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

1953 — 1954

Convening a Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands.

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Whereas, Section 7 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved June 22, 1936, provides, in part, that joint sessions of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John and of the Municipal Council of St. Croix, shall constitute and shall be designated the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, said section 7 also provides that the Legislative Assembly shall convene in Saint Thomas whenever both Municipal Councils shall determine by resolutions passed by each of them; and,

Whereas, May 26 is deemed by both Municipal Councils to be an appropriate date on which to convene a session of the Legislative Assembly:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved, by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled, that pursuant to Section 7 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands the Legislative Assembly be convened in formal session on Monday, May 26, 1954, at 11:00 A. M., for consideration of the following:

1. Election of Officers

Mr. Greque	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhysner	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauel	absent

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry V. Richards
Henry V. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of May 28, 1954

Of the Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John called by the Chairman for 3:00 o'clock, Friday, May 28, 1954, Municipal Building, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman, in compliance with Section 13 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John convened in special session on the date and time above noted. Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
 Hon. Henry V. Richards, Secretary
 Hon. Carl B. Otley
 Hon. Henry O. Jørgen
 Hon. Weymouth Rhymes

There were no correspondence. No informal discussions.

The Report of the Investigation Committee of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John on the Application of Executive Order No. 2 of 1952, and the feasibility of enacting legislation to protect employees who engage in political activities from reprisals, was adopted by the following votes:

Committee On Investigation
 Municipal Council of St. Thomas and
 St. John.
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
 Virgin Islands.

Report

On The Committee on Investigation
Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John

In Re application of Executive Order
No. 2. of 1952, and the feasibility of
enacting legislation to protect
employees who engage in political
activities from reprisals.

Submitted by the Committee:

Hon. Weymouth Rhymes, Chairman

Hon. Percival Reese, member

Hon. Henry V. Richards, member

Dated: May 22, 1954

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, V.I.

Committee On Investigation
Municipal Council of Saint Thomas
and Saint John
Charlotte, Amalie, St. Thomas
Virgin Islands

May 22, 1954

Honorable Jose Gomez
Chairman Mun. Council
St. Thomas, V.I.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I have the honor to submit the
following report of the Committee
on Investigations of the Municipal
Council.

Sincerely yours,

Weymouth Rhymes
Chairman, Committee on Investigations

Report of The Committee

The Committee on Investigations convened at 3:00 P. M. Monday, May 17, 1954, for the purpose of investigating the matter of the suspension of Ivan A. Howard, Property Clerk of the Department of Education, and concerning the application of Executive Order No. 2 of 1952, and the feasibility of enacting legislation to protect employees who engage in political activities from reprisals. The following members were present: Weymouth Dwymer, Chairman, Percival Pease, and Henry W. Richards. Also attending were Jose Gomez and Earl B. Otley, members of the Council. The Committee was represented by Counsel, Francisco Larnier, Esquire.

The following persons attended as witnesses and after being duly sworn presented testimony to the committee: Ludwig Heidman, chauffeur, Government House; Walter Hart, orderly; Agnes Hendricks, clerk-stenographer; Calvin Wheatley, clerk-stenographer, all of Government House, and Ivan Howard, property clerk, Department of Education, Jose Gomez and Earl B. Otley, members of the Municipal Council.

The hearings commenced at 3:00 P. M. and concluded approximately 5:45 P. M. of the same afternoon. Mr. George W. Hamilton, Executive Assistant to the Governor, appeared at the hearing and upon being advised that he was not required as a witness, withdrew.

Summary of Testimony

The Committee heard the testimony of witnesses, which was tape recorded simultaneously. Considerable and thorough study has been made of this recording. The following, taken from the recordings, are pertinent parts of the testimony offered in order of the appearance of witnesses:

Ludwig Heidman:

Mr. Gurnee: Mr. Heidman, Mr. Rhymes, the chairman of this committee has already indicated to you the scope of this particular inquiry and what the committee wants to get at, and Mr. Otley has indicated to you that this committee, acting under the law which provides for the taking of public testimony, under these circumstances, subpoenaing of witnesses, and he pointed out to you the problem of perjury, which in this case is just as serious as if a person were speaking in a court.

Now, specifically the the committee is concerned about a certain incident occurring on Monday, May 10, 1954, at Government House in which Mr. Ivan Howard was involved. We want you tell the committee in your own words, what you saw about this

Mr. Heidman: I will try to tell it to the best of my knowledge. On Monday, the tenth, at quarter of five, Mr. Ivan Howard, proceeded up the Government steps. I was

standing on the balcony and the orderly, Hart, who was on duty. He asked to see the Governor and the orderly told him he could not see the Governor because the Governor was in a conference with the members of the Municipal Council. He stood there with us for about five minutes. The buzzer rang, someone calling the orderly. The orderly left me and Mr. Howard on the gallery. The orderly went inside; right after him Mr. Howard went inside.

When I looked again in the building I saw the Governor, Alexander, and Mr. Howard standing on the mahogany steps of the landing to go up stairs speaking. I came to the middle of the steps so I could look in straight and I heard them speaking. From the steps they walked to the door where the entrance is into the building, and Mr. Howard turned to the Governor and said, "Governor," he said, "I understand that you are going to a party this evening." He said "and we are having a procession going by here. Would you be so kind," he said, "as to postpone your party for a half of hour... and be here for when the procession goes by," I would like you to see it." That's what he said....

Mr. Cornaid: Is it your impression, Mr. Widman, and I call upon your number of years of experience in government service, that the meeting between Mr. Howard and the Governor was

a cordial or friendly one or was it one in which Mr. Howard appeared to be intruding upon the Governor's hospitality at government house. How did it appear to you,

Mr. Weidman: To me, as far as I could see from where I was, the meeting was all right

Halvar Hart:

Mr. Corniero: Do you recall Mr. Howard coming to Government House on that afternoon of May 10th.

Mr. Hart: Yes When Mr. Howard came up the steps both Weidman and myself was standing on the balcony looking over the rail. . . . On coming up the steps he said I would like to see the Governor right away, so I said to him, you can't see the Governor. He said well how, because the Governor is in conference on the second floor. He then got on the first floor and came between Weidman and myself. . . .

He came between both of us and said, I have heard the Governor is going out tonight and I would like to see him to explain about this demonstration tonight we would like him to get out and speak to the people. During that time, up to when I heard the buzzer and went into the office, while I was in the office - - - whatever I did in the office, I do not recall exactly, but I know I went in the office. When I came back out I saw Howard on the carpet and the Governor on the

steps and they came towards the door. That is the red carpet. He was standing right there (pointing) and the governor was about on the last steps coming down.

The chairman: Were they shaking hands?

Mr. Hart: At that time they weren't.

Mr. Carneiro: Did you see them shaking hands?

Mr. Otley: How long were they together?

Mr. Hart: I will say about three minutes.

Mr. Carneiro: Let's go over this a little more. After Mr. Howard came up, you said he came between you and Mr. Heidman.

Mr. Hart: Yes. He stood between Mr. Heidman and myself.

Mr. Carneiro: I want to get the full significance of what you mean by that; did he push himself between you all in an offensive manner, or . . .

Mr. Hart: No. No.

Mr. Carneiro: Did he walk in naturally as a person would walk into a group of persons?

Mr. Hart: He came up the steps, while he was saying that he would like to see the Governor

right away, he was about two steps before getting on the balcony itself, and during that time I said to him, well, you can't see the governor, and he said why, and by that time he was on the balcony itself. I said because the Governor is in conference. He came around and he stood between Heidman and myself. By that time, I was leaning over the railing and had moved away and gotten by the broom. He came in and stood there by the railing and I stood up there and he started to explain to us why he wanted to see the governor in regard to the demonstration that would be put on during the night.

Mr. Carneiro: This Committee is interested in finding out whether Mr. Howard's actions were offensive, rude, obnoxious in some way or the other at this particular time. Now, you have been orderly there for some time in Government House, haven't you? Did Mr. Howard conduct himself in an offensive or rude manner was he pushing against you all

Mr. Hart: No, he was not pushing against us.

Mr. Carneiro: Well, was he in some way acting as if you felt you should have to hold him back or he was going to break into the

Mr. Hart: No, no such actions.

Mr. Carneiro: He didn't act as if he were breaking into the Government House.....

Mr. Hart: No. Nothing of the sort. No such action.

Agnes Hendricks:

Mrs. Hendricks: The only thing I know is that I saw Howard -- you know those little steps that go up before you get to the landing, right above the first floor, well, I saw Howard right there and he said Good afternoon Governor, my name is Ivan Howard, and that's all I heard, and they walked towards the door.

Mr. Otley: And they shook hands.

Mrs. Hendricks: They shook hands and he said good afternoon Governor, my name is Ivan Howard and they walked towards the door.

Mr. Otley: And they shook hands.

Mrs. Hendricks: They shook hands and he said good afternoon Governor, my name is Ivan Howard and they walked towards the door.

The Chairman: Did Howard go up any steps.

Mrs. Hendricks: Well, that I am not sure of. You see I was just coming out of my room and they were just around the vicinity of those steps that go up.

Mr. Chairman: You are not sure that he climbed any steps.

Mrs. Hendricks: No.

Mr. Carneiro: Based upon your experience in working in Government House, did you see anything about the situation that occurred that afternoon that would lead you to believe that some unfortunate or offensive incident had occurred.

Mrs. Hendricks: No. All I heard was the salutation and Ivan Howard announcing who he was. That's all I know. And, as I said they walked towards the door, and it was quitting time for me, so.

Calvin Wheatley:

Mr. Carneiro: To your personal knowledge, do you know when Ivan Howard arrived at Government House that afternoon.

Mr. Wheatley: No, I don't.

Mr. Carneiro: When did you note his presence there.

Mr. Wheatley: The first time I knew he was in the building at all is when he was on his way out, standing by the door. He was speaking with the Governor. As a matter of fact I wasn't too sure who the Governor was speaking with. I heard the Governor telling somebody something, and

I got up and I looked to see who it was, and I saw it was Howard.

Mr. Carneiro: Did you hear what the governor was saying at the time.

Mr. Wheatley: Frankly, I can't quote what the governor said.

Mr. Carneiro: Do you remember the effect of what he said.

Mr. Wheatley: He said something about go home son. I don't believe in mobs. He mentioned that he had been working fourteen or twelve hours and that he had just come from meeting with the council. That is the gist of everything that I heard.

Mr. Carneiro: You aren't presuming to say, word for word exactly what the governor said.

Mr. Wheatley: I said already that I can't quote him.

Mr. Chapman: Did he use the word mob.

Mr. Wheatley: He said something about mobs. Now, there again, I can't quote, but it seems to me that he said something about mob.

The Chairman: You know the word mob was used.

Mr. Wheatley: To the best of my knowledge, yes.

Mr. Carneiro: What was your reaction. Did it seem to you that something was happening. Some trouble?

Mr. Wheatley: I didn't know who the governor was speaking with.

Mr. Carneiro: Did there seem to be a troublesome situation, somebody being offensive to the governor or not?

Mr. Wheatley: From what I heard no.

Mr. Carneiro: ... Was this situation one that involved calling police, so far as you could see?

Mr. Wheatley: As far as I could see, no. As far as I could see no.

Finding of Fact.

One of the primary objectives of the Committee in questioning of the witnesses, was to obtain testimony valuable as being direct and complete, on the one hand, and on the other being as objective as the situation involved could reasonably permit. That the committee succeeded in this objective is shown by the foregoing illustrations of testimony.

On the basis of that testimony, the committee has been able to come to certain definite conclusions.

It appears clearly that Howard's specific purpose in visiting the Government House was to acquaint the Governor as to a mass demonstration to be held

that evening in Emancipation Garden, concerning the proposed revision of the Organic Act, with a view to obtaining his review directly, or through a subordinate of the proceedings. The testimony of the orderly and the chauffeur at Government House, as well as Howard's bear this out.

It seems further clear that no attempt was made to prohibit Howard from actually entering the premises. The orderly's testimony in this regard shows that Howard was advised that the Governor was occupied with a conference. There is a conflict in Howard's and the orderly's testimony as to their further discussion of the matter, but all of the parties present at this point (the chauffeur, orderly and Howard) agree that no argument or other disturbance occurred.

The various witnesses contradict each other exactly as to the manner in which Howard stepped from the balcony into the lobby of the Government House. Again, however, none of those present recall any element of forceful intrusion being involved.

The witnesses are in agreement that Howard was first seen speaking to the Governor on the steps of the landing from the first to second floor. None of the witnesses saw him go up beyond this first landing toward the second floor.

Some of the witnesses testified as to the Governor and Howard shaking hands as they met. None heard any unpleasantness, although the impression received by most that the Governor was not agreeable to Howard's suggestions. This is consistent with Howard's own testimony.

The committee, accordingly, finds as follows:

1. The purpose of Howard's visit to Government House — i. e. — the securing of the Governor's consent to review a demonstration regarding the proposed Organic Act — was a legitimate purpose.
2. Howard was not barred from the premises, was not otherwise stopped from seeing the Governor, and his actual entry into Government House was not accomplished by force, actual or constructive.
3. That there developed no improper situation between the Governor and Howard while the latter was on the premises.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The Committee is impressed that Howard's suspension was not actually based upon his conduct at Government House on the afternoon of May 10. The Committee, further, can come to no other conclusion but that his suspension, occurring several days after, is attributable to Howard's general civic activities in connection with the Organic

act revision.

We recommend, in the spirit of fairness to the employee, that his suspension be reviewed, with a view towards his reinstatement and recoupment of pay.

We recommend, further, that legislative action be taken to provide an employee with more certain and definite protection against unjustified administrative action.

The Personnel Merit System law affords in section 25, some measure of protection to employees with regard to their dismissal. That section states that in the case of appeal by an employee who has been dismissed, "If the Board determines that the employee was dismissed for political, racial, religious or personal reasons it shall recommend that such employee be reinstated to his former position."

It is to be borne in mind that recommendations of the Board are "submitted to and considered by the Appointing Authority who shall make the final decision. Such decision shall not be reviewable by any court." (Section 25, Merit System Law.)

Even this limited right of appeal, however, is not afforded in the case of suspended employees. Indeed, no mention of suspensions is made in the

basis Merit System Law, but only in the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

The Committee recommends that the Personnel Merit System Law be amended to provide for recommendations of reinstatement in cases of suspensions when such is based on political, racial, religious or personal reasons.

Mr. Crique	May
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhynes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprance	absent

The following bill was adopted in the form and by the votes indicated.

Bill No 363

The Ninth Municipal Council of
St. Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance Authorizing the Board of Personnel to Hear Appeals involving Suspension, Demotion, Dismissal or other Disciplinary Action against Officers and Employees of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, and for other Purposes.

Be it Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Any officer or employee

of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John who may be suspended, demoted, dismissed or otherwise punished for violation of any executive order prescribing rules of conduct for government officers and employees, shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Personnel created by Bill No. 2 of the 11th Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands, for review of such suspension, demotion, dismissal or other disciplinary measure.

Section 2. The Board of Personnel shall hear, as promptly as possible all appeals, in accordance with rules prescribed by the Board of Personnel. If the Board, after review of the circumstances and facts, finds that the disciplined officer is innocent of the charges made against him, it shall recommend to the appropriate authority the reinstatement of the officer or employee without the loss of pay or other benefits.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be retroactive to include appeals involving incidents occurring during the current fiscal year.

Mr. Bogue	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	absent
Mr. Rhymes	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauel	...	absent

The following persons were confirmed by unanimous vote. Municipal Scholarship Commission messrs. Macon Benymon, Raphael Wheatley and Dr. B. Warren Smith as members.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 P. M.

~~Joseph A. Gomez~~
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

~~Proctor~~
Henry N. Richard
Secretary

Meeting of June 9, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, called by the Chairman for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 1954, Municipal Building.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and St. John convened in Extraordinary Session on Wednesday, June 9, 1954, at 2:30 P.M. Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Hon. Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Hon. Henry O. Creque
Hon. Carlo B. Otley

There were no correspondence.

Before considering the items on the agenda for the day's session, Honorable Henry V. Richards requested and was permitted to discuss the contract between the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John and Valdemar A. Hill of St. Thomas.

The contract called for Valdemar A. Hill to render services to the Municipal Council as legislative consultant for a period commencing May 1 and ending December 31, 1954, at \$3,000 per annum or \$375 per month. Mr. Richards claimed that the contract was not brought before the members of the Municipal Council before it was entered into; that he knew nothing of the contract and that he doubted the validity of a contract which extended beyond the fiscal year.

He opined that this was a matter for the Council to decide before formal contractual arrangements were made with the legislative consultant.

Honorable Carl B. Otley pointed out that at a meeting of a committee of the whole sometime ago, attended by member Richards, five members gave their consent to the chairman to consummate the contract. Mr. Otley observed that member Richards did not participate in the voting at the time.

The Chair concurred in the remarks of member Otley remarking that the contract was entered into only after he was directed to do by the body.

Member Leque also spoke on the subject, declaring that he knew absolutely nothing of the contract which was signed but that he knew of the funds which were provided for such services.

There being no definite recommendations from the house regarding this contract, the discussion was closed and attention given to the order of business.

Accordingly, the following bills were discussed and adopted in the manner and by the votes indicated:

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Convening a session of the
Legislative Assembly of the Virgin
Islands.

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Whereas, Section 7 of the Organic
Act of the Virgin Islands of
the United States, approved June 26,
1936, provides, in part, that
joint sessions of the Municipal
Council of Saint Thomas and
Saint John shall constitute and
shall be designated the
Legislative Assembly of the
Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, said section 7 also
provides that the Legislative
Assembly shall convene in St.
Thomas whenever both Municipal
Councils shall determine by
Resolutions passed by each of
them; and,

Whereas, June 14, 1954, is deemed
by both Municipal Councils to
be an appropriate date on
which to convene a session of
the Legislative Assembly of the
Virgin Islands;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and
it is hereby Resolved by the
Municipal Council of Saint
Thomas and Saint John in
session assembled, that pursuant
to Section 7 of the Organic Act
of the Virgin Islands the
Legislative Assembly be convened
in formal session on Monday, June
14, 1954, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. for

consideration of the following:

- (1.) Election of Officers.
- (2.) Report of the Assembly's Delegation to Washington, D. C., relative to the New Organic Act for the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Beque	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymes	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 364

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954

Amendment No. 25 to the Budget for
the Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the fiscal year July 1, 1953
to June 30, 1954.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of Saint Thomas and Saint John in
session assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John for the
fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954
is hereby amended as follows:

Revenues:

Sundry Revenues

Increase Item 14, miscellaneous, by . . . \$1,992.17

Expenditures

Department of Social Welfare:

Mandahl School

Increase Item 540-1, Salaries, by \$1,943

Contributions:

Add new sub-Item 800-9, for
 payment to Andromeda
 Keating pursuant to Judge-
 ment of the United States
 District Court of March 22, 1954,
 re: Municipality of St. Thomas
 and St. John vs. Andromeda
 Keating \$49.17 \$1,992.17

Mr. Lereque	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Peese	absent
Mr. Rhymie	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 362.

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John

1953 — 1954

Amendment No. 26 to the Budget for
 the Municipality of St. Thomas and
 St. John for the fiscal year July 1,
 1953 to June 30, 1954

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
 Council of St. Thomas and St. John
 in session assembled.

That the Budget for the Municipality

of St. Thomas and St. John for the
Fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954 is
hereby amended as follows:

Expenditures:

Department of Education

Contributions

Reduce Item 605-3, Veterans
transportation, by \$200.00

Office of the Government Secretary

Division of Personnel

Increase Item 120-3, Maintenance
and Equipment, by \$200.00

Mr. Breque	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymes	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

The meeting was then declared
adjourned at 3:30.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry W. Richards
Henry W. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of June 28, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John called by the Chairman for Monday, June 28, 1954 at 2:30 P.M. Municipal Building.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John, in accordance with Section 13, of the Organic Act, the Municipal Council convened in Extraordinary Session on Monday, June 28, 1954, at 2:30 P.M., Municipal Building, Saint Thomas Virgin Islands.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Henry O. Gregue
Earle B. Ottley
Percival H. Reese
Weymouth Rhymen
Julius E. Sprauve

The following correspondence were read.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

June 10, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Since April 1, 1954 every effort

has been made to collect the annual license fees for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John as provided in Bill No. 160, Seventh Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, 1949-1950.

Under Section 4 of this ordinance subsection IV (d), it is required that commercial boat operators with five boats or less pay a license fee of \$50.00; with more than five boats, a license fee of \$100.00 per annum.

We have experienced some inconvenience in collecting this license fee from certain commercial boat operators on the ground that the French fishermen do not pay the fee. If the Council insist that the Government Secretary collect a fee from these French fishermen the fishing industry which we now have will go out of existence.

I recommend that Bill No. 160 be amended to exempt anyone engaged in the fishing industry grossing less than \$3,000 per annum.

Sincerely yours

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

The Hotel Association of the Virgin Islands
St. Thomas, V.I.

June 26, 1954.

The Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman of the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Mr. Lhannon:

The Hotel Association of the Virgin Islands, has learned that serious consideration is being given to the installation of parking meters in St. Thomas. At our recent regular meeting of the Association, the members discussed this matter and thereafter, directed me to write you stating that the Hotel Association fully believes the installation of such meters would not be in keeping with the historic appearance of the Virgin Islands. The members strongly feel that the commercial appearance of the meters would greatly detract from the old-world atmosphere which visiting tourists so much desire to find here. We, sincerely hope, therefore, that you and the other members of the Municipal Council will use your influence to prevent the installation of the meters now being considered.

The members also discussed the waterfront situation, the lack of safety equipment there, the unsightly appearance of the area and other hazards to public safety at the waterfront. The members sincerely hope that you and the other members of the Municipal Council will exert all effort possible to have proper safety equipment installed as required in order to prevent loss of life and to pass such regulations as are necessary in order to improve

the appearance of the area which should well be one of the scenic attractions of the Islands.

Our association is writing you in this matter since one of our objectives is "to cooperate in the preservation of the traditions and the culture of the local life of the Virgin Islands."

Sincerely yours,

For the Hotel Association of the Virgin Islands.

Thomas M. Bell
Secretary of the Association

c: The Honorable A. P. Alexander
Governor of the Virgin Islands

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
V.I.

May 14, 1954

The Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman
Municipal Council
of St. Thomas + St. John
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is draft of a bill providing for an amendment to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954. This appropriation of \$25,000 is to be used to satisfy claims for overpayment of income tax filed with the Department of Finance

for the calendar year 1953, and prior years.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

A. A. Alexander
Governor

Encl.
A. A. / ghd

Benjamin Granblin School
Coral Bay, St. John, V.I.,

May 18, 1954.

Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman, Municipal Council
St. Thomas, V.I.

Honorable Sir:

We the undersigned, members of the Parent Teacher Association of the above-named school, do hereby forward the following petition.

That a home or an institution be established for the purpose of housing our children who go to St. Thomas to continue their education at the High School, or the addition of another grade in the schools here, thereby shortening their term of residence in St. Thomas.

The reasons for making this petition are as follows:

- (1) Difficulty in obtaining suitable places for pupils to reside in St. Thomas.

- (2) Lack of efficient supervision.
- (3) Insufficient moral attention
- (4) Too great a percentage falling into undesirable pathways.

We sincerely hope that you will give this matter your sympathetic attention.

Respectfully yours.

Anesta Sewer, Vice President
 Elaine A. Mathaniel, R. N. Secretary
 Consuela Francis, Asst. Secretary
 Eugenia Charles
 Fritz Allen Smith
 Arnet March
 Ana George
 Herman Prince
 Ella Samuel
 Winnfield James.

cc: Governor Alexander
 Hon. Joseph Gomez
 Mr. Frederick Dixon
 Hon. Julius E. Sprauve

The Virgin Islands of the United States
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

June 24, 1954.

The Honorable:
 The Chairman of the Municipal Council
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am transmitting herewith, for the consideration of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John,

Amendments nos. 48 through 52 inclusive to the 1952 Pay Plan for Employees in the Classified Service, Virgin Islands.

These amendments will go into force and effect if they are not disapproved by the Municipal Council within 30 days after receipt, or if the Council should approve same, within the same period.

Sincerely yours

Charles R. Blanchard
Acting Governor.

Attachment.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

June 21, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters which I have received from Emile Shulterbrandt dated March 5, 1954 and the Superintendent of Public Works, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, dated May 18, 1954, concerning property at no. 8 Syllinge Street, Kronprindsens Quarter, St. Thomas.

In view of the fact that it is not possible to construct a house on this property, primarily because a public sewer line was

run under the house. I feel that it would be cheaper to purchase the property from Mr. Shulterbrandt and relocate the sewer line and the public road which now passes over the property.

I recommend that the Council seriously consider purchase of this property by the Municipality.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Blanch
Acting Governor.

Enclosures

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

April 29, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I hereby renominate for appointment for one-year terms, Miss Enriqueta Chardue and Mr. Joseph Pachille to succeed themselves on the Committee for Distribution of Legacies.

Your early and favorable consideration of these nominations will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
R. H. Blumfeldt
Governor

Government of the United States
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

May 25, 1954

Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman of the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John.
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Gomez:

I am returning herewith Bill No. 358, "Ordinance to Amend Ordinance creating an Official Lottery in the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John to be known as the Saint Thomas Virgin Islands Lottery; to Provide for Hospitalization, Sanitation, Education, Poor Relief; and for other purposes, Approved June 1, 1937, as amended," unsigned.

The Government Secretary advises me he conferred with you this morning about a minor change which should be made in the Bill.

As the Bill is presently written, it would necessitate the employment of additional personnel to handle lost tickets. If the Bill is rewritten to include only payment of first, second, third, and fourth prizes for lost tickets, this added expenses would be obviated.

I would appreciate it very much if this change could be made.

Very sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor

Enclosures.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

June 10, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, the Government of the Virgin Islands has been engaged in an effort to simplify and modernize the financial structure. Basic to any municipal governmental accounting system, is the budget. The format of the budget, or appropriation act, dictates the account structure. Previous municipal budgets have been in unwieldy detail. Last year's budget established 119 separate appropriation items. The same, or better control can be established by the Council through simplified appropriation and cost control. It is proposed that only three amounts be appropriated for each department, or agency, classified as:

1. Personal Services
2. Equipment
3. Other expenses

The person service item would include all payroll payments, whether to classified employees, temporary, per diem, etc. For those departments, or agencies, where

it is desirable to limit or direct expenditures toward certain program accomplishments, a provision can be added as follows:

"Provided that appropriately allocated cost may not exceed the following amounts for the items stated, except upon approval of the Governor and the Municipal committee."

followed by a list of the program items, and estimated cost of each. The first item probably would be General Administration - which will include cost of salaries of the administrative staff, and such general items as telephone, stationery, travel of the administrative staff, etc. Thereafter would be listed all the program items for which expenditures are authorized. The total of these items would be identical with the total appropriation.

This means that the Finance Department would have only three appropriation accounts for each department or agency. All governmental functions can reasonably be consolidated into nine departments. This would mean 27 appropriation accounts, instead of 119. Under each department, or agency, would be established the cost accounts or program item as prescribed by the appropriation act. The Finance Department would be responsible for allocating cost properly to the different program

items, and to see that the specified amount is not exceeded.

The Acting Director of Finance and Supply is prepared to discuss this proposal with you in detail.

I sincerely request your objective consideration of this proposal toward the end that necessary improvements can be made in the financial structure.

Sincerely,

A. G. Alexander
Governor.

Gouvernement Haïti
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

June 16, 1954

The Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman
Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Mr. Gomez:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 1954, requesting that the Governor place at the disposal of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John the Governor's facilities through the Civil Aeronautics Administration to send messages to the Continent.

I regret that such permission cannot be granted the Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

If this were done, any organization which might want to lobby in Washington could rightly request the same privilege.

As I understand it, the Governor is the liaison between the Virgin Islands and the Federal Government.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles K. Blanch
Acting Governor.

ckb/ghd

Government House,
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

June 23, 1954

Chairman
Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman

In view of the fact, that you are presently considering the budget for the next fiscal year I would like to advise you that Bill No. 264, "Ordinance to Provide Additional revenues by levying certain trade taxes and fees, to impose certain penalties and for other purposes," Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, expires on 30 June, 1954.

unless this Trade Tax Law is

reenacted it will mean a loss in revenues during the next fiscal year of approximately \$350,000.

I would appreciate information as to why this law is enacted on an annual instead of a permanent basis.

Sincerely yours
Charles W. Blanchard
Acting Governor

United States
Department of the Interior
Office of the Secretary
Washington 25, D. C.

June 23, 1954

My dear Governor Alexander:

You are hereby notified that the Lease Agreement entered into on March 25, 1950, as supplemented on October 8, 1951, between the United States, acting by the Secretary of the Interior, and the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, pertaining to the installations formerly known as the Marine Corps Air Facility and the Naval Submarine Base, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, is terminated in its entirety effective July 1, 1954.

This action is taken pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Supplement to the Lease Agreement, which provides, in pertinent part, that

"The lease dated March 25, 1950 and this Supplement thereto may be terminated or modified at any time, if and to the extent so determined by the Secretary."

The lease, as supplemented, is terminated for the following reasons, among others:

(a) The Lessee has not, in my judgment, maintained the property in good operating condition.

(b) The Lessee has failed to maintain such books and accounting records as would clearly reveal the operations and transactions arising out of the use of the property.

(c) The Lessee has failed to make an annual audit of its operations and transactions arising out of the use of the property and to report the results of such an audit to this Department.

The Municipality assumed the above obligations, among others, in the Lease Agreement, as supplemented. In the circumstances, I believe that the best interests of the Government require the termination of the agreement as supplemented on July 1, of this year. From that date forward, the management of the property will be the responsibility of the Virgin Islands Corporation. I am directing Dr. Kenneth Bartlett, President of the Virgin Islands

Corporation, to take possession of the property, including all real and appurtenant personal property, on that date.

Any claim which have been or which may be asserted against the municipality of St. Thomas and St. John as lessee of the Marine Corps Air Facility and the Naval Submarine Base will, of course remain the obligation and responsibility of the municipality. Neither this Department nor the Virgin Islands Corporation assumes any responsibility with regard to any such claims.

Sincerely yours.

Douglas Mc. Hay,
Secretary of the Interior

Hon Archie A. Alexander
Governor of the Virgin Islands
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

copy to: Hon. Earle B. Otley, Chairman
Legislative Assembly of the
Virgin Islands
St. Thomas, V. I.

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John.
St. Thomas, V. I.

Mr. William Elkins
Chairman of the Board
St. Thomas Development
Authority
St. Thomas V. I.

The following salaried appointments
were confirmed:

Committee On Appointments

Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John
Charlotte Amalie.
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

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List of Confirmation

Municipal Council

Carl Herricks as chauffeur with
pay at the rate of \$1050 per annum,
effective on and after June 20, 1954.

Department of Finance

Asta Schneider as clerk-stenographer
II, with pay at the rate of \$1560
per annum, effective on and after
July 28, 1952.

Marion A. Francis as clerk-typist
II, with pay at the rate of \$1440
per annum, effective on and after
August 4, 1952.

Compensation Commission

Morris Brewster as Custodial Worker,
with pay at the rate of \$840 per
annum, effective on and after
January 25, 1954.

Department of Social Welfare

Joseph. Christian as Assistant
Superintendent, Juvenile School,
with pay at the rate of \$2592.00
per annum, effective on and after
July 1, 1954 up to and including
September 30, 1954.

John J. Weston, as Welfare Worker, Mandak School, with pay at the rate of \$1584 per annum, effective on and after March 17, 1954 and until September 30, 1954.

Austin Monsanto as Counselor, Juvenile School, with pay at the rate of \$2448 per annum, effective on and after January 11, 1954, vice John Bell on military furlough.

Ana Testamark as Custodial Worker I, Queen Louise Home, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after May 2, 1954 until the return of personnel now on leave.

Evan Godfrey as Clerk-Stenographer II, with pay at the rate of \$1560 per annum, effective on and after January 1, 1954.

Municipal Telephone System

Austri Francis as Clerk-Typist, with pay at the rate of \$1440 per annum, effective on and after April 11, 1954.

Office of Virgin Islands Auditor

Elsa D. O'Bryan as Clerk-Stenographer III, with pay at the rate of \$2040 per annum, effective on and after March 15, 1954.

Office of Government Secretary

Benben Greedicks as Messenger, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after April 28, 1954.

Ray W. Smith and Villard F. Smith

as messenger, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after March 16, 1954.

Police and Prison Department

John G. Benjamin as Policeman, with pay at the rate of \$1680 per annum, effective on and after May 4, 1954.

Tax Assessor and Water Commissioner

Carl Hansen as messenger, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after April 26, 1954.

Florence de Castro as clerk I, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after March 19, 1954.

M. Josephine Williams as clerk I, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after March 1, 1954.

Jace G. Peters as messenger, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after February 8, 1954.

Department of Education

Walter H. Aldridge, Jr. as High School Teacher (Academic Subjects) with pay at the rate of \$2400 per annum, effective on and after March 15, 1954 and until the return of the regularly appointed employee.

Edith de Jongh as High School Teacher, Academic Subjects, with pay at the rate of \$2400 per annum, effective on and after September 3, 1952.

Elizabeth de Lagarde as High School

Teacher, Academic Subjects, with pay at the rate of \$2400 per annum, effective on and after September 3, 1952.

Ray Sener as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after September 3, 1953.

Julius Sprauve, Jr. as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1953.

Wilyn Bid as Kindergarten Teacher with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after September 16, 1953 and until the return of the regularly appointed employee.

Edward Bonelli as Clerk I, School Lunch Division, with pay at the rate of \$1008 per annum, effective on and after August 13, 1954.

Mario Puan as General Maintenance Mechanic, with pay at the rate of \$2040 per annum, effective on and after February 15, 1954.

Volney Jackson as Watchman, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after May 1, 1953.

Elvin Cregue as Custodial Worker II, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after March 15, 1954 and until the return of the regularly appointed employee.

Elmo Gray as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after June 14,

1954, and up to and including October 13, 1954.

Reginald Seage as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$6.30 per annum, effective on and after March 16, 1953.

Basita Blyden as Cook I, School Lunch Division, with pay at the rate of \$612.50 per annum, effective on and after December 16, 1952.

Department of Health - Medical Service

Benjamin Math, M.D. as Physician II with pay at the rate of \$7200 per annum, effective on and after May 10, 1954.

Arnold H. Maloney, M.D. as Physician II, with pay at the rate of \$7200 per annum, effective on and after May 10, 1954.

Earle M. Rice as Physician II, with pay at the rate of \$7200 per annum, effective on and after March 14, 1954.

Arkadius Tamm as Physician II, with pay at the rate of \$5400 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1953.

Marica Estrill as Nurse I, with pay at the rate of \$1800 per annum, effective on and after August 1, 1953.

Eunah Sans as Nurse I, with pay at the rate of \$1800 per annum, effective on and after December 1, 1953.

Emelia Adams as Nurse I with pay at the rate of \$1800 per annum,

effective on and after December 6, 1953.

Leah E. Pimple as Nurse I, with pay at the rate of \$1800 per annum, effective on and after August 1, 1953.

Le Ethel B. Smith as Medical Social Worker, with pay at the rate of \$3600 per annum, effective on and after March 14, 1954.

Julia Michalsen as Good Service Supervisor, with pay at the rate of \$2640 per annum, effective on and after April 11, 1954.

Basilda van Beverhaudt as Laboratory Technician, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after July 6, 1953.

G. Louis Clarke as Cook II, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after April 11, 1954.

Begonia George as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after April 11, 1954.

Ana Anderson, Maria Christian, Kathleen Christopher, Louise Christopher, Iris Dawson, Amelia Monastorg, Lucia England, Valdrina George, Eniel Leonard, Elsa Newton, Viola Perez, Edith Roberts, Bernice Sibilly, Dorothy Spelton, Elizabeth Stagger, Doris Violet, and Isa Wallace as Nurses' Aides, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after April 11, 1954.

Olympia Dickerson, Violet Victoria, Gertrude Fredericks and Gloria A. Callwood as Nurses' Aides, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on

and after August 16, 1953.

Behenia Monsanto as Nurses' Aide, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after December 20, 1953.

Gerda Benjamin as Nurses' Aide, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after January 17, 1954.

Utah Castillo and Ethline Elizabeth Harrington as Nurses' Aides, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after February 14, 1954.

Terrence U. Mulrairie as Nurses' Aide with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after March 14, 1954.

Department of Health. — Sanitation Service

Issac Ford as Laboratory Technician I, with pay at the rate of \$1008 per annum, effective on and after November 16, 1951.

Charles Douglas as Truckdriver, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after February 16, 1953.

Henrika Matthias as Sanitation Inspector I, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after November 1, 1952.

Clay A. George as Sanitation Inspector I, with pay at the rate of \$1296 per annum, effective on and after October 16, 1954.

Junior A. Howell as Laboratory Technician I, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after November 1, 1953.

Public Works and Fire Department.

Charles A. Edwards as Machinist, with pay at the rate of \$1764 per annum, effective on and after November 10, 1951.

Rasmus H. Johansen as Maintenance Engineer, with pay at the rate of \$4680 per annum, effective on and after August 1, 1952.

Joseph E. Leonard as Maintenance Equipment Operator, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after July 1, 1953.

Eric Vessup and Louis A. Trotman as Maintenance Equipment Operators, with pay at the rates of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after September 10, 1952 and October 1, 1952 respectively.

Darnley S. Foster and Oscar Bell as Maintenance Equipment Operators, with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after February 22, 1953 and February 15, 1954 respectively.

Victor Soto as Welder, with pay at the rate of \$1220 per annum, effective on and after May 16, 1953.

Jose Flores as Project Supervisor, with pay at the rate of \$2400 per annum, effective on and after April 1, 1953.

Oliver Steele as Mason, with pay at the rate of \$1800 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1953.

Robert O'Connor and George H. Jacobs as Generating Plant Operators, with

pay at the rates of \$1440 per annum effective on and after August 20, 1953 and December 16, 1953, respectfully.

Sedric Keyhiger as Clerk-Typist II, with pay at the rate of \$1368 per annum, effective on and after June 23, 1952.

Julien Phillips as Clerk-Typist II, with pay at the rate of \$1440 per annum, effective on and after July 1, 1953.

Eloha L. Simmons as Clerk-Typist I. (Municipal Fire Service) with pay at the rate of \$1200 per annum, effective on and after December 7, 1953.

Arturo L. James as Fireman (Municipal Fire Service) with pay at the rate of \$915.24 per annum, effective on and after October 19, 1951.

Buben B. Melchior as Fireman (Municipal Fire Service) with pay at the rate of \$1020 per annum, effective on and after March 1, 1953.

Abraham Fredricks and Frank Vernet Hooker as Watchmen; with pay at the rates of \$915.24 per annum, effective on and after August 1, 1951.

Terrence A. Phillips, Henry Samuel, and Ferdinand A. Downing as Truck Drivers, with pay at the rates of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after October 10, 1952 and March 16, 1953 respectfully.

Arman W. Fredricks as Truck Driver, with pay at the rate of \$300 per annum, effective on and after January 17, 1954.

Herman Callwood as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$900 per annum, effective on and after February 10, 1953.

Georg Jensen as Water Engineer, Potable Water System, with pay at the rate of \$3600 per annum, effective on and after July 27, 1953.

Leonard Reed as Trades Helper, with pay at the rate of \$1176 per annum, effective on and after December 10, 1951.

Jacob Turner and Chester Waterman as Laborers II with pay at the rates of \$960 per annum, effective on and after October 10, 1951.

Alexander H. Hrett as Laborer II, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum, effective on and after March 10, 1953.

Harold Sasso as Laborer II, with pay at the rate of \$1080 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1952.

Gerard N. Questel, Cecil Levy, Henrique Vanterpool as Laborers I, with pay at the rate of \$915.24 per annum, effective on and after October 10, 1951.

James King and Godfrey Queman as Laborers I, with pay at the rates of \$915.24 per annum, effective on and after February 1, 1952.

Monroe Thuan as Laborer I, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after August 16, 1952.

William Turnbull as Laborer, with

pay at the rate of \$960 per annum effective on and after September 8, 1952.

Philip Joseph as Laborer I, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum effective on and after September 10, 1952.

Joseph B. Harley, Arnold Anthony and John A. King as Laborers I, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after August 24, and October 1, 1953 respectively.

Samuel E. Francis and Joseph A. Brun, as Laborers I, with pay at the rates of \$1020 per annum, effective on and after February 25, 1953.

Hubert Bartley, Randolph T. Testamark and William D. Gray as Laborers I, with pay at the rate of \$1020 per annum, effective on and after August 14, 1953.

Eric A. Sprauve as Laborer I, with pay at the rate of \$1020 per annum, effective on and after July 20, 1953.

Oralis C. Garratt as Laborer I, with pay at the rate of \$1020 per annum, effective on and after April 1, 1953.

James A. King, Jr., as Laborer I, with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after March 18, 1954.

Mathaniel Bills as Laborer I (Potable Water Supply System), with pay at the rate of \$960 per annum, effective on and after March 29, 1954.

Mr. Leque yea
 Mr. Gomez "
 Mr. Otley "
 Mr. Reese "
 Mr. Rhynes "
 Mr. Richards "
 Mr. Sprauve "

The following bills were discussed and adopted in the manner and by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 372

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance Authorizing the Governor, for and behalf of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and St. John, to Purchase Property No. 8 Syllinge Street Kronprindsens Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and for other Purposes.

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Whereas, Property No. 8 Syllinge Street, Kronprindsens Quarter, Saint Thomas, has been unusable for the purpose of building construction by the owner due to the installation by the Government of sewed lines and electric light poles across the land, and the construction of a public road through the property; and,

Whereas, The Administration has recommended that this property be acquired for public purposes:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and

Saint John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor is hereby authorized to purchase for and on behalf of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, Property No. 8 Gyllinge Street, Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands, for the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800) Dollars, Provided, That said property shall be used for public purposes only, and shall not be resold to any person for private purposes.

Mr. Leque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Brede	...	yea
Mr. Rhymer	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	yea

Bill No. 365

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Provide Free Medical Care and Service for Certain Municipal Employees, and for other Purposes.

— 11 —

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled:

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John to provide free medical care and

service in public institutions for certain municipal employees in recognition of the nature of their employment, which includes calls at any time for emergency duty and susceptibility to occupational hazards.

Section 2. In accordance with the policy as set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance, employees of the Department of Health, Police and Prison Department and the Municipal Fire Service shall receive free medical care and services in public institutions of this Municipality in all cases in which such care and service is required.

Section 3. Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be retroactive in effect to cover any and all cases arising since January 1, 1954.

Section 4. Section 4 of "Ordinance to Authorize the Establishment of Fees for Medical Care in the Municipality, to Provide for the payment of such fees, and for other purposes," approved February 2, 1953, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created the Committee on Hospital Fees, which shall be comprised of the Commissioner of Health, or his deputy, and four other members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council; which four

members shall serve for a term of two years, and until their successors have been appointed and qualified. The Commissioner of Health, or his deputy, shall be chairman of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive compensation at the rate of \$5.00 a meeting, but total compensation to any one member shall not exceed \$300 a year.

Section 5. "Ordinance to authorize the Establishment of Fees for Medical Care in the Municipality, to provide for the Payment of such Fees, and for other Purposes," approved February 2, 1953, as amended; is hereby continued in force and effect from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955, the date of approval of this ordinance notwithstanding.

Mr. Greque yea
 Mr. Gomez yea
 Mr. Otley "
 Mr. Reese "
 Mr. Rhymes "
 Mr. Richards "
 Mr. Sprauve "

Bill No. 366

The Ninth Municipal Council of
 St. Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to Regulate, Control, and Operate the Potable Water Supply System of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, and

for other Purposes," Approved by the Governor September 12, 1951, To Abolish the Potable Water Supply Fund, and Convert the Assets to the General Fund of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John.

— 11 —

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled:

That "Ordinance to Regulate, Control, and Operate the Potable Water Supply System of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, and for other Purposes," Approved by the Governor September 12, 1951, is amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of the said ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Potable Water Supply System shall be operated and maintained under the supervision and control of the Superintendent of Public Works. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the General Fund of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, such amounts as found necessary for the operation, maintenance, improvement and expansion of the Potable Water Supply System.

Section 2. Section 3 of the said ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) There is hereby authorized

to be appointed a Water Engineer who shall be an unclassified employee, and whose salary shall be not less than \$3600 per annum.

(b) At the effective date of this ordinance the bank account of the Potable Water Supply Fund shall be emptied into the General Fund of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, and the Potable Water Supply Fund shall thereafter cease to exist. All outstanding checks shall be paid from the General Fund. All collections on account of the Potable Water Supply System shall be covered into the General Fund of the Municipality. Outstanding receivables shall be recorded by the Commissioner of Finance as receivables of the General Fund of the Municipality.

Mr. Lucque	.....	yes
Mr. Gomez	.....	"
Mr. Otley	.....	"
Mr. Reese	.....	"
Mr. Rhymes	.....	"
Mr. Richards	.....	"
Mr. Sprauve	.....	"

Bill No 367

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance Establishing the Military Imprest Fund, to Abolish the Fund, and to Convert the Assets to the General Fund of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled.

Section 1. Ordinance to Authorize the Governor to borrow monies from the Public and Trust Funds of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the purpose of setting up an Imprest Fund for work to be performed by the Government of the Virgin Islands for the United States Government on a Reimbursement basis, and amendment thereto, namely, "Bill No. 57 of the Sixth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John", are hereby repealed, and the Imprest Fund known as the "Military Imprest Fund" is hereby abolished.

Section 2. At the effective date of this ordinance, the bank account of the Military Imprest Fund shall be emptied into the General Fund of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, and the Military Imprest Fund shall cease to exist.

Section 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the General Fund of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John any amount found necessary to liquidate indebtedness due to operations of the said repealed ordinance

Mr. Leigue	...	ya
Mr. Gomey	...	"
Mr. Otley	...	"
Mr. Bess	...	"
Mr. Rhymes	...	"
Mr. Richards	...	"
Mr. Sprauel	...	"

Bill No 368

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954.

Ordinance to Abolish the Hurricane
Loan Fund and to convert the
Assets to the General Fund of the
Municipality of Saint Thomas and
Saint John.

— 11 —

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St.
John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Hurricane Loan
Fund, of uncertain origin, the
assets of which are understood
to represent repayments of personal
loans outstanding by the
Danish Government at the time
of transfer of the Virgin Islands
from Denmark to the United States,
and subject to the provisions of
Resolution of the Colonial
Council of June 6, 1918, is hereby
abolished and the said
Resolution hereby rescinded.

Section 2. At the effective date
of this Ordinance, the bank
account of the Hurricane Loan
Fund shall be emptied into the
General Fund of the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John and
the Hurricane Loan Fund shall
thereafter cease to exist.
Outstanding loans shall be
recorded by the Commissioner
of Finance as receivables of
the General Fund of the
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Mr. Leque yea
 Mr. Gomez "
 Mr. Otley "
 Mr. Reese "
 Mr. Rhymes "
 Mr. Richards "
 Mr. Sprauve "

Bill No. 369

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance concerning Political
Activity of Officers and Employees
of the Municipality of Saint
Thomas and Saint John, and for
other Purposes.

Be It Enacted, by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John in
session assembled:

Section 1. Every officer or
employee of the Municipality of
St. Thomas and St. John, or any
agency thereof, shall be entitled
to the following political rights:
(a) to vote as he chooses and
to express his opinion on any
or all political subjects and
candidates; (b) to take an
active part in political management
and/or in political campaigns;
(c) to be a candidate for
nomination or for election to
any insular or municipal
elective office.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful
for any officer or employee of
the Municipality, or any agency

thereof, to use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting the result thereof. It shall also be unlawful for any officer or employee to institute, encourage, or direct any political activity or display of any kind while on duty conducting the public business.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be administered by the Board of Personnel created in Bill No. 2, The Personnel Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands, approved December 16, 1946, as amended. The Board is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations which are considered necessary for the proper administration of this ordinance.

Section 4. Any officer or employee violating any provision of this Ordinance or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, shall be recommended by the removal from the position or office held by him; Provided, however, that if the Board finds that the violation does not warrant removal, a lesser penalty shall be recommended.

Section 5. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to interfere with, impede, or in any way diminish the right of municipal employees to organize, establish, operate and maintain associations for their mutual interest, protection, and

welfare. Municipal Employees shall not be deprived of the right to join, contribute financially, hold office, or in any other way take an active part, in the affairs of such associations.

Mr. Bregue	.	.	.	.	.	.	yes
Mr. Gomez	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
Mr. Ottley	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
Mr. Reese	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
Mr. Rhymner	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
Mr. Richards	.	.	.	.	.	.	"
Mr. Sprauve	.	.	.	.	.	.	"

Bill No. 371

The Ninth Municipal Council of Saint
Thomas and St. John.

1953 — 1954

Amendment No. 27 to the Budget for
the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John for the Fiscal Year
July, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, is hereby amended as follows:

Revenues

III Sundry Revenues

Increase Item 14, Miscellaneous by ————— \$ 800

Expenditures

Department of Education

(Office of the Superintendent
School & Headquarters Division)

Reduce Item 01-600-1, Salaries

by \$925. \$1725.00Police Court & Bureau of Roads &
Records.Increase Item 01-001, Salaries,
by \$925.

Office of the Governor:

Add new sub-item 01-170-4-2,
for purchase of Property No 2,
Gylling Street, St. Thomas
Virgin Islands, pursuant to
Bill No. 372 \$800 \$1725.00

Mr. Leque	.. . . .	yes
Mr. Gomez	.. . . .	"
Mr. Otley	.. . . .	"
Mr. Reese	.. . . .	"
Mr. Rhymes	.. . . .	absent
Mr. Richards	.. . . .	yes
Mr. Sprauwe	.. . . .	"

The meeting was then adjourned
at 5:00 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry V. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of June 30, 1954

Of The Extraordinary Meeting of
the Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John called by
the Chairman for Wednesday,
June 30, 1954, at 3:30 P. M.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman
of the Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John, in
accordance with Section 13 of
the Organic Act, the Municipal
Council convened in Extraordinary
Session on Wednesday, June 30, 1954,
at 3:50 P. M. Municipal Building,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry O. Bregue
Earl B. Otley
Percival H. Reese, Acting Secty.
Weymouth Rhymes
Julius E. Sprauve

The following communication was
read:

Gouvernement of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

June 30, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie.
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am returning herewith, without
my approval, Bill No. 363, "Ordinance
Authorizing the Board of Personnel

to Hear Appeals involving
suspension, Remotion, Dismissal
or other Disciplinary Action
against Officers and Employees of
the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John, and for other pur-
poses" which was received in
my office on June 3, 1954.

Section 3 of Bill No. 363 is
patently designed for the relief
of one municipal employee.
Such legislation does not
conform to the policy of this
administration.

I therefore disapprove Bill No. 363.

Very truly yours.

A. A. Alexander
Governor

attachment.

The following bills were
discussed and adopted in the
manner and by the votes
indicated:

Bill No 348

The Ninth Municipal Council of
St. Thomas and St. John.

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Amend Chapter I,
Title I, of the Code of Laws of
the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John.

— 11 —

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St.
John in session assembled:

Section 1. Section 13, Chapter 1, Title I of the Code of Laws of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John is hereby amended to read as follows: The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council, a Judge of the Police Court, whose salary shall be fixed in the annual municipal budget, but not less than six thousand (\$6,000) Dollars per annum. The Judge of the Police Court shall serve for a term of four (4) years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, and during the said term of office he shall not directly, or in any manner whatsoever, engage in private practice of law. The Judge of the Police Court shall be removed by the Governor for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or for violation of the provision of this section.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 1955.

Mr. Beque	.....	yes
Mr. Gomez	.....	"
Mr. Otley	.....	"
Mr. Reese	.....	"
Mr. Rhymes	.....	"
Mr. Richards	.....	absent
Mr. Sprauve	.....	May

Bill No. 241

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Control the Operation
of Motor Vehicles known as "Drive
Yourself" Automobiles and for
other purposes.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for
any person, firm, corporation or
partnership to engage in the
renting of any motor vehicle to
be driven by the person renting
the same unless the person, firm,
corporation or partnership renting
the motor vehicle has a
license so to do issued by
the Government Secretary. Said
license shall be issued upon
the recommendation of the
Director of Police.

Section 2. Any person, firm,
corporation, or partnership, upon
payment of the license fee
herein stipulated, may engage
in the renting of motor vehicles
to be driven by person renting
the same. Such motor vehicles
shall be properly identified
as a rented car either by
applying thereon metal tags
or by sign-painting sufficient
enough to describe and
distinguish said vehicle from
ordinary taxis. Persons
renting such vehicles shall
solicit fares or in any manner
offer or use such vehicles as
taxis, and therefore shall be
licensed specifically for the
purpose of auto units for rent, for
hire, or for lease.

Section 3. The annual license fee for conducting a Drive-upself Business shall be \$50 and shall become due and payable not later than January 15, of each year.

Section 4. Violations of this ordinance shall be treated as misdemeanors and punished according to law.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after approval.

Mr. Crecque	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Rees	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	absent
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 358

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance
"creating an Official Lottery in the
municipality of Saint Thomas and
Saint John to be known as the
Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands Lottery;
to provide funds for Hospitalization,
Sanitation, Education, Poor Relief;
and for other Purposes," Approved
June 1, 1937, as amended.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. Section 13 of the Ordinance "Creating an Official Lottery in the Municipality of St. Thomas and Saint John to be known as the Saint Thomas Virgin Islands Lottery; to provide funds for Hospitalization, Education, Poor Relief; and for other Purposes," Approved June 1, 1937, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

The prizes shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Lottery Board as soon as the result of the corresponding drawing and the legitimacy of the winning tickets are known, without more delay than may be necessary to make the corresponding liquidation and that required by the provisions of funds. In making payments of prizes, only those lists of winning numbers shall be authentic which are printed and distributed by the Director, and any other document or notice shall be considered as a private notice without official character. No prize shall be paid without the previous presentation of the ticket winning it and the verification of its legitimacy, which document cannot be substituted in any manner. Provided, however, that the first, second, third and fourth prizes for winning tickets alleged lost or stolen may be redeemed by the lawful owner if such owner submits a claim therefor within the time required herein for liquidation of prizes. The claimant shall file an affidavit with the Director of the Lottery showing the number and quantity

of tickets lost or stolen, the name of the dealer or subdealer from whom purchased and all other relevant factors as the Lottery Board may by regulations prescribe. In no case shall any claim for any winning ticket lost or stolen be paid until the expiration of six months after the drawing. The right to collect prizes expires at the end of six months counting from the day following that on which the corresponding drawing was made. When this term has expired, the Treasurer and the Operating Fund of the Saint Thomas Virgin Islands Lottery shall be free from all liability. The provisions hereof shall be retroactive to cover any pending claim.

Mr. Gregue	...	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	...	"
Mr. Otley	...	...	"
Mr. Reese	...	...	"
Mr. Rhynes	...	...	"
Mr. Richards	...	...	absent
Mr. Sprauve	...	...	yea

Bill No. 370

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to continue in force and effect "The Trade Tax Law of 1953," Approved July 6, 1953.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in Session Assembled:

Section 1. "Ordinance to Provide Additional Revenues by Levying Certain Trade Taxes and Fees, to Impose Certain Penalties and for other Purposes," approved July 6, 1953, is hereby continued in force and effect from July 1, 1954 to September 30, 1954, the date of approval of this ordinance notwithstanding.

Mr. Leque	..	..	..	gea
Mr. Gomez	..	..	..	"
Mr. Otley	..	..	..	absent
Mr. Reese	..	..	..	gea
Mr. Richards	..	..	..	"
Mr. Rhysner	..	..	..	"
Mr. Spraine	..	..	..	"

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Perceval H. Reese.
Perceval H. Reese
acting Secretary

Meeting of July 12, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, called by the Chairman for Monday, July 12, 1954, at 4:30 P.M. Municipal Building.

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Pursuant to Call of the Chairman, in accordance with section 13 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John, convened in Extraordinary Meeting on Monday, July 12, 1954 at 4:30 P.M.

Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
 Henry V. Richards, Secretary
 Henry C. Breaque
 Earl B. Otley
 Weymouth Rhymar
 Percival H. Reese

There were no correspondence. No informal discussions.

The following bills were discussed and adopted in the manner and by the votes shown:

Bill No. 354

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

1953—1954

Ordinance to fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954, and for other Purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. The following sums for salaries and expenses, or so much thereof as may be respectively necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Municipal Treasury not otherwise appropriated for expenditures during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954 and ending June 30, 1955, for the purpose hereinafter expressly named:

Legislative

1. Legislative Assembly:

For all necessary expenses of the Legislative Assembly including stipend for members, stenographic, legal, special and technical services, and official entertainment, upon certification of the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Legislative Assembly whoever is resident in this Municipality \$8,000

Municipal Council & Municipal Committee

Salaries:

Councilmen \$9,000
Assistant to the Council 3,900

Classified Employees:

Clerk Stenographer IV
Clerk Typist II
Custodial Worker I

2 messengers
 1 chauffeur \$8,510 \$20,900
 Equipment \$ 400

Maintenance: All necessary expenses for the operation of the Municipal Council and its committees, including travel expenses of members at 10¢ per mile; travel expenses of the member from St. John who shall receive \$10 a round trip made for attendance at meetings; radio time; overtime; stenographic; legal, special and technical services; official entertainment; publication of the Journal; subscription to newspapers and magazines; purchase of books; publishing notices and orders of the day and other Council publications, round trip transportation within and/or beyond the limits of the Virgin Islands for Councilmen and for members of the Staff, including per diem as follows: a sum not exceeding \$10 per day or fraction thereof for official travel to Saint Croix or for travel to Saint John for members residing in Saint Thomas; a sum not exceeding \$15 a day or fraction thereof for official travel to Puerto Rico or other neighboring islands; a sum not exceeding \$20 a day or fraction

thereof for official travel to the United States, such per diem for official travel shall be paid in advance upon certification of the chairman of the council subject to the usual accounting; clerical and other incidental expenses of the legislative committees upon certification of the chairman of the respective committees \$10,000 \$39,500.00

Judicial

2. Police Court And Bureau of Deeds & Records:

Salaries:

Judge of the Police Court & Recorder of Deeds \$4,800

Classified Employees:

1 Clerk Typist III
1 Clerk Stenographer III \$4,320

Equipment \$200

Maintenance -- all necessary expenses 400 600

Electoral Board

Maintenance -- all necessary expenses \$2000 \$11,720.00

Executive

3. Office of the Governor:

Salaries:

Classified Employees:

1 messenger-janitor \$ 840

General contingent: all necessary expenses in the discretion of the Governor including the purchase of awards pursuant to Bill No. 247 of December 17, 1933. 4,000

Planning Board:

Salaries:

Classified Employees:

1 Clerk IV \$2760

Maintenance: All necessary expenses 500 3260 \$8,100.00

4. Office of the Government Secretary:

Main Office & Agricultural Station:

Salaries:

1 Horticulturist \$3,600

Classified Employees:

1 Chemical Analyst

2 Laborers I

1 messenger 4,920

Maintenance: All necessary expenses 500 \$9,020

Division of Personnel:

Salaries:

1 Director of Personnel . . . 5600

Classified Employees:

2 Clerk Typist III

1 Clerk, Typist II, including study leave with pay for 1 employee during the period September 15, 1954 to June 30, 1955. 7,440

Maintenance: All necessary expenses 1,300 \$14,340 \$23,360.00

5. Office of the Administrator for St. John

Salaries:

Classified Employees:

Coxswain
Launch Engineer \$3,220

Maintenance: All necessary expenses, including purchase of uniforms for members of the crew 500

Boat Transportation . . . 2,510

\$6,220.00

Government Printing Office:

Salaries:

1 Director of Printing . . . 4,200

Classified Employees:

4 Printers 8,760

Maintenance: All necessary expenses including cost of government publications and Registration and Trademarks. . . 2,670

\$15,630

\$90,270.00

6. The Department of Finance:

Salaries:

Chief Clerk

Chief, General Service . . . \$4,500

Classified Employees:

Chief, Income Tax Division
Accountant

1 Clerk IV
Trade Tax Inspector
Cashier

2 Account Clerks II
1 Audit Clerk

4 Clerk Typist II

1 Clerk Typist III

1 Clerk Stenographer II

2 Clerk Typist I

1 Clerk I

1 Messenger

1 Custodial Worker

1 Multigraph Operator

1 Clerk Typist I

1 Clerk II

1 Clerk I

2 Deputy Collectors . . . \$60,240

Equipment . . . 1,000

Maintenance: All
necessary expenses . . . 3,000

Insurance Premiums. 5,900 \$74,640

7. Office of The Tax Assessor & Water Commissioner
Salaries:

Tax Assessor & Water
Commissioner . . . \$4,500

Classified Employees:

Clerk IV

2 Clerk Stenographers II

1 Clerk Typist II

1 Record Clerk

1 Clerk I

1 Messenger . . . 12,360

Maintenance: All necessary expenses	3,000	<u>\$19,860.00</u>
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8. Office of the Virgin Islands Auditor:

Salaries:

Auditor	\$5,800
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Classified Employees:

Principal Account Clerk	
Account Clerk II	
Clerk Stenographer III	
2 Account Clerks I	10,920

Equipment	500
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Maintenance: All necessary expenses	3,000	<u>\$20,240.00</u>
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9. Police And Public Safety

Salaries:

Director of Police	\$4,500
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Classified Employees:

Clerk IV	
Clerk Typist II	
3 Lieutenants	
6 Sergeants	
4 Corporals	
24 Policemen	
1 Guard	
1 Matron	
1 Cook	\$7,700

Equipment	250
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Maintenance: All necessary expenses	17,000
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St Thomas Home Guard:

Maintenance: All
necessary expenses 500

Civil Defense 1,000 \$100,950.00

10. Public Works and Fire Department:

Salaries:
Classified Employees.

1 Clerk IV

1 Clerk III

1 Clerk II

1 Clerk Typist III

1 Clerk Typist II

1 Clerk Typist I

1 Storekeeper

1 Custodial Worker I

2 General Maintenance Mechanics

1 Mason Foreman

1 Mason

1 Machinist

1 Welder

4 Trades Helpers

2 Chauffeurs

11 Truck Drivers

1 Highway Project Supervisor

3 Heavy Equipment Operators

3 Automotive Mechanic Foremen

2 Automotive Mechanics

7 Laborers II

48 Laborers I

1 Labor Foreman II

1 Diesel Equipment Mechanic Foreman

2 Plumbers

1 Maintenance Engineer

1 Project Supervisor

9 Maintenance Equipment Operators

2 Carpenters

2 Gardeners

2 General Plant Operators

1 Surveyor

1 Instrumentman

1 Bodman

5 Watchmen \$170,700

Equipment	\$3,000
Maintenance: All necessary expenses	8,000
Roads and Highways, St. Thomas, including construction of Bridge in Queen's Street King's Quarter (Seven Day Adventist Street) and Silkegade and improve- ments to Agnes Yancy Hospital Grounds, St. Peter Mountain, Hull, Staahiland Contant and Hassel Have roads also correcting the overflow of water in the vicinity of Kathrineberg road, Murphy gade, Jenson Stræde and Palm Stræde, & Lindberg Bay Road	25,000
Roads and Highways St. John	3,000
Street cleaning	12,000
Gutter Flushing	1,630
Street Lighting, including the installation of 15 additional street lights	10,000
Salt Water & Fire protection system	20,000
Sewage Disposal, including construction of Public Toilets	15,000
Maintenance of Public Buildings	2,000

Cemeteries & Parks \$1000

Maintenance of Light
Plant on 12-hour schedule,
street lighting system
and radiophone
elts in St. John 2,500

Maintenance and
Operation of Transportation
Equipment 3,000

Land Surveys 1,000

Workmen Compensation
Ins. 2,500

Leave and Substitutes 2,500 \$11,313.00

Potable Water System:

Funds to be expended
in accordance with
budget to be
approved by the
Municipal Committee 40,000

Municipal Fire Service:

Salaries:

Fire Chief \$3,900

Classified Employees:

Chief Typist I

2 Truck Drivers

1 Woman

3 Firemen

1 Inspector 9,540

Equipment 2,000

Maintenance: All
necessary expenses
including purchase

of uniforms	2,000	17,440	\$840,270.00
11 Harbor Department:			
Salaries:			
Harbormaster	\$4,500		
Classified Employees:			
2 Harbor Pilots			
4 Coxswain			
4 Launch Engineers			
4 Signalmen		\$26,680	\$37,180.00
12 Department of Health & Sanitation:			
General Administration:			
Classified Employees:			
Clerk Stenographer IV			
Director			
Business Manager			
Account Clerk II			
Procurement & Supply			
Storekeeper			
Collection Clerk			
Clerk Typist II			
Clerk Typist II			
Messenger			
Plant Engineer			
2 Maintenance Mechanics			
Plumber			
Trades Helper			
Laborer			
Automotive Mechanic			
6 Chauffeurs			
2 Truck Drivers		\$44,080	
Equipment		3,470	
Maintenance: All			
necessary expenses		16,150	\$63,700

Health Services:

Director
 3 Laboratory Technicians II
 Chemical Analyst
 2 Laboratory Technicians I
 3 Custodial Workers
 Director

1 Supervisor
 Public Health Nurse II
 7 Public Health Nurses I
 2 Nurse Midwives
 2 Nurses Aides

Director
 Clerk II (Sanitation)
 Clerk I
 Sanitation Inspector II
 4 Sanitation Inspectors I
 Laborer Houseman I
 2 Laborers II
 8 Laborers I
 2 Laborers I
 Laborer II
 Director

Mental Hygienist \$79,694

Equipment 4,300

Maintenance: All
 necessary expenses 13,406 \$97,420

Medical Care:

Classified Employees

Medical Director
 Coordinator of Hospital Services
 Dietary Manager
 2 Cooks II
 2 Cooks I
 2 Pantrymen
 3 Electric Dishwasher Operators
 4 Food Service Supervisors
 4 Food Service Workers
 6 Food Service Workers
 Nurse Superintendent

Assistant Nurse Superintendent	
Nurse Supervisor	
Nursing Education Director	
Supervisor	
Nurse I	
5 Nurses I.	
12 Nurses Aides	
Supervisor	
Evening Supervisor	
3 Nurse Midwives	
Nurse Midwife	
9 Nurses Aides	
Supervisor	
Evening Supervisor	
2 Nurse I.	Supervisor
8 Nurses Aides	Nurse I.
Pharmacist	7 Nurses Aides
Record Supervisor	Supervisor
Record Clerk	Nurse I.
File Clerk	2 Nurses I.
Supervisor	Nurses Aides
Nurse II	
Nurse I	
3 Nurses Aides	
Anesthetist	
X-Ray Technician II	
5 Physicians II	
Medical Social Worker	
Housekeeper	
Custodial Worker	
2 Custodial Workers	
17 Custodial Workers	
Laundry Manager	
8 Laundry Workers	214,960
Equipment	500
Maintenance, other supplies and expenditures, including the employment of 1 Eye Specialist on a contractual basis	32,540
Food supply	36,000
Drugs & Biologicals	12,000
	<u>296,000</u>

Out - Patient & Emergency:

Classified Employees:

2 Nurses Aides \$2,880

Maintenance: supplies

and other expenditures: 1,500 4,380 \$461,500.00

13 Department of Social Welfare

Emergency Aid \$700

Distribution of Com-
modities 200Contribution to Public
Assistance Fund 69,000Contribution to Corncro
Home \$500Contribution to Cancer
Fund 800 \$62,200Child Welfare:

Salaries

Classified Employees:

Chief Stenographer II . . . \$1,600

Equipment 50

Maintenance: All
necessary expenses
including \$30 per month
per foster child 9,000 \$10,650Queen Louise Home:

Salaries

Classified Employees:

Matron
Custodial Worker II

5 Custodial Worker I
 Cook I
 Laundry Worker \$9,000
 Equipment 50
 Maintenance: All
 necessary expenses 6,850 \$15,900

Mandahl School.

Salaries:
 Classified Employees:

Superintendent
 Assistant Superintendent
 Counselor
 2 Welfare Workers
 Automotive Mechanic
 Clerk Typist I
 Seamstress
 Cook II
 Laundress 16,180

Equipment 1,000

Maintenance: All
 necessary expenses 15,800 32,180 \$129,930.00

14. Department of Education + Recreation

Administration:

Salaries
 Classified Employees:

Assistant Superintendent
 High School Principal
 Elementary Supervisor
 Art Supervisor
 Kindergarten Supervisor
 Music Supervisor
 4 Elementary School Principals
 10 Elementary School Principal-Teachers
 29 High School Teachers (Academic)
 2 High School Teacher (Physical Education)

High School Teacher (Commercial)

57. Elementary School Teachers

11 Kindergarten Teachers

2 Clerks ^{IV}

Clerk Stenographer ^{III}

4 Clerk Stenographer ^{II}

Account Clerk ^I

Chief Accounting Agent

Automotive Mechanic

General Maintenance Mechanic

Chauffeur

Messenger

7 Custodial Workers ^I

3 Custodial Workers ^{II}

2 Watchmen \$274,800

Equipment 3,500

Maintenance: All necessary expenses including operation of 1 Kindergarten School at East End and operation of 1 class for adults 12,000

Repairs to School including construction of 3 Kindergarten Schools at Polbyberge, Savan and Caronage 46,000

Text Books 3,000 ^{\$309,300}

Contributions:

St. John Scholarships, including \$15. per month per child \$1,800

Health Services 500

Veterans Transportation . . . 300

Scholarships Grants 5,000

Scholarships to Teachers in the Public Schools

System, including
not less than 2
scholarships for
nursing. 2,200

Vocational Education
and Industrial Arts
Fund 34,700

\$44,500

School Lunch Division:

Salaries:

Classified Employees..

Manager School Lunch
Program

Food Service Supervisor

Clerk I

Chauffeur

2 Laborers I

5 Cooks II

18 Cooks I

16 Food Service Workers. \$38,000

Equipment. 1,000

Maintenance: All necessary
expenses 20,800

\$59,800

Public Recreation Division

The powers and functions
of the Municipal
Recreation Authority as
provided in Bill No 222
is hereby transferred to
Public Recreation
Division:

Salaries:

Manager \$3,600

Classified Employees

2 Custodial Workers, . . . 2,200

Equipment and maintenance: All necessary expenses including installation of Lights at Ball Parks \$5000 \$10,820

Public Library Division:

Salaries:

Chief, Library Division .. \$3600

Classified Employees:

1 Librarian II

3 Librarians I

Clerk Typist I

Bookmender \$9,000

Equipment 500

Maintenance: All necessary expenses. . . \$3,500 \$16,600 \$44,020.00

15 Office of the Wage Commissioner & Labor Relations Board:

Maintenance: All necessary expenses including temporary employment of 1 Wage Inspector and stipend for members of the Labor Relations Board and the Wage Appeals Board \$3200.00

16 Office of The Price & Rent Control Commission:

Salaries

Chairman, Price and Rent Control \$3,300

Maintenance: All necessary expenses including survey of rented premises \$1,200 \$4,500.00

17 Contributions:

Community Band \$1,500

St. Thomas Park Authority (for expenditure subject to approval of a budget by the Municipal Committee) 3,000

Legal Defense for Indigent 600 \$5,100.00

18 Pensions & Allowances:

Contribution to Retirement Fund for old Pensioners \$24,288

Contribution to Retirement Fund pursuant to Retirement Act 3,000 \$27,288.00

19 Municipal Land Authority

Contribution for Administration expenses \$7,000.00

20 Tourist Development:

Contribution to the Tourist Development Fund to be expended in accordance with Budget to be approved by the Municipal Committee \$20,000.00

21. Emergency & Relief Projects:

For operation for emergency and relief projects subject

to the approval of the
Governor and the
Municipal Committee \$10,000.00

22 Pay Increases:

For salary increase of
classified employees
pursuant to Section 5.5 (b)
of the Personnel Rules
and Regulations \$42,307.00

General Provisions

Section 2. Not more than fifty (50%) percent of the amounts appropriated in this Budget according to items shall be obligated or expended by the several departments and agencies during the period July 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954, without the prior approval of the Municipal Committee. This Budget shall be reviewed by the Municipal Council before December 31, 1954, for the purpose of extending appropriations for the period January 1, 1955, to June 30, 1955.

Section 3(a). The amounts enumerated herein for personnel and other expenses for the Office of the Virgin Islands Auditor, the Office of the Director of Personnel and the Planning Board represent the aggregate amounts required by law creating such offices. In the event the Municipality of St. Croix fails to appropriate an amount equal to 50% of the appropriation for these offices, as required by statute, the Governor shall divert from the amount of Federal Deficit appropriation earmarked for the Municipality of St. Croix an amount equal to 50% to the Municipality of

St. Thomas and St. John to cover the said amount.

(b) The Governor shall also divert from the funds of the Grant-in-Aid Program a sum of \$1200 to the municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for services to be rendered by the Division of Personnel.

Section 4. It is hereby determined, upon the basis of the revenues estimates and the appropriations contained in this Ordinance, that during this fiscal year the revenue derived from local sources in this municipality will exceed the aggregate amounts herein appropriated for all functions, including Public Health and Public Welfare, eligible for special grants and assistance under national grant-in-aid programs; wherefore, all appropriations hereinabove made for functions eligible for special Federal assistance as aforesaid shall be charged against revenues derived from local sources only.

Section 5. In consideration of the impossibility of distinguishing municipal revenues derived from various sources, including the general Federal deficit appropriations, while such revenues are deposited in the general fund in the Treasury of the Municipality compliance with the foregoing requirement shall be determined by a past audit showing that the amounts paid into the general fund during the fiscal year from local sources exceed the amounts paid out of the general fund for expenses of agencies and functions which have received additional

assistance from Federal grant-in-aid funds.

Section 6. The Governor may, subject to the approval of the Municipal Committee, transfer between items on the budget amounts within the individual departments; but no such transfers shall be made by the Governor except upon recommendation of the Municipal Committee. Transfers of budgeted amounts between the departments shall only be effected by special money bills.

Section 7. Funds appropriated in the maintenance items of Departments and agencies may be expended for special or professional training of personnel with the approval of the Governor and the Municipal Committee.

Section 8. Any amount found due and duly certified for payment for refund of taxes paid, or for subsidy payments under the provisions of the Tax Exemption Ordinance, may be paid out of the General Fund; provided that a reasonable estimated amount to cover such payments is duly recorded on the Books of the Finance Department, and that the balance in this account is shown as a deduction from any statement of total actual or estimated revenues.

Section 9. All personal service items may be merged into one payroll account under the control of the Finance Department; provided the individual amounts are not exceeded for the Department;

Agency or purpose specified, without the approval of the Governor and the Municipal Committee.

Section 10. In the interest of efficiency and economy, one Department, Agency or Fund, may supply services, materials, or equipment to another Department, Agency, or Fund upon request, and an amount equalling the cost of such services, or materials, depreciated value of equipment or reasonable rental charge thereof, shall be transferred from the recipient of the services, materials or equipment, to the provider, and such funds shall be added to the appropriate appropriation item and be available for re-expenditure in like manner as though appropriated. Provided, that no employee shall suffer any reduction in compensation as a result of the application of the provisions hereof.

Grand Total Estimated Expenditures \$1,840,445.00

Mr. Greque	yes
Mr. Gomez	"
Mr. Otley	"
Mr. Priest	"
Mr. Rhymes	"
Mr. Richards	"
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 379

The Ninth Municipal Council of St Thomas and St John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Authorize the Governor
to Borrow Funds for Budgetary
Purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed One Hundred (\$100,000) Thousand Dollars from any Public or Trust Fund, the Municipal Insurance Fund, and/or the Retirement fund during the fiscal year 1955, if deemed necessary in order to meet the appropriations made in Bill No 354, "Ordinance to fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes."

Section 2. Amounts borrowed from any of the funds mentioned in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be repaid within five (5) years with interest at four (4%) per cent per annum.

Mr. Greque	.. .	yes
Mr. Gomez	.. .	"
Mr. Otley	.. .	"
Mr. Reese	.. .	"
Mr. Rhypser	.. .	"
Mr. Richards	.. .	"
Mr. Sprauve	.. .	absent

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chammar

Henry W. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of July 28, 1954

Of the Extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, held on July 28, 1954 at 4:00 P. M., Municipal Chambers.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, in accordance with Section 13 of the Organic Act, the Municipal Council convened in Extraordinary Session on Wednesday, July 28, 1954, at 4:00 P. M., Municipal Building, St. Thomas Virgin Islands.

Present Were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
 " Henry V. Richards, Secretary
 " Henry O. Breque
 " Carl B. Otley
 " Percival H. Reese
 " Weymouth Rhymes

The following correspondence was read:

Government House
 Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas
 Virgin Islands.

July 23, 1954

The Honorable Joseph A. Gomez,
 Chairman
 Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Gomez.

The United Mutual Insurance Company of New York plans a large expansion of their insurance activities in the Virgin Islands under

the direction of Mr. Louis Shultzebrandt.

Dr. Ford, President of United Mutual of New York, has brought to my attention a matter which appears to me to have some basis of logic. The United Mutual Insurance Company intends to employ several young high school graduates to solicit business in the Virgin Islands. These young people will be without practical insurance experience. It is quite possible that after paying \$50. for an agent's or solicitor's license United Mutual may within a few weeks decide that the employee is not qualified to sell insurance. On the other hand, after a few weeks the employee may decide that selling insurance is not his or her forte. Thus, the \$50 which is paid for the license would be money ill-spent.

I suggest that the Council consider amending section 30(a) Bill No. 69 the Eight Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John - 1951-1952 - to include that a license for an apprentice agent's or solicitor's use be sold at a cost of \$10.00 for a period of six months. Such license to be issued only to persons who have never sold insurance before and who have never been connected with any insurance company in any position. At the end of the six-month apprenticeship period the individual would be required to purchase an agent's or solicitor's license at \$50.00, prorated over the remaining portion of the current year, ending December 31.

All apprentice agents shall be subject to all the provisions of this ordinance as appertains to agents and solicitors.

Very sincerely yours,

C. H. B. / ghd

Charles H. Blanch
Acting Governor.

The following bills were discussed and adopted in the following manner and by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 374

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance Authorizing a Pension of Six Hundred (\$600) Dollars per Annum to George Webster, Former Employee of the Public Works and Fire Department, Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John

— 11 —

Whereas, George Webster entered the Public Service in 1924 and was assigned to duty in the Public Works and Fire Department. Among other assignments, Mr. Webster performed as road maintenance operator and was an asphalter for several years; and,

Whereas, Of the twenty (20) years George Webster served the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, only 1 year and 10 months of such service was performed under appointment, thereby

preventing the said employee from enjoying the concomitant privileges and benefits which appointed employees enjoy; and,

Whereas, as a result of a paralytic attack suffered by George Webster while serving the municipality as an asphaltter, he is now unable to be gainfully employed and is without adequate means of support; and,

Whereas, in these circumstances the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John believes that it is in the best interest of all concerned to provide a pension for the said George Webster:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1954, and continuing each fiscal year thereafter until the death of the said George Webster, the Governor of the Virgin Islands shall cause to be paid to the said George Webster a municipal pension in the sum of \$600 per annum to be paid in equal monthly instalments.

Mr. Lueque	yes
Mr. Gomez	"
Mr. Otley	"
Mr. Reese	"
Mr. Rhymes	"
Mr. Richards	"
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Naming the "Lionel Roberts Ball Park",
and for other Purposes.

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Whereas, An agreement was made by the former Administration and the Municipal Council that the Ball Park in the vicinity of the Knud-Hansen Memorial be utilized for the construction of an elementary school; and,

Whereas, This was in view of the fact that the area is suitable for the purpose; it is the property of the Municipality; and it could have been used in a limited way for recreational activities after construction of the school; and,

Whereas, It has been recommended in the Master Plan prepared by the Virgin Islands Planning Board that the elementary school be constructed in the eastern section of the improved waterfront area; and,

Whereas, Although to build the school in this recommended area would require the acquisition of adjacent private property, this can now be purchased with additional revenues to be obtained under the new Organic Act for the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, by constructing the school in this area the Ball Park would

be available for continued use exclusively as a recreational area; and,

Whereas, It is the policy of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John to provide as many recreational areas as possible on an economical basis; and,

Whereas, In the light of this policy every effort should be made to acquire the Ball Park at the former Submarine Base (on which municipal funds have already been expended) for use as a municipal recreation area, in addition to the Ball Park in the eastern section of the city of Charlotte Amalie; and

Whereas, Every opportunity should be used to recognize outstanding Virgin Islanders in all fields of activity by naming public areas in their honor:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved, by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

1. That the Ball Park in the eastern section of the city of Charlotte Amalie, be retained as a recreational area; and that it be named, and it is hereby named, Lionel Roberts Ball Park in honor of the deceased Lionel Roberts who was a champion and veteran advocate of wholesome recreation;
2. That a bronze name plaque be permanently displayed with

appropriate ceremonies in a conspicuous place at the Ball Park;

3. That efforts be made by the Administration and the Municipal Council to acquire the Ball Park at the Submarine Base for use as a municipal recreation area as soon as possible;
4. That upon acquisition this area be named in honor of another outstanding natural veteran of sports and recreation.

And be it further Resolved, that a properly engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to the Family of Lionel Roberts, deceased.

Mr. Leque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	"
Mr. Ottley	...	"
Mr. Reese	...	"
Mr. Rhymes	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

Bill No. 377

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953-1954

Amendment No. 29 to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, is hereby amended as follows:

Expenditures:

Public Works & Soil Department:

Reduce Item 01-335-2, Sewer
& Water Lines, by \$2,500

Reduce Item 01-305-7, New
Sewer Lines, by \$2,235.28

Reduce Item 01-310-2, Highway,
St. John, by \$2,041.67 \$6,776.95

Mr. Crague yea
Mr. Gomez "
Mr. Otley "
Mr. Reese "
Mr. Rhymes absent
Mr. Richards yea
Mr. Sprauve absent

Bill No. 378

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953—1954

Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to
Fix the Regular Expenses for the
Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes,"
Approved July 2, 1954.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in Session Assembled:

Section 1. That Ordinance to Fix
the Regular Expenses of the
Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending
July 30, 1955, and for other Purposes,
Approved July 2, 1954, is hereby
amended to read as follows:

Public Works + Fire Department:

Add the following:

Sewer + Water Lines	\$8,500
New Sewer Lines	2,235.28
Highways, St. John	<u>2,041.67</u>

Mr. Beeque	yea
Mr. Gomez	"
Mr. Otley	"
Mr. Reese	"
Mr. Rhymes	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 379

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John.

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to Fix
the Regular Expenses for the
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John
for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30
1955, and for other Purposes," Approved
July 21, 1954.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of Saint Thomas and Saint
John in session assembled:

Section 1. That "Ordinance to Fix the
Regular Expenses for the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John for
the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955,
and for other purposes," Approved
July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby
amended as follows:

Department of Finance:Classified Employees:

Chief, Income Tax Division
 Accountant
 Cashier
 Trade Tax Inspector
 3 Principal Account Clerks
 4 Account Clerks
 1 Audit Clerk
 1 Clerk Typist II
 3 Clerk Typist III
 2 Clerk Stenographer II
 2 Clerk I
 1 Clerk Typist I
 1 Messenger
 1 Custodial Worker
 1 Multigraph Operator
 2 Deputy Collectors

Add. \$9,000

Mr. Bregue yea
 Mr. Gomez "
 Mr. Otley "
 Mr. Reese "
 Mr. Rhymes absent
 Mr. Richards yea
 Mr. Spruvel absent

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Joseph A. Gomez
 Joseph A. Gomez
 Chairman

Henry V. Richards
 Secretary

Meeting of August 5, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the
Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John, held on August 5,
1954 at 2:30 P.M. Municipal Chambers.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman
of the Municipal Council, an
Extraordinary Session of the
Municipal Council convened
in St. Thomas on August 5, 1954
at 2:30 P.M. Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Earle B. Otley
Weymouth Rhymee

The following correspondence was read:

~~Minister of the~~ Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

Public Works Department

July 20, 1954

His Honor, the Acting Governor,
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Your Honor:

"Yesterday during a conference
with the members of the Municipal
Committee, at the Council Hall,
I was shown a copy of the
Municipal Budget for the current
Fiscal year, as passed by the
Municipal Council.

In perusing this document I
noted several serious discrepancies
the most important one being the

complete elimination of any personnel or funds to operate the new sewage lift station at Long Bay Housing area. In addition to this, two operators needed for the old pumping station were eliminated.

This means that instead of having 15 Maintenance Equipment Operators to operate the four pumping stations, we are now only authorized to employ 9.

As a result of this oversight we are unable to start operations at the Long Bay Sewage Lift Station in time to meet the deadline requested by the Housing Authorities.

The amounts requested for maintenance and operation of the Salt Water System have been so reduced that we would not be able to cover the cost of pumping salt water to the Housing Project.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the following amendments to the present budget be made, as soon as possible.

Item 19 — Public Works & Mail Department:

Sub-item — Salaries:

Increase amount budgeted by \$7,200 to cover cost of salaries for 6 operators over and above the 9 now authorized.

Sub-item — Classified Employees

Increase number of Maintenance
Equipment Operators from 9, to 15.

Sub-item - Salt Water + Fire
Protection System.

Increase budgeted from \$20,100 to
\$24,000.

Sub-item - Sewage Disposal

Increase budgeted amount from
\$15,000 to \$18,350.

Respectfully

Donald S. Buchanan,
Director of Public Works.

The following bills were discussed
and adopted in the manner
and by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 382

The Ninth Municipal Council of
St. Thomas and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to
Fix the Regular Expenses for
the Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1955", and for other purposes.
Approved July 21, 1954, as amended.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. That "Ordinance to Fix
the Regular Expenses for the
Municipality of St. Thomas and St.

John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes," Approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Item 10. Public Works & Fire Department

Salaries

Classified Employees

Add 6 Maintenance Equipment Operators \$2,200

1 Electrician II \$10,720

Maintenance

Increase Salt Water and Fire Protection System, by . . . \$4,000

Increase Sewage Disposal including construction of Public Toilets, by. \$3,350 7,350

10. Pension and Allowances

Increase contribution to Retirement Funds for old Pensions, by 600 \$18,150

Mr. Beque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yes
Mr. Attley	yes
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Phyzzer	yes
Mr. Richards	yes
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 381

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Further Amend Ordinance
"to Regulate, Control, and operate
the Potable Water Supply System
of the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John, and for other Purposes"
approved September, 12, 1951.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in
session assembled:

Section 1. Sub-section 4(b) of Ordinance
"to Regulate, Control and Operate
the Potable Water Supply System
of the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John and for other Purposes"
approved September 12, 1951, as amended
is hereby amended to read as
follows:

"4(b). Potable Water shall be sold
to private, commercial, and
industrial users at the following
rates:

First 100 tons	35¢ per ton
Next 500 tons	30¢ per ton
Next 1500 tons	25¢ per ton
Excess over 2,100 tons	20¢ per ton

Potable Water shall be sold to the
Virgin Islands Housing Authority
for use at the Paul M. Pearson
Gardens at the rate of 20¢ per ton.

Mr. Bogue	absent
Mr. Gomez	yes
Mr. Otley	yes
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhynier	yes
Mr. Richards	yes
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No 376

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "to Provide for the Admission of Foreign Insurance Companies; to Provide for the Organization of Domestic Insurance Companies to Regulate the Business of Insurance in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John; and to Provide Penalties for Violation of any Provisions hereof;" approved August 8, 1952.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Section 30 of Ordinance "to Provide for the Admission of Foreign Insurance Companies; to Provide for the Organization of Domestic Insurance Companies; to Regulate the Business of Insurance in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John; and to Provide Penalties for Violation of any Provision hereof;" approved August 8, 1952, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 30. (a) The Insurance Commissioner shall require payment in advance of the following fees:

Issuing Certificate of Authority.....	\$37.50
Renewal of Certificate of Authority.....	37.50
Filing Power of Attorney.....	5.00
Filing Annual Statement.....	2.50

Annual Resident Insurance Agents or Solicitor's License irrespective of number of companies represented	\$50.00
Apprentice Agent's or Solicitor's License, valid for a period of six consecutive months only	\$10.00
Non-Resident Insurance Agent's or Solicitor's License	250.00
Insurance Broker's License	100.00

(b) The apprentice agent's or solicitor's license provided for in sub-section 30(a) shall be issued only to persons who have never sold insurance before and who have never been connected with any insurance company in any position. At the end of the six-month apprenticeship period each person shall be required to obtain an Annual Resident Insurance Agent's or Solicitor's License, and the fee shall be pro-rated over the remaining portion of the current year, ending December 31. All apprentice agents or solicitors shall be subject to the provisions of this Act pertaining to agents and solicitors.

(c) All taxes, fees, assessments, penalties, etc., provided for in this Act shall be covered into a special fund in the Office of the Commissioner of Finance to be used for the purpose of administering and enforcing this Act.

Mr. Grique	absent
Mr. Gomez	yes
Mr. Otley	yes

Mr. Reese absent
 Mr. Abuzer yea
 Mr. Richards yea
 Mr. Sprauve absent

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
 Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Assuring the Virgin Islands Housing
 Authority that the Municipality of
 St. Thomas and St. John will
 supervise and operate certain
 health and education facilities to
 be constructed at the Paul M.
 Pearson Gardens Housing Project

Whereas, The Virgin Islands Housing
 Authority is planning to construct
 certain health and education
 facilities at the Paul M. Gardens
 Project for the benefit of the
 tenants of this Project; and,

Whereas, It is required that these
 facilities be supervised and
 operated by the Municipal
 Government as an extension of
 its public services for the
 benefit of the people of this
 Municipality; and,

Whereas, Before proceeding with
 the actual construction of these
 facilities the Virgin Islands
 Housing Authority is desirous of
 an assurance that the facilities
 will be supervised and operated
 by the Municipal Government;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled; That the Virgin Islands Housing Authority is hereby assured of the good faith of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John to provide the necessary funds and personnel to supervise and operate (1) a Day Care Nursery, (2) an Out-Patient Clinic, and (3) a Public Library Service at the Paul M. Pearson Gardens; the facilities for which will be constructed and maintained by the Virgin Islands Housing Authority. said services shall be planned and integrated into the general plans of operation of the Education and Health Department of this Municipality.

Mr. Beque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John

1953 — 1954

Approving the Master Plan for the Island of St. Thomas and the City of Charlotte Amalie as Prepared by the Virgin Islands Planning Board.

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Whereas, The Virgin Islands Planning Act of 1950 provides for the fee —

preparation of Master Plans by the Virgin Islands Planning Board for the physical development of the municipalities, subject to the approval of the Governor and the respective Municipal Councils; and

Whereas, Accordingly, a Master Plan has been prepared for the Islands of St. Thomas and the City of Charlotte Amalie; and,

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of the Virgin Islands Planning Act a public hearing was held on this Master Plan, at which hearing no objections were raised to its provisions; and,

Whereas, The municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John is satisfied that this Master Plan can serve effectively as a guide for the future physical development of the Islands of St. Thomas and the City of Charlotte Amalie when implemented by the enactment by the Municipal Council of the necessary zoning and other regulations;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled; That:

1. The Master Plan for the islands of St. Thomas and the City of Charlotte Amalie, as prepared by the Virgin Islands Planning Board is hereby approved, with the minor changes as indicated in the copy of the Plan attached to this Resolution;

2.) This Master Plan is approved, with the clear understanding that, in accordance with the provisions of the Virgin Islands Planning Act, this Plan shall serve as a guide only and no recommendation or part of it can be enforced until the necessary zoning and other regulations have been adopted by the Virgin Islands Planning Board, subject to the approval of the Municipal Council and the Governor.

Mr. Bregue	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhysner	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

The meeting was then declared adjourned at 3:00 o'clock.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry W. Richards
Henry W. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of August 9, 1954

Of the special meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, called by the Chairman for Monday, August 9, 1954, at 8:30 P.M. Municipal Building.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman, in accordance with section 13 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John convened in special meeting on Monday, August 9, 1954, at 8:30 P.M. Present were:

Joseph A. Games, Chairman
 Henry V. Richards, Secretary
 Henry O. Bregue
 Earle B. Ottley
 Percival H. Reese.

There were no correspondence read.
 No informal discussion.

The following Resolution was discussed and adopted in the manner and by the votes indicated:

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 - 1954

Opposing the Establishment of Legalized Gambling in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

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Whereas, The question of establishing legalized gambling in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John is

now a current public issue; and,

Whereas, Although no proposal has been submitted to the Municipal Council for its consideration, it is deemed necessary and in the public interest for the Municipal Council to record its views and position on this matter; and,

Whereas, It is recognized that legalized gambling will not contribute to the economy of the Municipality; but it would definitely tend to lower the standard of morality; introduce corruption into the Government, induce heinous crimes, and eventually disastrously affect the tourist trade and the entire community:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled, that:

1. The members of the Municipal Council, jointly and severally, hereby declare that they are irrevocably opposed to the establishment of legalized gambling in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John;
2. The Municipal Council will not under any circumstances favorably consider any proposal for the enactment of laws to legalize gambling in the community.
3. The Municipal Council hereby records appreciation for active and effective opposition to the legalizing of gambling

which opposition has been initiated by public-spirited individuals, organizations, and the clergy.

Mr. Lereque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Ottley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea
Mr. Rhymes	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

The following correspondence was read:

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas.
Virgin Islands.

June 30, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, Bill No 369, "Ordinance Concerning Political Activity of Officers and Employees of the Municipality of Saint Thomas, and Saint John, and for other Purposes," received in my office on June 29, 1954.

I agree with the provision that any individual may vote as he chooses and to have and maintain political opinions.

It is axiomatic that civil servants, under a civil service or merit system, cannot engage in political activity. If they wish to extend their operation into

political fields, they must depart from the civil or merit service. To my mind, the Virgin Islands should not be an exception.

I, therefore, disapprove Bill No. 369.

Very truly yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor

Bill No. 369, "Ordinance concerning Political Activity of Officers and Employees of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, and for other Purposes", passed by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John on June 28, 1954 and Vetoed by the Governor of the Virgin Islands on June 30, 1954, reconsidered and agreed to and passed the said Bill in the form and manner previously passed by the following votes:

Bill No. 369

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

1953 — 1954

Ordinance concerning Political Activities of Officers and Employees of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, and for other Purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipally Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Every officer or employee of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, or any agency thereof, shall be entitled to the following political rights: (a) to vote as he chooses and to express his opinion on any or all political subjects and candidates; (b) to take an active part in political management and/or in political campaigns; (c) to be a candidate for nomination or for election to any insular or municipal elective office.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the Municipality, or any agency thereof, to use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or affecting the result thereof. It shall also be unlawful for any officer or employee to institute, encourage, or direct any political activity or display of any kind while on duty conducting the public business.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be administered by the Board of Personnel created in Bill No. 2, The Personnel Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands, approved December 16, 1946, as amended. The Board is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations which are considered necessary for the proper administration of this ordinance.

Section 4. Any officer or employee violating any provision of this Ordinance or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, shall be recommended by the Board to the

appointing authority for immediate removal from the position or office held by him; Provided, however, That if the Board finds that the violation does not warrant removal, a lesser penalty shall be recommended.

Section 5. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to interfere with, impede, or in any way diminish the right of municipal employees to organize, establish, operate, and maintain associations for their mutual interest, protection and welfare. Municipal Employees shall not be deprived of the right to join, contribute financially, hold office, or in any other way, take an active part, in the affairs of such associations.

Mr. Bregue	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Preest	...	yea
Mr. Rhymee	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry W. Richards
Henry W. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of August 20, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, called by the Chairman for Friday, August 20, 1954, at 11:00 A. M.

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Pursuant to Call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John, the Municipal Council convened in Extraordinary Session on Friday, August 20, 1954, at 11:00 A. M.

Present Were:

Henry V. Richards, Actg. Chairman
 Carl B. Attley
 Weymouth Rhynes
 Henry O. Bregue Actg. Secretary.

There were no correspondence. No informal discussion.

The following bill was discussed and adopted in the manner and by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 383

The ninth municipal council of St.
 Thomas & St. John

1953 — 1954.

Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes."
 Approved July 2, 1954 as Amended

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. That Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to fix the Regular Expenses of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes," approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Item 3. Office of the Governor

General Contingent
Section 1.

Grant to the Commandos Baseball Club Christiansted, St. Croix, to help in defraying expenses to and from Wichita, Kansas, for participation in the Baseball Tournament of the National Baseball Congress \$ 3900.00

Section 2.

Should the Municipality of St. Croix fail to appropriate an amount equal to 50% of this amount, the Governor is hereby authorized to divert such amount from any federal deficit appropriation earmarked for St. Croix to this Municipality.

Mr. Beque yea
Mr. Otley yea
Mr. Rhymer yea
Mr. Richards yea

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A. M.

Amtham
Henry V. Richards
Actg. Chairman

Beque
Henry O. Beque
Actg. Secretary

Meeting of August 27, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the
Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John, called by the Chairman
for Friday, August 27, 1954, at
3:00 P. M.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman
of the Municipal Council of Saint
Thomas and Saint John the Municipal
Council convened in Extraordinary
Session on Friday, August 27, at 3:00
O'clock P. M.

Present were:

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
" Henry V. Richards, Secretary
" Henry O. Bueque
Earle B. Otley
Bernard H. Reese

There were no correspondence. No
informal discussion.

The following members were elected
to serve on the Electoral Board for
St. Thomas and St. John, in the
manner and by the votes shown:

St. Thomas

Bertha Boschulte
Melvin Richardson
Enrique Garcia
Luther Donadelle
Almando Magras
Florence Hill
Benben England
Ira Charles
Joseph Sibilly
Ozias Parrott
George Jensen
George Mooreman
Cyril Smith

For St. JohnCriz Bay

Oswald Joseph
Leopold Jacobs
Claine Sjerame

Caral Bay

Hritz Allen Smith
Anita Sewer
William Mills
John Beal

St. Thomas (contd.)

Godele Plaskett
Joseph Bachille
William Bailey

Mr. Breque	.....	yea
Mr. Gomez	.....	yea
Mr. Otley	.....	yea
Mr. Richards	.....	yea
Mr. Reese	.....	yea

The following bill was discussed and adopted in the assembly by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 384

The Joint Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance Authorizing the Governor of the Virgin Islands to sell Property No. 1B Commandant Gade Over Vandet.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby authorized to sell Property matriculated in the Public Records, as No. 1B Commandant Gade, Over Vandet, to the present lessee of said property for such price as may be decided upon between the Governor and the Municipal Committee.

Section 2. Ordinance "Authorizing

The Governor of the Virgin Islands
to Lease Property No. 18 Commandant
Gade, Chief Vendant for a period not
exceeding twenty years," approved
by the Governor, September 26, 1949,
is hereby repealed.

Mr. Crique	...	yea
Mr. Gaynes	...	yea
Mr. Ottley	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea

The meeting adjourned at. 3:40 P.M.

~~Joseph D. Gomez~~
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

~~W. H. H. H.~~
Henry W. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of September 17, 1954.

Of the Extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, held on Friday, September 17, 1954 at 2:50 P. M.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and St. John, an Extraordinary Session of the Municipal Council was convened on Friday, September 17, 1954, at 2:50 p. m., Municipal Building, St. Thomas Virgin Islands.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Henry J. Breque
Earle B. Otley
Weymouth Rhynes
Julius E. Sprauel

The following correspondence were read:

Government of the
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.
August 12, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Mr. Chairman:

On May 24, 1954, one of the Public Works trucks collided with the Automobile of Mrs. Gutta Guiler Lewis.

A thorough investigation has been made and it has been ascertained with certainty that the driver was negligent and admits complete responsibility for the accident.

The cost of repairing Mrs. Lewis's car was \$45.00. I would appreciate it if the Council would take the necessary steps to reimburse Mrs. Lewis for this amount.

Sincerely yours,
A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

August 13, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

The Harbormaster, in a letter dated August 12, 1954 (copy attached) has brought to my attention that the budget for the Harbor Department as passed by the Municipal Council for the fiscal year 1954-1955 omits the position of Custodial Worker at a salary of \$840.00 per annum.

Since the employment of a Custodial Worker is necessary, it is believed that it was not the intention

of the Municipal Council to abolish this position, but that the omission was an error.

We have prepared the attached draft of an amendment to the budget for the fiscal year 1954-1955, to add the position of a custodial worker for the Harbor Department, and request that immediate consideration be given to this amendment.

Sincerely,

A. A. Alexander,
A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

August 24, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Committee
Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I transmit herewith copy of letter dated August 19, 1954, from the Acting Director of Finance and Supply, together with copy of letter from the Director of Police dated July 30th, 1954, both in connection with transfers of funds between various items in the budget for the fiscal year 1953-54.

In accordance with Section 3 of the General Provisions in the Budget

for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year 1954, it is recommended that the following transfers be effected by special money bill at the earliest possible date:

From:

Item 200-1 Police & Public Safety, Salaries	\$254.85
Item 600-1 Department of Education, Office of the Superintendent, Salaries	\$1119.30
Item 600-3-1 Repairs to Barenage Nursery, etc.	1579.77
Item 605-3 Veterans Transportation	300.00
Item 605-5 Scholarships to Teachers in the Public School System	450.00
Item 620-1 School Lunch Division, Salaries	1852.11
Item 630-1 Salaries, Public Recreation Division	344.27
Item 630-2 Equipment, Public Recreation Division	290.95
	<u>\$6,191.25</u>

To:

Item 200-3, Police & Public Safety, Maintenance	<u>\$6,191.25</u>
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Very sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander,
Governor.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

August 30, 1954.

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

my dear Mr. Chairman:

May I bring to your attention the attached letter dated August 10, 1954, from the Director of Education, pointing out certain restrictive details of the 1955 Appropriation Act which tend to disrupt the normal activities.

I recommend that if it is in accordance with your intention, the proposed adjustments be made.

Sincerely,

Charles K. Claunch
Acting Governor.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

August 31, 1954

Hon. Earle B. Otley,
Chairman, Municipal Committee
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Dear Mr. Otley:

In reviewing section 4, Bill No. 354, Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, we note that no salary provisions were made for the clerk at the Agricultural Station.

As it is impossible for the Horticulturist to spend any considerable amounts of time in the Office because of his field assignments, it is imperative that a clerk be assigned there.

It is therefore urgently recommended that the "salary item" be increased by \$1150 to cover the employment of a clerk-typist I and the salary of the clerk-typist III (part-time) who is resigning effective today.

Early action on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Charles. H. Blaunck,
Acting Governor.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

September 1, 1954.

Honorable Earl B. Otley
Chairman of Municipal Committee
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Mr. Otley:

The Health Department has shown wherein it is vitally important that the Professional Nursing Staff be increased to provide better services in the various divisions. The Administration concurs in this evaluation and urgently recommends that an amendment to Bill No. 354, Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, Section 12, be passed in the amount of \$8,800 in order to provide for the employment of three graduate nurses.

It would be appreciated if you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,
 Charles H. Blanch.
 Acting Governor.

Government of
 The Virgin Islands of the United States
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

September 13, 1954

The Honorable
 The Chairman of the Municipal Council
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

The All Saints Parish School has applied for participation in the School Lunch Program. The Principal and Chairman of the Board of the School have stated that this is a non-profit organization conducted under the auspices of the Vestry of All Saints Church. It is stated that this school would like to serve the Type A lunch to not more than 100 students daily for five days per week during the school term. These children range from kindergarten to fourth grade.

The All Saints Parish School qualifies for participation in the School Lunch Program by virtue of being a parochial school.

It is estimated that the inclusion of this unit in our program would involve additional expenditure of approximately \$3,000 for the coming year. I believe the school is

deserving, and would appreciate it if the Council found it possible to appropriate the necessary \$3,000.

Very sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander,
Governor.

The following bills were discussed and adopted in the form and by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 375.

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Amendment No. 28 to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, is hereby amended as follows:

Expenditures

Office of the Government Secretary:

Reduce Item 01-110-2, Insurance Department, by \$2,075.44

Police & Public Safety:

Reduce Item 200-1, Salaries, by \$254.85

Department of Education:

Reduce Item 600-1, Salaries, by \$1,119.30

Reduce Item 600-34, Repairs to
Carenage nursery, etc, by 1,579.77

Reduce Item 605-3, Veterans
Transportation, by 300.00

Reduce Item 605-5, Scholarship to
teachers in the Public School
System, by 450.00

Reduce Item 620-1, Salaries
School Lunch Division, by 1,852.11

Reduce Item 630-1, Salaries,
Recreation Division, by 344.27

Reduce Item 630-2, Equipment
Public Recreation Division, by 290.95

\$8,266.69

Office of the Governor:

Increase Item 51-170-4,
General Contingent, by \$2,075.44

Police + Public Safety:

Increase Item 200-3,
Maintenance, by 6,191.25

\$8,266.69

Mr. Cregue yea
Mr. Gomez yea
Mr. Ottley yea
Mr. Reese absent
Mr. Rhymmer yea
Mr. Richards yea
Mr. Sprague yea

Bill No. 385

The Ninth Municipal Council of Saint
Thomas and St. John.

1953-1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance. "To Fix
the Regular Expenses for the Municipi-
pality of Saint Thomas and Saint John
for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954,
and for other Purposes," Approved
July 21, 1954, as Amended

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of Saint Thomas & Saint
John in session assembled:

That the Ordinance "To Fix the
Regular Expenses for the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John for the
fiscal year Ending June 30, 1955, and
for other Purposes," approved July 21,
1954, as amended, is hereby further
amended as follows:

6. The Department of Finance:

Government Printing Office:

Classified Employees:

Add 1 Trades Helper \$1,200.00

12. The Department of Health &
Sanitation:

Medical Care:

Classified Employees:

Add 3 Graduate Nurses, 8,800.00

14. Department of Education
& Recreation:

Administration:

Classified Employees:
Increase total by. \$6,209.00

School Lunch Division:

Classified Employees:
Add: 1 Account Clerk I
2 Food Service Worker. \$2,477.00

Public Library Division

Classified Employees:
Add: 2 Librarians I
1 Custodial Worker \$3,480.00

Increase maintenance
by. \$2,538.00 \$6,018 \$18,474.00

Mr. Cregue	yea
Mr. Doney	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymmer	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprance	yea

Bill No. 393

The Ninth Municipal Council of St Thomas
and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To Fix
the Regular Expenses for the Municipi-
pality of Saint Thomas and Saint John
for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953,
and for other Purposes," Approved
July 21, 1954, as Amended.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in session
assembled;

That the Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954 and for other Purposes," Approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3. Office of the Governor:

Add: To Julia Guiler Lewis for full settlement of claim for Damages to her automobile, resulting from accident occurring on May 27, 1954, between a Public Works Truck and automobile belonging to Mrs. Lewis \$45.00

4. Office of the Government Secretary (Main Office & Agricultural Station)

Classified Employees:

Add: 1 Clerk Typist I
1 Clerk Typist III Part time \$1150.00

11. Harbor Department

Classified Employees:

Add: 1 Custodial Worker. . . \$40.00 \$2035.00

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhysner	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea.

Bill No. 401

The ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes," Approved July 21, 1954, as amended.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas & St. John in session assembled;

That Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes," Approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

10. Public Works and Fire Department:

Add under "Roads and Highways, St. John," the following: For construction of La Esperance - Reef Bay road, St. John, V.I. \$ 3000

14. Department of Education & Recreation:

School Lunch Division

Add under "maintenance" the following

\$ 3000

\$ 6000

Mr. Greque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	absent
Mr. Rhymmer	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	yea

Bill No 386.

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
& St. John

1953 - 1954.

Ordinance to Further Amend "Ordinance
to Provide Annual License Fees for
the Municipality of St. Thomas and St.
John, Approved July 6, 1950.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in session
assembled:

Section 1. Section 4 of "Ordinance
to Provide Annual License Fees
for the Municipality of St. Thomas
and St. John, Approved July 6, 1950,"
is hereby amended as follows:

Under II. Service and Retail Licenses
change "K" and "S" to read as follows:

K. Restaurant, Coffee Shop and
or Ice Cream Parlor \$ 40.00 p.a.

S. Beauty Parlor \$ 15.00 p.a.

Under III. Liquor Licenses, change "F"
to read as follows:

"F." Tavern-keeper Liquor
License Class A \$ 50.00 p.a.

Under IV. Miscellaneous Licenses,
change "d" to read as follows:

d. Commercial Boat Operator,
other than operator engaged
in fishing industry with gross
receipts of less than \$3000 per
Annum:

1. more than 5 boats \$ 100.00 p.a.

2. Fine boat or less \$50.00 pa

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	Absent
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 392.

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Further Amend Ordinance
to Prescribe Minimum Wage and
Maximum Hour Standards and for
Other Purposes, approved October 17, 1941.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in session
assembled:

Section 1. Sub-section 2 (c) of Ordinance
to Prescribe Minimum Wage and Maximum
Hour Standards and for Other Purposes
approved October 17, 1941, as amended, is
hereby deleted and repealed.

Section 2. Section 3 of said
Ordinance is hereby amended to read
as follows:

Section 3. Every employer shall pay
to each employee employed by
him wages at the following rates.

1. Sales and Service Clerk not less
than 40¢ per hour.
2. Unskilled Labor not less than 50¢
per hour.

3. Semi-skilled Labor not less than 65¢ per hour.
4. Skilled Labor not less than 85¢ per hour."

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Offley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymier	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauue	yea

Bill No. 388

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John.

1953-1954

Ordinance to Authorize the Establishment of Fees for medical care in the Municipality, to Provide for the Payment of such Fees, and for other Purposes:

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1(a) The Governor, with the advice of the Commissioner of Health, is hereby authorized to establish a schedule of fees for medical care rendered by the Department of Health. The fees shall cover not less than actual costs of services rendered and medical supplies used in the treatment of patients. The schedule of fees may be revised from time to time by the Governor, with the advice of the Commissioner of Health, whenever changes in the cost

of services and/or medical supplies may so warrant. Such schedule of fees or charges shall become effective if not disapproved by the Municipal Council within thirty (30) days after the Council shall have received the same.

(b) The term, "medical care" shall include medical treatment, surgical operations, dental and hospital services. The schedule of fees and all amendments thereto shall be printed and shall be available to the public.

Section 2. No resident of the Virgin Islands shall be denied public medical care because of financial inability to pay the cost thereof; and no payment shall be required of a resident which would create a financial hardship on the said resident needing or receiving such care. In such cases the necessary adjustment or cancellation of the hospital bill shall be determined by the Committee on Hospital Fees, hereinafter created. Infants, school children, and prisoners shall receive free medical care. Consultation services and dispensary treatment shall be rendered free of charge to any person whose annual income is not more than \$36.00.

Section 3. All persons, except those entitled to full or partial public medical care under the provisions of Section 2 and 5 hereof shall be required to pay full fees for medical care and hospital services on a current basis in accordance with the approved schedule of fees. Credit facilities may not be granted

such persons except upon the approval of the Committee on Hospital Fees.

Section 4. There is hereby created the Committee on Hospital Fees, which shall be comprised of the Commissioner of Health, or his deputy, and four other members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council; which members shall serve for a term of two years, and until their successors have been appointed and qualified. The Commissioner of Health, or his deputy, shall be Chairman of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall receive compensation at the rate of Five (\$5.00) Dollars a meeting, but total compensation to any one member shall not exceed Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars in any one fiscal year.

Section 5(a) The Committee on Hospital Fees shall advise the Commissioner of Health on the preparation of the Schedule of Fees referred to in Section 1 of this Ordinance. The Committee shall also prepare Plan for Public Medical Care for the purpose of (1) determining the ability of persons or families to pay for medical care; (2) determining the maximum monthly installments to be paid by varying income groups; and (3) determining hardship cases. Such plan for Public Medical Care and any amendments thereto, shall become effective if not disapproved by the Council within thirty (30) days after its submission by the Council by the Governor, and shall have the force and effect of

Law. All cases of inability to pay or hardship shall be reviewed and decided upon by the Committee in accordance with the Plan for Public Medical Care.

(b) The Committee shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper operation of this ordinance.

Section 6. Any patient who is not a resident of the Virgin Islands shall be required to pay the total amount of the hospital bill, except that in cases of proved dire economic circumstances the Committee on Hospital Fees may review and adjust the hospital bill. For the purposes of this law, "resident" is hereby defined as a person with a bona fide residence established in the Virgin Islands.

Section 7. If a person shall neglect or refuse to pay any fees for medical care as provided for in this Ordinance, within ninety days after the hospital bill has been rendered to the said person, the Commissioner of Finance shall proceed to collect the same by filing suit against such debtor.

Section 8. Professional service fees may be charged by doctors, dentists, and nurses for personal services rendered to private patients in the municipal hospital; Provided, that if municipal supplies are used, their actual cost shall be billed by the Municipal Hospital and paid for by the private practitioner.

monthly. The term "private patient" as used in this section shall mean any patient who specifically requests and contracts for the services of a particular doctor, dentist, or nurse. Municipal physicians, dentists and nurses may charge fees for services rendered outside of their regular duties.

Section 9. A deposit, as provided for in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee on Hospital Fees, shall be made at the Municipal Hospital by every person within twenty-four (24) hours after admission except in such cases where adjustment of the hospital bill will be required under the provisions of Sections 2 and 5 hereof. In cases where the hospital bill requires adjustment, the fee shall be paid as may be determined by the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Committee on Hospital Fees.

Section 10. All fees collected under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be covered into the general treasury of the Municipality.

Section 11. The Commissioner of Health is hereby authorized to accept for and on behalf of the Municipal Hospital, gifts, donations, contributions, or bequests, which shall be deposited in a special fund hereby created which fund shall be expended for the operation of the Department of Health in addition to the appropriation made for this purpose. Expenditures from this fund shall be made upon the certification of the Commissioner of Health, or his deputy.

Section 12. This Ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 1954.

Mr. Cregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	no
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymen	yea
Mr. Richards	not voting
Mr. Sprauve	yea

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
 Joseph A. Gomez
 Chairman

~~Thomas~~
 Henry V. Richards
 Secretary

Meeting of September 24, 1954

Of the Extraordinary Meeting of the
Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John, held on Friday,
September 24, 1954, at 3:00 P. M.

Pursuant to Call of the Chairman
of the Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John, the
Municipal Council convened in
Extraordinary Session on Friday,
September 24, 1954, at 3:10 P. M., Municipal
Council's Chamber, Municipal
Building, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Earle B. Otley
Percival H. Reese
Henry C. Bregue

There were no correspondence. No
informal discussion.

The following bills were discussed
and adopted in the form and by
the votes indicated:

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas and St. John

1953-1954

To create an Advisory Committee
to the Municipal Council to study
and Report on the Proposed
Draft of "Private Employees
Holiday Act."

Whereas, On September 17, 1954, Draft of Ordinance to Provide Annual Leave with Pay to Wage Earners in Private Enterprises (short title: Private Employees Holiday Act) was introduced in the Joint Discussion; and,

Whereas, A motion was unanimously passed by the Municipal Council in formal session declaring that a Resolution be adopted creating an Advisory Committee to study this important draft of legislation and to submit a Report with recommendations to the Municipal Council:

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled, that:

1. An Advisory Committee of seven (7) citizens be appointed by the Chairman of the Municipal Council to study the proposed "Private Employees Holiday Act" and to submit a Report with recommendations within thirty (30) days after the Committee has been appointed and organized; Provided, that there shall be an equal number of representatives of Business and Labor on the Committee;
2. The members of the Committee rendering this special service to the Municipal Council shall receive a stipend of Five (\$5.00) Dollars per meeting, Provided, that no member shall receive more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars in total compensation;

3. The stipend to the members of the Committee shall be paid from funds appropriated in the current Appropriation Ordinance for the operation of the Municipal Council, upon the certification of the Chairman of the Municipal Council.

And It is hereby further Resolved that the Wage Commissioner and the Director of the Virgin Islands Public Employment Service be, and they are hereby requested, to assist the Committee in its study by providing such available information and data as may be required by the Committee.

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhysner	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent.

Bill No. 390

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

1953-1954

Ordinance to Further Amend Ordinance to Prescribe Minimum Wage and Maximum Hour Standards and for Other Purposes, Approved October 17, 1941.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Sub-section 4 (b) is hereby added to Ordinance to Prescribe

Minimum Wage and Maximum Hour Standards and for Other Purposes, approved October 17, 1941, as amended, to read as follows:

"4 (b) No employer shall employ any of his employees for more than six consecutive days unless such employee received compensation for all hours of work actually performed on the seventh day at a rate not less than one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) times the regular rate at which he is employed."

Mr. Leque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea
Mr. Rhysner	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

Bill No. 391

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Further Amend Ordinance to "Prescribe Minimum Wage and Maximum Hour Standards and for other Purposes", approved October 17, 1941.

— 11 —

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled;

Section 1. Sub-section 2 (d) of Ordinance to "Prescribe Minimum Wage and Maximum Hour Standards and for Other Purposes", approved October 17, 1941, as amended, is hereby amended to

read as follows:

"e (d) 'Wage' means legal tender of the United States, or checks on banks convertible into cash on demand at full face value thereof, and shall not include tips or gratuities of any kind."

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhigmer	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 394

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance Establishing the Office of
Veterans Representative in the
Department of Education, and for other
Purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in session
assembled:

Section 1. There is hereby established
the Office of Veterans Representative in
the Department of Education for the
purpose of handling all problems
and matters dealing with veterans
rights and privileges as extended to
them by Federal, Insular and
municipal laws. The office shall
be administered by a Manager to
be appointed by the Governor,
under the general supervision of the

Superintendent of Education. It shall be the duty of the Manager to advise all veterans of their rights and privileges under existing laws, assist them in securing their legal benefits, cooperate and coordinate local activities with the activities of the Federal Veterans Administration, and to do whatever necessary to promote the welfare of veterans.

Section 2. Funds for the proper administration of this office shall be provided in the annual appropriation for the operation of the Department of Education.

Mr. Leque	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Geese	...	yea
Mr. Ahymmer	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

Bill No. 402

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 - 1954

Amendment No. 29 to the Budget for the
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John
for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1953, to June 30, 1954.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in session
Assembled:

That the Budget for the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, is
hereby amended to read as follows:

Change the Total Amount of Bill No. 375, Amendment No 28 to the Budget, Approved September 22, 1954, to read \$7,993.92 instead of \$8,266.69.

Change the Amount shown under Department of Education, Item 600-1, Salaries, Bill No. 375, Amendment No. 28 to the Budget, approved September 22, 1954, to read \$978.53 instead of \$1,119.30.

Change the Amount shown under Item 630-1, Salaries, Recreation Division, Bill No. 375, Amendment No 28 to the Budget Approved September 22, 1954 to read \$212.27 instead of \$344.27.

Change Item 01-170-4 Office of the Governor, Bill No. 375, Amendment No. 28 to the Budget, approved September 22, 1954, to read \$1,802.67 instead of \$2,075.44.

Mr. Bregue	yea
Mr. Horner	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymer	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill No. 403

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance Authorizing a Pension to James Williams, former Employee of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John.

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Whereas, James Williams entered the Government Service in the year 1921

as an employee in the Public Works Department and served continuously in such position until 1942 when he was transferred to the St. Thomas Development Authority where he continued to serve until March 15, 1954 when he was forced to resign because of poor health; and,

whereas, during the thirty-three years Mr. Williams worked for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, he was carried as a "Temporary Employee" and as a result could not enjoy the rights and privileges appertaining to permanent or appointed employees of the Municipality; and,

whereas, in these circumstances, and because of the good service record of Mr. Williams, the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John deems it proper to authorize a pension to the said James Williams:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled;

Section 1. Beginning October 1, 1954, and continuing thereafter until his demise, there shall be paid to James Williams a pension of \$600 per annum in equal monthly installments.

Mr. Bregue	...	...	...	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	...	...	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	...	...	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	...	...	...	yea
Mr. Rhymmer	...	...	...	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	...	...	...	yea
Mr. Spraine	...	...	...	...	absent

Bill No 404

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To Fix
the Regular Expenses for the Municipality
of Saint Thomas and Saint John for
the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955,
and for other Purposes," Approved
July 21, 1954, as amended.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of Saint Thomas and St. John in
session assembled:

That Ordinance "To Fix the Regular
Expenses for the Municipality of Saint
Thomas and Saint John for the Fiscal
Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for
other Purposes," Approved July 21, 1954,
as amended, is hereby further amended
as follows:

18. Pensions And Allowances:

Increase "Contribution to
Retirement fund for Old
Pension," by \$450.00

Mr. Breque	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhynes	absent
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	absent

Bill no. 389

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Further Amend Ordinance to Prescribe Minimum Wage and Maximum Hour Standards and for Other Purposes, Approved, October 17, 1941.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Sub-section 6 (a) of Ordinance to Prescribe Minimum Wage and Maximum Hour Standards and for other Purposes, approved October 17, 1941, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 (a) This Ordinance shall not apply to employees engaged in agriculture, or in domestic employment in a private home or any one employed as a seaman or engaged in catching, taking or selling of any fresh fish, shellfish, or crustaceans, or any one employed as a musician; or to executives, professionals, outside salesman, or any one doing piece work or job work as such terms are defined or delimited by regulations of the Wage Commissioner; or to any employee paid a salary of \$2400 or more per annum."

Mr. Creque	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reed	yea
Mr. Rhymer	absent
Mr. Richards	not voting
Mr. Sprauve	absent.

By unanimous consent the following bill was sent to the committee of

the whole.

Bill No. 395. — Ordinance to Further Amend Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Motor Vehicles in St. Thomas of February 17, 1930, as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P. M.

~~Joseph A. Gomez~~
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

~~Henry V. Richard~~
Henry V. Richard
Secretary

Meeting of September 30, 1954

For the Extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, held on Thursday, September 30, 1954, 4:00 P. M.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, the Municipal Council convened in Extraordinary Session on Thursday, September 30, 1954, at 4:00 P. M., Municipal Building, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
 Henry V. Richards, Secretary
 Henry O. Gregue
 Carl B. Otley
 Percival H. Reese
 Weymouth Rhynes
 Julius C. Sparrow

The following correspondence were read:

Government House
 Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas

September 23, 1954

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
 Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

my dear Mr. Gomez:

Bill No. 370 extending the Trade Tax Law of 1953 expires on September 30, 1954.

I recommend that the Council continue Bill No. 264, Ordinance to Provide Additional Revenues by

Levying certain Trade Taxes and Fees, to Impose certain Penalties, and for other purposes, until April 1, 1955 with the following revisions:

Section 3(a) - Revise last paragraph to read:

"Provided, that the tax paid on imports subsequently exported to purchasers taking delivery and actual possession outside of the Virgin Islands of the United States shall be refunded to the taxpayer, or applied as a credit to the account of the taxpayer, upon proper filing by the taxpayer of application on Form VI-138, Request for Trade Tax Refund or Credit."

Section 5 - Revise to read:

"Every importer of articles for sale or for use in processing or manufacturing of articles for sale shall, within forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of each month, file at the Finance Office a return in triplicate on Form VI-123, Trade Tax Return, showing the value of articles imported according to Section 3 hereof, shall compute the tax according to the applicable rate or rates according to Section 3 hereof, and shall accompany the return with payment in total amount of the computed tax."

Section 6. Revise to read:

Every retailer of articles shall, within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each month, file at the Finance Office a return in triplicate on Form VI-124, Gross Sales Return, showing the amount of gross sales for the month; shall

compute the tax at one per cent (1%) of the total, and shall accompany the return with payment in the total amount of the computed tax."

Section 7. — Revise to read:

"The returns prescribed in Section 5 and 6 hereof, shall be subject to audit by the Tax Assessor, and the taxpayer shall make available to the Tax Assessor all documents and records required for the purpose. Any amount due in excess of the amount paid, as disclosed by the audit, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 8 hereof."

Section 8. — Revise to read:

"Any tax imposed by this Ordinance which is not paid by the time required herein shall be deemed delinquent and the taxpayer shall pay, in addition to the tax due, a penalty of five per cent (5%) of the amount due, plus interest at the rate of one per cent (1%) a month or fraction of a month."

The changes in Section 3 (a) are recommended for the purpose of permitting local business houses to compete on an even basis with outside sources when dealing with tax-exempt agencies. A tax-exempt agency can import without permit of tax. If the local dealer must pay the tax and cannot recover the tax through the sale to a tax-exempt agency, then his price must be higher by the amount of the tax in order to recover his cost.

The changes in section 5 and 6 place the responsibility on the taxpayer to pay his tax at the time of filing his return in the same manner as in filing an income tax return. Previously, the burden was on the Tax Assessor to compute and bill the tax. Many taxpayers failed to pay on the grounds of non-receipt of bill.

Section 7 and 8 were revised to conform to procedures set forth in section 5 and 6.

The institution of a gross sales tax in place of the Trade Tax Ordinance at this time would upset the economy of the municipality for this entire season. Such a tax at this time would inflict an injustice to those businesses which have already paid Trade Tax on their inventories for the coming winter season. It is urged that the Council reach an early decision in order that businessmen of St. Thomas may lay their plans for the winter season this year.

Very sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V. I.

September 25, 1954

Hon. Carl B. Otley
Chairman of the Municipal Committee,
Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

my dear Mr. Chairman:

With the approval of the Governor, I recommend that the amount of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars be appropriated immediately for the cost of a mahogany Judge's Bench and erection of mahogany railings at the District Court in St. Thomas. The Bench now in use is honeycomb with termites and will soon be unserviceable.

I understand the Governor has already discussed this matter with your committee; however, if you wish to discuss it further I should be pleased to do so upon request.

Sincerely,

Charles K. Claunch
Government Secretary.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

September 28, 1954

The Honorable Joseph Gomez
Chairman of the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie.
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Dear Mr. Gomez:

As you probably know, the services of the Director of Police of St. Thomas will be terminated as of the close of business on September 30, 1954.

When Director Charles came to the Virgin Islands in 1948 the

Municipal Council paid his transportation and for the shipment of his household effects to St. Thomas.

I recommend that the Council appropriate the sum of \$250 and return Director Charles and his personal effects to his home.

Very Sincerely yours
Charles H. Claunch
Acting Governor.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

September 28, 1954

The Honorable Joseph Gomez
Chairman of the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie.
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Dear Mr. Gomez:

As Acting Governor I have today designated the week beginning Sunday, October 3, 1954 as Fire Prevention Week.

The Citizens' Fire Prevention Committee is desirous of having Mr. John M. Breen, Fire Prevention Engineer, of Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico, come to St. Thomas and participate in a program to be held in Emancipation Garden, and if possible, to stay a few days to join in other activities.

To have Mr. Green come to St. Thomas would cost less than \$100. I would be grateful if the Council saw it fit to appropriate not more than this amount.

Very sincerely yours

Charles H. Claunch
Government Secretary.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

September 28, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I transmit herewith a letter from Mr. C. F. Winter, Acting Director of Finance and Supply, and a proposed draft of Ordinance for the consideration of the Municipal Council, requesting certain changes in the budget item of the Department of Finance as stated in Bill No. 385 of the Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, for the fiscal year 1955.

Sincerely

Charles H. Claunch
Acting Governor.

Informal Remarks:Air Strip Bourne Field

Mr. Ottley here discussed the correspondence which the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and St. John forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior regarding title of the air-strip in Saint Thomas located at Bourne Field. He commented that around July of 1954 the Chairman communicated with the Secretary on this matter and up to now no reply had been received. He urged that the Chair again take the matter up with the Secretary.

Police Judge

Reference was made by member Ottley to the appointment by the Governor of Mr. Cyril Michael to act as Police Judge. Mr. Ottley made the observation that before any individual could be appointed by Police Judge, according to local law, the Municipal Council should at least be advised and be given an opportunity to confirm or reject the nomination. He requested the Chairman to communicate with the Governor on this matter.

Travel of Director of Police

Member Rhynes discussed the recommendation of the Administration to pay the transportation of Director Charles back to Continental United States. He wanted to know if the Director had decided to make the island his permanent home if the Municipality would still be obliged to furnish the amount required for transportation.

Virgin Islands Corporation

Referring to the purchase by V.I. Corp of the Light and Power Facilities of the islands of St. Thomas, Mr. Rhynes declared that the Municipal Council erred when it failed to make suitable written provisions for light and power facilities for the islands of Saint John. He also pointed out that there was some verbal agreement with Mr. Skeoch, the then President of the Corporation, that within a reasonable time St. John would be served.

Declaring that the time is now ripe for negotiation on this matter, the member requested the Chair to communicate with Mr. Bartlett of the Virgin Islands Corporation in an effort to have some concrete plans made relative to improving the power and light facilities on the island of St. John.

John Brewer's Bay

Mr. Rhynes referred to a move now being made by certain individuals to acquire portion of John Brewer's Bay. He warned against this proposition and urged the Council to do whatever is necessary to retain that portion of the beach for the use of the people of the Municipality.

Accordingly, the following bills were discussed and adopted in the manner and by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 398

The ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Authorize The Preparation of Plans and the Construction of a Stadium at the Lionel Roberts Ball Park, to appropriate funds therefor, and for Other Purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby authorized to initiate through the Department of Education, the preparation of plans for the construction of a stadium at the Lionel Roberts Ball Park, said plans shall be subject to the approval of the Municipal Committee. Upon approval of the plans, the Governor is hereby empowered to authorize the Department of Education to proceed with the construction of the stadium.

Section 2. There is hereby authorized out of any funds available in the Municipal Treasury, and not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars for the purpose of preparing plans and the construction of the stadium authorized in Section 1 of this Ordinance. This sum is hereby allocated to the Department of Education, to be expended upon the certification of the Superintendent of Education.

Section 3. Upon completion, the stadium shall be maintained and operated as a public facility in accordance with provisions to be determined by law.

Mr. Greque	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymen	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 406

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance
"To Fix the Regular Expenses for the
Municipality of Saint Thomas and
St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes."
Approved July 21, 1954, as amended.

Be It Enacted by the municipal Council
of Saint Thomas and Saint John in
session assembled:

That the Ordinance "To Fix the Regular
Expenses for the Municipality of Saint
Thomas and Saint John for the Fiscal
Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other
Purposes," approved July 21, 1954, as
amended, is hereby further amended
as follows:

3. Office Of The Governor:

Add: For mahogany furnishings
for the United States District
Court of the Virgin Islands . . . \$500.00

6. The Department of Finance Classified Employees:

Change Multi-graph Operator
to read Duplicating Machine
Operator.

add: 1 Custodial Worker . . . \$840

add: under "Maintenance" the
following:

For repairs to the Office
Section, Bureau & Ware
house Section, and for
necessary shelves for
said warehouse \$1000

Add: new items: Revaluing
fund for stocking
of Warehouse \$9000 \$10,840

9 Police And Public Safety:

add under Maintenance:

One-way transportation
from St. Thomas, V.I. to
continental United States,
including transportation
of house-hold furnishings
for Earl H. Charles \$250.

10 Public Works And Fire Department Maintenance:

Add: under "Roads and Highways
St. Thomas, the following: For
Relocating public roadway
and building steps at
Barger Gate \$300.00

Municipal Fire Service

Add: For expenses for John
M. Breen, Fire Prevention
Engineer at Fort Brooke,
Puerto Rico, to come to
St. Thomas to participate Fire
Prevention activities. \$100.00 \$11,990.00

Mr. Lague	yea
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprauel	yea

Bill No. 407.

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Authorize the Borrowing
of Fund for the Purchase of a
Passenger - Carrying Boat for use
in Saint John, and for Other Purposes.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor of the
Virgin Islands is hereby authorized
to borrow, from the Public and
Trust Funds, the sum of Twenty
five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars for
the purpose of purchasing a
passenger - carrying boat for
operation between the Islands of
St. John and Saint Thomas. The
loan shall be repaid in full
within a period not to exceed
ten (10) years with interest at the
rate of two (2%) per cent per annum.

Section 2. The boat shall be
operated under the general
supervision of the Administration
or Administrative Assistant for the
Island of St. John, and shall be
used for government service and

for the carrying of private passengers between the Islands of St. Thomas and Saint John at a schedule of fees to be fixed by the Governor, with the approval of the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Cregue					yea
Mr. Gomez					yea
Mr. Otley					yea
Mr. Reese					yea
Mr. Rhymes					yea
Mr. Richards					yea
Mr. Sprauve					yea

Bill No. 405

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953-1954.

Ordinance to continue in force and
Effect. "The Trade Tax Law of 1953"
Approved July 6, 1953, and for other
Purposes.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John in
session assembled:

Section 1. The last paragraph of sub-section 3(a) of "Ordinance to Provide Additional Revenues by Levying Certain Trade Taxes and Fees, to Impose Certain Penalties, and for other Purposes," Approved July 6, 1953, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Provided, That the tax paid on imports subsequently exported to purchasers taking delivery and actual possession

outside of the Virgin Islands of the United States shall be refunded to the taxpayer, or applied as a credit to the account of the taxpayer, upon proper filing by the taxpayer of application on Form VI-138, Request for Trade Tax Refund or Credit."

Section 2. "Ordinance to Provide Additional Revenues by Levying Certain Trade Taxes and Fees, to Impose Certain Penalties, and for other Purposes," approved July 6, 1953, is hereby continued in force and effect from October 1, 1954 to March 31, 1954, the date of approval of this Ordinance notwithstanding.

Mr. Bregue . . .	participating
Mr. Gomez . . .	yea
Mr. Ottley . . .	yea
Mr. Reese . . .	yea
Mr. Rhymes . . .	yea
Mr. Richards . . .	yea
Mr. Sprauve . . .	yea

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry N. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of October 15, 1954

For the Extraordinary meeting of the
Municipal Council of St. Thomas and
St. John, held on Friday, October 15, 1954
at 3:45 P.M.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman of
the Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John, the Municipal Council
convened in Extraordinary session on
Friday, October 15, 1954, at 3:45 P.M.,
Municipal Council's Chamber,
Municipal Building, St. Thomas, Virgin
Islands.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Henry V. Richards, Secretary
Henry O. Breque
Earle B. Ottley
Wynmouth Rhynes

The following correspondence were read:

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas

October 7, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

It is my understanding that,
pursuant to existing law, the
appointment of the Judge of the
Police Court, is not subject to
the advice and consent of the
Council. However, I have requested
the District Attorney to give me an

opinion in the matter and will advise you accordingly.

Sincerely,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

September 10, 1954.

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Municipality of St. Thomas & St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I recommend for your favorable action the attached draft of proposed legislation to abolish the St. Thomas Development Authority, and to enter into agreement with the Virgin Islands Corporation to liquidate the affairs of the Authority.

The proposed legislation provides for a final accounting by V.I. Corp to the Municipality on January 30, 1955; and a return of surplus to the Municipality on that date.

Sincerely,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government House
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

October 12, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, Bill No. 394, Ordinance Establishing the Office of Veterans Representative in the Department of Education, and for other Purposes.

I am sure the Council is aware of the fact that the governmental structure of the Virgin Islands is being reorganized. I feel that it is neither right nor proper to burden the present structure with the additional managers and supervisors at this time, which will right be in existence only a few weeks. I am sure the new governmental structure will adequately take care of veterans who have served their country.

For this reason, I am returning Bill No. 394 without my approval.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government House
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

October 6, 1954.

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Mr. Gomez:

I am returning herewith Bill No. 398, Ordinance to Authorize the Preparation of Plans and the Construction of a Stadium at the Lionel Roberts Ball Park, to appropriate funds therefor, and for other purposes.

In view of the fact that the Planning Board has disapproved, with my approval, the plans for the construction of a stadium at the Lionel Roberts Ball Park, I would appreciate it very much if the Council would withdraw this bill.

If it meets with the Council's approval, I recommend that a similar bill be enacted for the purpose of improving the ball park at the Submarine Base. I will attempt to have this area transferred from Vicorp to the municipality.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Enclosure.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

October 12, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

my dear Mr. Chairman:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, Bill No. 388, Ordinance to Authorize the Establishment of Fees for Medical Care in the Municipality to Provide for the Payment of such fees, and for other Purposes.

In accordance with Section 16(a) of the Organic Act, July 22, 1954, "no other department, bureau, independent board, agency, authority, commission, or other instrumentality shall be created, organized, or established by the Governor or the legislature, without the prior approval of the Secretary of the Interior, unless required by Federal law for participation in Federal programs."

This matter has been discussed with both Municipal Councils and the Legislature, and I believe all three bodies are aware of the fact that the Schedule of Fees under the new Organic Act will be within the province of the Commissioner of Health.

For this reason, I return bill No. 388 without my approval.

Sincerely yours,

A. G. Alexander
Governor

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

October 12, 1954

The Honorable
 The Chairman of the Municipal Council
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

my dear Mr. Chairman:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, Bill No. 386, Ordinance to Further Amend "Ordinance to Provide Annual License Fees for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, approved July 6, 1950."

With the possible exceptions in the reduction of license fees for commercial boat operators, I can conceive no reason for the reduction of the license fees for restaurants, beauty parlors and Tavernkeeper Liquor Licenses, Class A.

The reduction of the license fees for commercial boat operators other than operators engaged in the fishing industry, is sound from the point of view that it may increase the number of charter boats in the Virgin Islands and thus, help tourism. It is also apparent that the small fishing industry in St. Thomas cannot afford to be put out of business by taxation which they cannot pay and still make a livelihood.

The reduction in the license fee for Tavernkeeper Liquor License, Class A seems ridiculous. Fifty of these licenses are permitted to be issued. There is, at present, a waiting list for individuals who desire Tavernkeeper Liquor Licenses, Class A. This being true, I see no reason to reduce

the license fee.

As regards restaurants and beauty parlors, a reduction in these two categories at this time without surveying the entire licensing bill would be discriminatory.

At present time a complete survey of the tax and licensing structure of the Virgin Islands is underway, and I do not feel that any changes should be made until this survey is completed.

For these reasons, I return Bill No. 386 without my approval.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas

October 13, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, Bill No. 392, Ordinance to Further Amend. Ordinance to Prescribe Minimum Wage and Maximum Hour Standards and for other Purposes, Approved October 17, 1941.

Since the receipt of this Bill, I have had made an exhaustive study of the wages and conditions in St. Thomas and St. John. This survey should have been made by the Municipal Council before enacting legislation so critical to the economy of these islands. A majority of the employers in St. Thomas and St. John are already paying wages considerably in excess of the prevailing minimum wage and maximum hour standards set by law. This survey indicates that employers are willing and ready to pay any pay rate commensurate with productivity. The economy of every nation is dependent almost wholly on productivity. Productivity cannot be increased by legislation or by the summary increase in wages

my survey indicates that the employers in St. Thomas and St. John are not taking advantage of workers who can produce. The approval of this bill would place employers in a position where they would be required to pay excessive wage rates to non-producers. This would not be in the best interest of the economy of the Virgin Islands. By said experience, it has been found that the summary increasing of minimum wage rates by legislation does not increase the standards of living of those whom the legislators purport to help. This experience has shown that, rather than being helpful, small employers were forced out of business and a reemployment problems was created. This Administration is dedicated to full employment for

all employables at a fair wage for a productive day's work.

For these reasons, I am returning Bill No. 392. without my approval.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

The following bills were discussed and adopted in the form and by the votes indicated:

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 - 1954

Petitioning the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to Return to the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John a certain Portion of Estate John Brewer's Bay to be used as a Public Bathing Beach.

Whereas, In the year 1939 a certain portion of Estate John Brewer's Bay was purchased by the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, and then transferred to the United States Navy Department as a donation without cost and free and clear of all encumbrances as a contribution to National Defense; and,

Whereas, When the United States Navy deactivated the defense areas in St. Thomas and they were turned over to the jurisdiction of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John this portion of Estate John Brewer's Bay was set aside as a public bathing beach for the use of the people of this community; and,

Whereas, Since the deactivated bases have been transferred to the Virgin Islands Corporation for management and operation private interests have indicated a desire to lease this portion of Estate John Brewer's Bay; and,

Whereas, The same private parties desirous of Leasing this portion already have possession and title to the major portion of Estate John Brewer's Bay, including a large section of the beach frontage; and,

Whereas, This small portion of the John Brewer's Bay Estate to the Municipality, is not absolutely necessary to be included in the plans of the private parties for a cottage and beach development in that area; and,

Whereas, Returning this portion of the John Brewer's Bay Estate to the Municipality (the original owner of the area) will in no way prevent the private parties from developing their section of the Estate; but would provide a public bathing beach for the people of this community; and,

Whereas, In all fairness to the people of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John this beach area which was purchased with municipal funds and donated to the United States Navy for defense purposes should now be returned for use of the public:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and, it is hereby resolved, by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled, That:

1. The Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, he and he is hereby petitioned, to transfer to the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John title and all rights and interests in the portion of Estate John Brewer's Bay now under the Jurisdiction of the Virgin Islands Corporation, subject only to the demands of the United States Department of Defense;
2. The Governor of the Virgin Islands he, and he is hereby petitioned, to support this request of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in the best interests of the people of this Municipality; and,
3. The President of the Virgin Islands Corporation he, and he is hereby petitioned, to also support the request of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

Mr. Leque	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Beest	absent
Mr. Rhymey	yea
Mr. Richards	absent
Mr. Sprauve	yea

Bill No. 399

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 - 1954

Authorizing Police Lieutenant Henry Morris to Receive Additional Compensation While Serving in the Capacity of Acting Director of Police

Whereas, The position of Director of Police for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John is vacant due to the separation from the service of the former incumbent, Major Earle H. Charles; and

Whereas, Police Lieutenant Henry Morris has been serving as Acting Director of Police; and,

Whereas, It is necessary to provide additional compensation for Police Lieutenant Morris while detailed to the additional duties and responsibilities as Acting Director of Police; and,

Whereas, The Administration has indicated approval of this proposal to provide additional compensation for Police Lieutenant Morris while serving as Acting Director of Police:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Police Lieutenant Henry Morris is hereby authorized to receive compensation in addition to his regular salary at the rate of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars per month for

the period of August 15 of September 20, 1954, and from October 1, 1954, for any and all periods during which he may serve as Acting Director of Police. There additional compensation shall be paid without any further authorization, from funds available for the payment of salaries in the appropriation for the Department of Police and Public Safety provided in Bill No. 354, the Appropriation Ordinance for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Bregue	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymes	yea
Mr. Richard	not voting
Mr. Sprauve	absent.

Bill No. 400

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Abolish the Saint Thomas Development Authority and to Enter into Agreement with the Virgin Islands Corporation to Liquidate the affairs of the Authority.

Whereas, By order of the Secretary of the Interior hereinafter referred to as Secretary dated June 23 1954, the Lease Agreement entered into March 25, 1950 as supplemented on October 8, 1957 between the United States and the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, hereinafter referred to as Municipality, pertaining to the installations formerly known as the Marine Corps Air Facility and the Naval Submarine Base, Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands, comprising real and

appurtenant personal property, was terminated in its entirety effective July 1, 1954 and,

whereas the Saint Thomas Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as Development Authority, an agency of the Municipality had been delegated responsibility by said Municipality for maintenance and operation of the facilities included under the said agreement between the United States and the Municipality entered into March 25, 1950, as supplemented on October 8, 1951, and undertook the complete control and management of the said real and appurtenant personal property including the responsibility of maintenance and operation, from the date of its designation to perform such functions until July 1, 1954, the effective date of said order of the Secretary of the Interior of June 23, 1954 and,

whereas By virtue of the said order of the Secretary dated June 23, 1954, the Development Authority, effective July 1, 1954, has been divested of all functions with respect to the installations formerly known as Marine Corps Air Facility and the Naval Submarine Base and has, therefore, fulfilled the purpose for which it was created by the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John; and,

whereas the said order of the Secretary also provided that from July 1, 1954 forward, the management of the installations formerly known as Marine Corps Air Facility and the Navy Submarine Base should be the responsibility of the Virgin Islands Corporation, and instrumentality of the United States Government, hereinafter referred to as Vicorp; and,

whereas the Development Authority has outstanding assets, consisting of accounts receivable and other claims, chattel mortgage due June 30, 1954, and other assets,

as well as certain accounts payable and other obligations which were incurred in connection with the control, management, operation and maintenance of said real and appurtenant personal property; and,

Whereas, Vicorp has indicated its willingness, in return for reasonable compensation, to assume responsibility for the liquidation of the accounts of the Development Authority upon proper assurance that it will be held harmless from all liabilities and obligations in excess of such assets:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. In consideration of the agreement by Vicorp to assume responsibility for the liquidation of the accounts of the Development Authority, all assets and liabilities of the said St. Thomas Development Authority shall be transferred to the said Vicorp under the following terms and conditions:

(1.) The Virgin Islands Corporation shall have full right, title, and interest in such assets and shall have full authority to sue, compromise, cancel in whole or in part, release, set-off, make settlement or take any action whatsoever with respect to such assets in the same manner as though it were the Development Authority, and to the extent there are available liquid assets to do so, to pay off any outstanding obligations of the Development

Authority set forth in the certified list of accounts payable provided for in paragraph 6 hereof; Providing that if any claims are made against the Development Authority which are not included in said certified list of accounts payable, Vicorp must first secure the approval of the committee created pursuant to paragraph 4 hereof before paying same.

(2) The limit of Vicorp's liability pursuant to this legislation shall be the real value of assets transferred to Vicorp by the Development Authority less expenses in connection with the liquidation of accounts and assets and a reasonable fee to be determined by the committee established under paragraph 4 hereof, to be paid to Vicorp covering its services) said real value to be the value of the assets transferred as determined in the final accounting to be made to the municipality by Vicorp on or before January 30, 1953, as provided in paragraph 5 hereof;

(3) Vicorp may use up to \$4000.00 from the cash and other assets transferred to it pursuant to this legislation for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the roads and drainage system at the Bourse Guild low cost housing project, Providing that Vicorp shall have complete control over the repair and recondition work to be done on said roads and on said drainage

system, and may either do all or part of the said work or let contract or contracts covering all or part.

(4) Vicorp shall use its best judgment, and shall exercise due diligence in liquidating the accounts of the Development Authority, but shall not guarantee the value or collection of any accounts receivable, or the value of any other assets transferred pursuant to this legislation. In discharging responsibilities entrusted to it pursuant to this legislation, Vicorp shall obtain the prior approval of a committee to be composed of three members; two appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council, and one appointed by the President of Vicorp;

(5) On January 30, 1955, Vicorp shall render a final accounting to the municipality covering said Vicorp's responsibilities pursuant to this legislation. If such accounting shows an excess of cash or other assets over any amounts disbursed for retirement of outstanding obligations of the Development Authority and for repair and maintenance pursuant to paragraph 3 hereof, said assets, less a reasonable fee to be determined by the committee established under paragraph 4 hereof, for Vicorp's services and any set-off or counter claim Vicorp may have against the Development Authority or the municipality, shall be returned to the municipality;

(6) Immediately upon the passage of

this legislation, the Municipality shall turn over to Vicorp all assets, including personal property, as per certified inventory; moneys, as per book balance; certified lists of accounts receivables and accounts payables, and liabilities, and shall make valid written assignments of all accounts receivables, mortgages, and claim to Vicorp;

(7) Vicorp will keep a separate and distinct accounting of its transactions pursuant to this legislation which records shall be available to the Municipality at all reasonable times;

(8) The Municipality will render all possible assistance to Vicorp to facilitate its duties in liquidating the accounts of the Development Authority, including the making available all bills, records, notes, accounts and correspondence required by Vicorp;

(9) The acceptance by Vicorp of the duties and responsibilities provided for herein, does in no way constitute a ratification or adoption by Vicorp of any practices, policies, actions, leases, or agreements of the Municipality or Development Authority with respect to the real and appurtenant personal property included under the said agreement between the United States and the Municipality, entered into March 25, 1950, as supplemented October 8, 1951, leaving said Vicorp complete authority, authority to take any steps it deems advisable leading to repudiation or cancellation of any outstanding

agreements, leases, contracts, or policies. It is further agreed that acceptance by Vicorp does not constitute a confession or admission that the responsibilities of the Municipality or Development Authority with respect to management, maintenance and operations were properly discharged and that it does in no way constitute a release of the Development Authority or Municipality from any obligation or liability of any kind resulting from its control and operation of the properties prior to July 1, 1954.

(10) That the Director of Finance of the Municipality is hereby authorized and directed to make any transfer assignment, or conveyance to Vicorp which is necessary to carry out the terms of this legislation.

(11) That the Vicorp shall indicate its agreement to the terms of the legislation in writing within ten (10) days after its approval by the Governor. Three days after receipt by the Municipality of said written agreement, this legislation shall become effective and the Development Authority shall cease to exist.

Mr. Bregue	absent
Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reese	absent
Mr. Rhymmer	yea
Mr. Richards	not voting
Mr. Sprauve	absent

[illegible]

Bill No 397

The Ninth Municipal Council of St.
Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Regulate the Work and
Vacation Periods of School Lunch
Employees in the Municipality of
St. Thomas & St. John.

Whereas, The employees of the
School Lunch Program, Department
of Education, are required to
work on a schedule similar to
teachers; and,

Whereas, The said employees are
not at present entitled to the
vacation periods provided for
teachers in the School Law of
the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, In order to be fair and
just to the said employees it is
necessary that their schedule of
work and vacation periods be
made similar to that of teachers:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal
Council of St. Thomas and St. John
in session assembled:

Section 1. The employees of the
School Lunch Program, Department
of Education, who actually work in
the schools are hereby placed in
the same category as teachers
for the purpose of determining
their schedule of work and
vacation periods. Said schedule
shall be, and is hereby adjusted,
in accordance with the provisions

of Chapter 6 of the School Law of the Virgin Islands, approved January 25, 1940. The employees covered herein shall receive pay during their vacation periods in the same manner as teachers.

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective from the beginning of the 1954-1955 school year.

Mr. Breque	...	Absent
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Ottley	...	yea
Mr. Beese	...	Absent
Mr. Chymer	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	Absent

Bill No. 409

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John.

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to Provide for the Retirement of Officials and Employees of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, and for other purposes," Approved July 18, 1947, as amended.

Whereas, The Ordinance to Provide for the Retirement of Officials and Employees of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, approved July 18, 1947, as amended, purports to provide old age, disability and service benefits for

officials and employees who have served the Government of this Municipality; and,

Whereas, Under the provisions of the said Ordinance, persons who serve the Municipality for fifteen years or more may receive a minimum annuity of \$300 per annum, and persons serving twenty years or more are entitled to a minimum annuity of \$600 per annum. The maximum annuity to which an employee may be entitled is set at \$1200 per annum; and,

Whereas, The law provides no minimum benefits for persons who may have served the Government less than 15 years, and as a result such persons can only receive annuities of less than seventeen dollars per month; and,

Whereas, The maximum allowance of \$1200 per annum appears to be incompatible with the minima set by law and is deserving of adjustment; and,

Whereas, In consequence of these facts the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John deems it advisable to amend the existing law as follows:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. Section 5 of "Ordinance to Provide for the Retirement of the Officials and Employees of the

Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and for other Purposes," Approved July 18, 1947, as amended, is further amended as follows:

Retirement shall be granted with a life annuity by reason of age, physical disability, length of service, or involuntary separation, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. The minimum life annuity payable shall be:

1. When the length of service is 10 years but less than 15 years, the minimum life annuity shall be \$300 per annum;
2. When the length of service is 15 years but less than 20 years, the minimum life annuity shall be \$450 per annum;
3. When the length of service is 20 years or more the minimum life annuity shall be \$600 per annum;

Provided, however, that where the average annual basic salary, pay or compensation of an Officer or Employee exceeds \$4,200 per annum the annuity for such officer or employee shall not exceed 75 per centum of the average annual basic salary, pay or compensation of officer or employee. The term basic salary, pay or compensation as used in this Ordinance, shall be understood to exclude any bonus, perquisite, remuneration for extraordinary services, or compensation paid in addition to the salary provided for the

position by law. The provisions hereof shall apply to all annuities heretofore issued which are not in accordance with the provisions stipulated in this section.

Mr. Leque	absent
Mr. Jones	yea
Mr. Otley	yea
Mr. Reed	absent
Mr. Rhynes	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprague	absent

The following bill was discussed and sent to the Committee of the whole for further study.

Bill No. 408 - Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioners of Finance to enter into Guarantee Agreements with Municipal Employees for Home Construction Purposes under the National Housing Act, and for other Purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P. M.

Joseph A. Jones
Joseph A. Jones
Chairman

Benjamin V. Richards
Benjamin V. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of October 21, 1954

Extraordinary Meeting of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John, called by the Chairman for Thursday, October 21, 1954, at 3:00 P.M., Municipal Building, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John, the Municipal Council convened in Extraordinary Session on Thursday, October 21, 1954, at 4:10 P.M.:

Present were: Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
 Earl B. Otley
 Henry V. Richards
 Percival H. Reese
 Henry O. Bregue

There were no correspondence. No informal discussion.

The following bills were discussed and adopted in the form and by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 440

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John.

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to create the "Wilfred Schmiedes Fund"

Whereas, Mr. Wilfred Schmiedes, has served this Municipality faithfully and efficiently for over thirty - three years; and,

Whereas, Mr. Schmides will resign as Chief Bookkeeper, Department of Finance, on or about October 27, 1954, due to failing health and the transfer of Federal Employees to the Government of the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, Mr. Schmides will receive a pension from the Federal Government which will not be sufficient to provide for his minimum living requirements; and,

Whereas, The Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John strongly desires and feels itself morally bound to see that a man like Mr. Schmides who has served the community so long, faithfully and well, should not be left in a position where he may be financially embarrassed. but in the circumstances, is accorded some reasonable amount of assistance:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. There is hereby created a fund to be known as the "Wilfred Schmides Fund", hereinafter referred to as "The Fund". Commencing November 1, 1954, and continuing each month thereafter for the lifetime of Mr. Wilfred Schmides there shall be and is hereby appropriated into the fund from monies in the Municipal Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of Fifty Dollars. Said sum shall be paid to the said Mr. Wilfred Schmides by Government check by the Commissioner of Finance on the first day of each

month commencing December 1, 1954.

Section 2. Immediately upon the demise of the said Mr. Wilfred Schmedes the Fund herein created shall forthwith terminate and be of no further effect.

Mr. Beque	...	yea
Mr. Somers	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	yea
Mr. Bress	...	yea
Mr. Rhynes	...	absent
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Sprauve	...	absent

Bill No. 411

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and Saint John, for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes," Approved July 21, 1954, as Amended.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

That Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes," approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows.

3. Office of the Governor:

Salaries:

1. Maintenance Superintendent	@ \$4,205 p.a.	
4. Clerks	@ \$2,700 p.a. each	10,800
4. Maids	@ \$840 p.a. each	3,360
1. Laundress	@	840 p.a.
1. Gardner	@	960 p.a.
1. Cook	@	1,080 p.a.
1. Butler	@	2,000 p.a.

For payment of expenses involved
in the reorganization studies 2,000

and Increase salaries, by \$6,000

4 Office of The Government Secretary:

Salaries:

1. Clerk	@ \$3,075 p.a.	
2. Clerks	@ \$2,820 p.a.	5,640
1. Chauffeur	@	1,809 p.a.
1. Janitor	@	1,809 p.a.

and increase salaries by \$2,600

5 Office of the Administrator for St. John:

1. Administrator for St. John	@ \$5,625	
1. Assistant to the Administrator	@ \$2,950	
1. Janitress	@	840

and increase salaries by \$2,000

6. Department of Finance:

Salaries:

1. Disbursing Officer	@ \$5,500	
1. Assistant Disbursing Officer	@	4,160
1. Administrative Assistant	@	4,330
1. Document Control Clerk	@	3,495
1. File Clerk	@	1,920
1. Accountant	@	3,960
1. Principal Account Clerk	@	2,940
1. Principal Account Clerk	@	2,700
1. Principal Account Clerk	@	2,700

1 Account clerk	@ \$ 2,620
1 Account clerk	@ 2,160
1 Account clerk	@ 2,280
1 Account clerk	@ 2,160
1 Clerk-Typist III	@ 1,800
1 Trade Tax Inspector	@ 3,600
1 Audit Clerk	@ 2,160
1 Clerk-Typist II	@ 2,040
1 Clerk-Typist II	@ 2,400
1 Clerk-Stenographer II	@ 2,160
1 Cashier	@ 3,660
1 Clerk II	@ 1,800
1 Clerk-Typist I	@ 2,040
1 Clerk-Typist III	@ 2,160
1 Deputy Collector	@ 2,640
1 Clerk I	@ 1,680

Accounting Consultant (to employ retired Federal employees of the Finance Department on an intermittent basis as needed, at not to exceed \$25.00 per day) 2,000

and increase salaries by \$6,500.00

10 Public Works and Fire Department:
Salaries:

1 Director of Public Works @ \$7,500

and increase salaries by \$1,565.00

12 Department of Health & Sanitation:
Salaries:

1 Director of Medical Services @ \$10,000

and increase salaries by \$2,085

13 Department of Social Welfare:
Salaries:

1 Director of Social Welfare @ \$8,500

and increase salaries by \$1,800

14 Department of Education + Recreation:

Salaries:

1 Director of Education @ \$6,000

and increase salaries by \$1,250

17 Contributions:

Add: The Wilfred Schmedes Fund

@ \$400 \$24,200.00

With the concurrence of the Municipal Committee, which is hereby recorded, the Budgets for the following special funds are hereby amended as follows:

Virgin Islands Lottery:

Salaries:

1 Clerk IV

@ \$2,700 p.a.

1 Account Clerk II @ 2,700 p.a.

1 Clerk-Typist II @ 2,040 p.a.

1 Clerk-Typist II @ 1,800

Municipal Retirement Fund:

Salaries:

1 Account Clerk

@ \$2,280 p.a.

1 Clerk-Typist II

@ 1,800 p.a.

Municipal Insurance Fund:

1 Account Clerk I

@ \$3,280 p.a.

1 Messenger - Clerk

@ 1,200 p.a.

Mr. Bague yea

Mr. Gomez yea

Mr. Otley yea

Mr. Reese yea

Mr. Shymer absent

Mr. Richards yea

Mr. Sprague absent

Bill No. 412

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To fix
the Regular Expenses for the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John for the
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and
for other Purposes," approved July 21, 1954,
as amended.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council
of St. Thomas and St. John in session
assembled:

That ordinance "To fix the Regular
Expenses for the Municipality of St.
Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal
Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for
other Purposes," approved July 21,
1954, as amended, is hereby further
amended as follows:

10 Public Works and Grace Department:

For opening and cleaning drains and
gutters; repairing damage to public
properties caused by last heavy
rainfall; assisting needy property-
owners who have suffered damages
from rainfall; lifting houses, etc. \$4,000

Mr. Bregue	...	yea
Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea
Mr. Ottley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea
Mr. Thymmer	...	absent
Mr. Sprauel	...	absent

meeting adjourned at 4:20. P. M.

~~Joseph A. Gorney~~
 Joseph A. Gorney
 Chairman

~~Arthur H. Gorney~~
 Henry V. Richards
 Secretary

Meeting of November 10, 1954

Extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, called by the Chairman for Wednesday November 10, 1954 at 3:30 P.M.

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Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, the Municipal Council convened in Extraordinary Session on Wednesday, November 10, 1954, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
Earle B. Otley
Percival W. Reese
Henry V. Richards

The following correspondence were read:

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

September 10, 1954

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Gomez:

For some time it has been our hope to move the Public Works Department to the Submarine Base in its entirety in order to operate more efficiently. Tentative arrangements have been made with the Navy and with the Virgin Islands Corporation to turn over to the Public Works Department Building No. 8 at the Submarine Base. This is based on the condition that we make some minor changes

in Building No. 18 in order that the Navy might use it. The cost of moving Mr. Bareham and making the changes to Building No. 18 is estimated to be \$3,000.

It would appreciate it very much if the Council would make available to the Public Works Department the amount of \$3,000 in order that this very important step for increasing the efficiency of the Public Works Department can be taken.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government of the United States
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

November 5, 1954

The Honorable
A. A. Alexander
Governor of the Virgin Islands
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Governor:

In accordance with Section 72 and Section 20(c), Public Law 517, The Organic Act for the Virgin Islands, July 22, 1954, I request that the following monies be appropriated by the Municipal Councils of St. Thomas and St. John and St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

Salaries	\$ 47,700
Equipment	5,500
Maintenance	11,365
	<u>\$ 64,565</u>

Note: Of the above monies, only $\frac{2}{3}$ of that portion assigned to salaries will be required for the period November 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955. In addition, the funds appropriated by Bill No. 354, Ordinance to Give the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes, for the offices of the Virgin Islands Auditor should be rescinded.

It is also requested that the Comptroller of the Virgin Islands and his employees be placed in an exempted status.

I would like action on this request as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

R. L. Krabach
R. L. Krabach
Comptroller.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

Office of the Comptroller

November 5, 1954.

The Honorable
A. A. Alexander
Governor of the Virgin Islands

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Governor:

In line with my request for appropriation sent you this day, ~~then~~ comes the problem of office space.

Although the present quarters of the Virgin Islands Auditor are acceptable as to location, they are too small to adequately handle my requirements. This is brought about by the fact that a considerable portion is being occupied by the Workmen's Compensation Commission.

It is my understanding that under the reorganization this Commission is to become a part of the Labor Department and as such these employees would be moved with that Department, giving us the required space.

There is no urgency in the matter since I will not require the space until the first part of January but thereafter we will have to make some arrangements. Without the above mentioned space there is no room to give me nor my secretary a private office.

Please let me know your pleasure in this matter so we can plan accordingly.

Sincerely yours.

P. J. Krabach
P. J. Krabach
Comptroller

Government House
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

November 9, 1954

The Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman
Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Dear Sir:

In line with our conversation of yesterday, please be advised that I have nominated Mr. Charles Winter and Mr. Luther Donadelle as members of the Municipal Land Authority of St. Thomas and St. John.

This will give you a working majority and after the reorganization is complete we will name two other men in order that you will have full membership on a continuing Board of the Virgin Island Government.

Sincerely yours.

A. A. Alexander
A. A. Alexander
Governor.

The following nominations were confirmed.

Municipal Land Authority:

Mr. Charles Winter and Mr. Luther Donadelle as members:

Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Richards	yea

The following Resolutions and Bills were discussed and adopted in the form and by the votes indicated:

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John

1953 - 1954

Convening a Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands

— H —

Whereas, Section 7 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved June 22, 1936, provides, in part, that joint sessions of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John and of the Municipal Council of Saint Croix shall constitute and shall be designated the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands; and,

Whereas, said Section 7 also provides that the Legislative Assembly shall convene in St. Thomas whenever both Municipal Councils shall determine by Resolutions passed by each of them; and,

Whereas, said Section 7 of the Organic Act of 1936 is still in force and effect; and,

Whereas, November 22, 1954 is deemed by both Municipal Councils to be an appropriate date on which to convene a session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, and it is hereby Resolved by the Municipal

Whereas, It is incompatible with the foundation of efficient government to establish a double standard of salaries for employees of the same government; and,

Whereas, At least some temporary relief should be given to the municipal employees through salary adjustments until an adequate, fair, and equitable Pay Plan is adopted for the Government of the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, Since the Government Comptroller has been appointed and has taken office in the Virgin Islands there is a definite indication that the Internal Revenues collected on commodities produced in the Virgin Islands and transported to the continental United States will soon be transferred to the treasury of the Virgin Islands in accordance with the provisions of the Organic Act of 1954; and,

Whereas, There is need to provide the necessary personnel for the Office of the Government Comptroller; and,

Whereas, There is need to transfer a few more federal employees to the payroll of the Municipal Government;

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

That Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes," approved July 21, 1954,

as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

The following authorization for salary adjustments are hereby provided in accordance with sub-section 9 (b) (7) of the Personnel Merit System Law of the Virgin Islands to be effective from November 1, 1954:

3. Office of the Governor
Salaries

Add the following positions:
Secretary to the Special
Assistant to the Governor
@ \$4,000 p.a. and increase
"Salaries" by

\$1,350

4. Office of the Government Secretary
Salaries:

Add the following positions:
Secretary to the Government
Secretary
Clerk - Stenographer
and increase "Salaries" by

@ \$4,200 p.a.

@ \$3,600 p.a.

\$2,600

6. Department of Finance

Salaries

Add the following positions:
Secretary to the Commissioner
of Finance
Deputy Collector
and increase "Salaries" by

@ \$4,000 p.a.

@ \$2,640 p.a.

\$2,215

8. Delete Office of the Virgin Islands
Auditor, Salaries, Equipment
and maintenance with a
total appropriation of \$20,220
and insert:

Office of the Government Comptroller Salaries

Government Comptroller	@ \$12,500 p. a.	
Administrative Assistant	@ \$8,500 p. a.	
Assistant in St. Craig	@ 7,900 p. a.	
Audit Chief	@ 4,800 p. a.	
Account Clerk @ \$3,600	@ 7,200 p. a.	
Secretary	@ 3,600 p. a.	
General Clerk.	@ 2,000 p. a.	
Messenger - Janitor		
Chauffeur	@ 1,200 p. a.	\$ 47,700
Equipment.		5,500
Maintenance: all necessary expenses		<u>11,365</u>
	Total	\$ 64,565

22. Pay Increases

For salary adjustments for municipal employees (except in the Finance Department) to be determined upon the recommendation of the Department Head with the approval of the Director of Personnel.

Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Richards	yea

\$40,000
\$110,730

Bill No. 415

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance to fix the

Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, for the Fiscal year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes", Approved July 21, 1954 as Amended.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

That Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, for the Fiscal year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes", Approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

6. The Department of Finance

For payment of expenses in connection with the handling and shipping of approximately \$1,000,000 worth of surplus equipment and material to the Virgin Islands \$15,000

10. Public Works and Fire Department

Increase "Roads and Highways, St. Thomas," for special Projects by \$3,000

Increase Roads and Highways St. John, for special Projects by 900

For renovation of certain Buildings at the former Submarine Base and for moving the Public Works Department to the former Submarine Base \$3,000 \$6,900

13. Department of Social Welfare

Special Contribution to the
Public Assistance Fund, for
Christmas Grants to Needy
Persons in St. Thomas and
St. John \$2,500

For Special Relief Sewing
Project for the Island of
St. John 1,000

For Christmas Grants to
Virgin Islands Patients at
St. Elizabeth Hospital 500 \$4,000

Total \$25,300.00

Mr. Gomez yea
Mr. Otley yea
Mr. Beest yea
Mr. Richards yea

The following bill by unanimous vote
was sent to the Committee of the
whole for further study.

Bill No. 398 — Ordinance to authorize
the Preparation of Plans and the
Construction of a Stadium at the
former Submarine Base to
appropriate funds therefor, and for
other Purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry W. Richards
Henry W. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of November 19, 1954

Extraordinary Meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, held on Friday, November 19, 1954.

Pursuant to Call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, the Municipal Council convened in extraordinary session on Friday, November 19, 1954, at 2:30 P. M.

Present were:

Joseph A. Gony, Chairman
 Henry O. Lorgie
 Carl B. Otley
 Henry W. Richards

There were no correspondences. No informal discussion.

The following Resolution and Bill were discussed and adopted in the form and by the votes indicated:

Resolution

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John.

1953 - 1954

To amend Resolution "convening a session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands", passed by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John on November 10, 1954.

Be It Resolved, and it is hereby resolved by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled, That Resolution "convening a session of the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands", passed on

November 10, 1954, be and is hereby amended by adding the following items for consideration of the Legislative Assembly:

3. Resolution Requesting the Governor to Establish, under the Department of Insular Affairs, a Contact Office for Veterans.
4. Amendment to the Electoral Law for the Virgin Islands of the United States, approved August 24, 1954.
5. An Act to Provide for a Wage Commissioner for the Virgin Islands; to the Procedure for Determining the Minimum Wage for Different Occupations, setting Maximum Working Hours, and Labor Conditions; to Establish a Weekly Rest Period and for other Purposes.

Mr. Cregue	...	...	yea
Mr. Garney	...	...	yea
Mr. Otley	...	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	...	yea

Bill No. 416

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John

1953—1954

Ordinance to Further Amend Ordinance to Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954, and for Other Purposes, approved July 21, 1954

— 11 —

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

That Ordinance To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

2. Police Const and Bureau of Needs and Records

Electoral Board:

Increase Maintenance by \$ 2,300

10. Public Works and Fire Department

Municipal Fire Service

Increase maintenance for:
Repairs to equipment,
including trucks, pumps,
extinguishers, etc. received
from surplus stock of the
Federal Government, by ... \$ 500 \$ 2,800

Mr. Oregue yes
Mr. Gomez yes
Mr. Ottley yes
Mr. Richards yes

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry V. Richards
Secretary.

Meeting of December 6, 1954

Extraordinary Meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, held on Monday, December 6, 1954.

Present to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, the Municipal Council assembled in Extraordinary Session on Monday, December 6, 1954, at 3:30 P.M.

Present were:

Joseph A. Boney, Chairman
Carl G. Otley
Henry W. Richards
General W. Beebe
Julius E. Sprauve

The following correspondence were read:

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas

November 12, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am returning herewith, Bill No 409, Ordinance to Amend "Ordinance to Provide for the Retirement of Officials and Employees of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, and for other Purposes," approved July 18, 1947 as amended, in the hope that the Municipal Council will see fit to withdraw this bill.

Early in January, when the new Legislature meets, there will be an

Insular Retirement Act, and I would appreciate it if the Council will withhold this bill and reintroduce it on an insular basis in January.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor

enclosure.

The White House
Washington

The Assistant to the President

November 18, 1954

Dear Mr. Gomez:

This will acknowledge the receipt of the letter which you addressed to the President regarding Bill No. 369 of the Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John. I can assure you that your interest in submitting the views of the Municipal Council is appreciated.

After the receipt of this bill from Governor Alexander, the President gave careful consideration to the matter in accordance with the provisions of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands. The President's decision has now been communicated to the Governor.

Sincerely,

Sherman Adams

Mr. Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman
Municipal Council of
St. Thomas and St. John
Charlotte Amalie
Virgin Islands.

Government House.
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

December 15, 1954.

The Honorable
Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, Bill No. 397, Ordinance to regulate the sick and vacation periods of school lunch employees in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

The Law and the School Law were enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands. No amendment to the laws enacted by the Legislature can be made by Municipal Councils, nor can a Municipal Ordinance supersede a legislature act.

For this reason, I disapprove this bill.

Sincerely yours.

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Enclosure.

Office of the Chairman
Municipal Council of Saint Thomas & St. John
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.
V.I.

November 17, 1954.

The Honorable
The Governor of the Virgin Islands

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Governor.

Reference is made to your letter of November 15, 1954, vetoing Bill No. 397, Ordinance to Regulate the Work and Vacation Periods of School Employees in the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

We do not agree with you that bill No. 397 is an amendment to any law enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands. The purpose of Bill No. 397 is to extend to school lunch employees, who actually work in the schools, the same vacation and working periods as teachers. This is no more than fair and equitable, when it is realized that the work of these employees is contingent on the schools being in session.

It is noted, however, that you have vetoed this bill on a mere technicality and not on the basis of merit and equity. In view of the fact that the new Legislature will convene in January, 1955, at which time a new School Law will be considered, the Municipal Council will not take any further action on this matter at this time. However, it is believed that members of the present Municipal Council who have been elected to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands will make sure that the school lunch employees are placed in the same category as teachers for the purpose of determining their work and vacation periods.

when the new school law is being considered.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Government of
Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V.I.

November 30, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

On December 1, 1954, All America Cables and Radio will cut in a direct telephone connection from St. Thomas to New York. This will enable us to get through service without the necessity of going through San Juan operators.

All America Cables and Radio are installing this line effective December 1, 1954, on the condition that we add one new position at the Telephone Office to handle over-seas calls and two new operators.

It is urgently recommended that the Council appropriate sufficient funds for the salaries of two operators at the rate of \$12.00 per annum. In the event the Municipality does not comply with their end of the bargain, All America Cables and Radio will disconnect the direct line.

Very Sincerely Yours.

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Municipal Land Authority
Municipality of Saint Thomas & Saint John
Charlotte Amalie, V.I.

December 2, 1954

Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman, Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Mr. Gomez:

This is to advise you that at a recent meeting of the Municipal Land Authority, Messrs. Weymouth Rhymes and Charles H. Winter were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Truitt
Executive Director.

cc: Chairman, Municipal Committee

Government House,
Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas
Virgin Islands.

December 1, 1954

The Honorable Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman
Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Dear sir:

Paragraph 4, Section 1 of Bill No. 400, recently passed by the Municipal Council, states that there is to be a committee composed of three members; two appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Municipal Council, and one appointed by the President of Vicorp, who will be responsible for the liquidation of the old accounts of the Development Authority.

In line with this Bill I am appointing Mr. Charles J. Winter as Chairman of this committee, and Mr. Edward M. Elkins of the Civil Aeronautics Administration as the other member. I hereby present them to you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander,
Governor.

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Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.
Division of Personnel

November 29, 1954

Honorable Joseph A. Gomez -
Chairman, Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Dear Mr. Gomez:

I transmit herewith a copy of the
Report on An Actuarial Survey And
Investigation of the Operations

Experience of the Retirement Fund
of the Officials and Employees of
the Municipality of St. Thomas and
St. John Virgin Islands. in the
 attention of the Municipal Council.

This study was done by the
 Public Administration Service of
 Chicago. We are very happy to have
 this report at this time, as it will
 be of great value as reference
 material in formulating whatever
 new retirement system we consider
 best for our new government structure.

Your attention is called to page 27
 which discusses a plan of cooperation
 with the Federal Social Security.

Sincerely,

Attachment

Ullmont L. James,
 Director of Personnel

Government of
 The Virgin Islands of the United States
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

September 22, 1954

Hon. Joseph A. Gomez, Chairman
 Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John
 Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Gomez:

Bill No. 366, The Ninth Municipal
 Council of St. Thomas and St. John,
 1953-1954, emptied the Potable Water
 Supply Fund into the General Fund.

There are outstanding obligations
 against the Potable Water Supply Fund in

the amount of approximately \$8,000.
 It is recommended that the Budget for
 the Potable Water Supply System for
 the period July 1, 1954 to December 31,
 1954 be amended as follows:

add Item 7 - For the liquidation of
 obligations incurred
 prior to the abolishment
 of the Fund \$8,000.

Sincerely yours,
 A. A. Alexander
 Governor.

Government of
 The Virgin Islands of the United States
 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

September 22, 1954

The Honorable
 Joseph A. Gomez
 Municipal Council of St. Thomas & St. John
 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Gomez:

Bill No. 367, The Ninth Municipal
 Council of St. Thomas and St. John,
 emptied the Military Imprest Fund
 into the General Fund. Section 3
 of Bill No. 367 authorized the
 appropriation of any amount found
 necessary to liquidate indebtedness
 due to the operations of the repealed
 ordinance.

There are outstanding obligations
 in the amount of approximately \$5,000
 against the Military Imprest Fund

I recommend that the Budget of the Public Works Department be amended to take care of these obligations as follows:

Public Works Department
Maintenance

Add: To liquidate indebtedness of the Military Imprest Fund which has been abolished in pursuance of Bill No. 367, approved July 16, 1954
\$5,000.

Sincerely yours

A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas

November 29, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Committee
Municipal Council of St. Thomas + St. John
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I transmit herewith for your early consideration, additional money bill to provide funds for necessary repairs and services to the government motor boats "St. John" and "Cruz Bay." The attached explanation of the estimate shows that certain obligations in excess of appropriation have been created. The boats were lifted out of the water to determine the extent of necessary repairs.

The "St. John" has been declared by a survey board as unfeasible to repair, and steps have been taken to dispose of it by sale in accordance with law. The proceeds of the sale will be covered into the general fund.

The "Cruz Bay" should be repaired as soon as possible and returned to service. However the order for repair must be preceded by appropriation of the funds necessary to meet the obligation.

It will be necessary to keep the "Cruz Bay" in service even after a new boat is procured with funds already appropriated for the purpose.

Sincerely,

A. R. Alexander
Governor.

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

November 12, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I am enclosing herewith, draft of Bill to amend the Cooperation Agreement of August 15, 1950 with the Public Housing Administration and the Virgin Islands Housing and Redevelopment Authority and, also, a copy of a proposed new Agreement.

This bill and new Agreement is essential for the rehabilitation of the Berg Homes.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Alexander
Governor

Office of the Chairman
Municipal Council of Saint Thomas &
St. John.
Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands.

December 6, 1954

The Honorable
The Governor of the Virgin Islands
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Sir:

Prior to the abolishment of the Law creating the Saint Thomas Development Authority, there was being conducted by the Public Auditor an accounting of the funds and property of the St. Thomas Development Authority. During the course of the audit it was stated that certain books of the Authority had disappeared.

We are wondering if these books have now been located and if the audit has been completed. We shall be pleased to receive full information on this matter and be furnished with a copy of the Auditor's report.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman.

The following bills were discussed and adopted in the following form and by the votes indicated:

Bill No. 417

The Virgin Municipal Council of Saint Thomas & Saint John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes, Approved July 21, 1954.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled:

That Ordinance "To Fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes," Approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

1. Municipal Council & Municipal Committee

Add the following: Preparation of comprehensive plans for renovating the Municipal Building in order to provide additional space to adequately accommodate the Legislature of the Virgin Islands \$1,000

3. Office of the Government Secretary:
Main Office & Agricultural Station:

Add under "Maintenance" the following: Transportation from continental United States to the Virgin Islands on one Motor Vehicle for use by the Government Secretary \$ 400

5. Office of the Administrator for Saint John
Increase "Boat Transportation" by . . . \$1,250

10. Public Works & Fine Department:

Add under "Maintenance" the following: To liquidate indebtedness of the Military Imprest Fund, which has been abolished in pursuance to Bill No. 367, approved July 16, 1954 \$5,000

Potable Water System:

Add: For the liquidation of obligations incurred prior to the abolishment of the Fund \$8,000 \$15,650.00

General Provisions:

Section 2 of the General Provisions of Bill No. 354, Approved July 21, 1954, is hereby repealed.

Mr. Gomez	.....	yea
Mr. Ottley	.....	yea
Mr. Reese	.....	yea
Mr. Richards	.....	yea
Mr. Sprauve	.....	yea

Bill No. 418

The Ninth Municipal Council of St Thomas
and St John

1953 — 1954

Ordinance to Authorize the Governor, for and on behalf of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and St. John, to execute an Amendment to Cooperation Agreement of August 15, 1950, Between the Virgin Islands Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the Municipality of Saint Thomas and St. John.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Municipality of Saint Thomas and St. John, to execute the following:

"Amendment to Cooperation Agreement of August 15, 1950

This Agreement, entered into as of ¹⁹⁵⁴, by and between the Virgin Islands Housing and Redevelopment Authority (herein called the "Authority") and the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, Virgin Islands, (herein called the "Municipality"), witnesseth:

Whereas, the parties hereto entered into a Cooperation Agreement on August 15, 1950, relating to projects, as there defined, to be constructed with Federal aid to be furnished by the Public Housing Administration (herein called the "PHA"); and,

Whereas, by Amendment of March 12, 1952, the limitations on the number of dwelling units contained in paragraph 2 of the Agreement was eliminated, and paragraph 2 was

modified to provide that the obligations of the parties ~~would~~ apply to all Projects operated, developed, or to be developed by the Authority, with the assistance of the BHA; and

Whereas, By means of acquisition of ~~medically~~ owned property and conversion of dwellings thereon into safe, decent and sanitary dwellings for low income families, the Authority will develop in the Municipality 50 additional dwelling units of low-rent public housing; and

Whereas, The BHA requires that the Agreement extend to such additional dwelling units:

Now Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings of the parties, they agree as follows:

Paragraph 2 of the Cooperation Agreement of August 15, 1950, shall be deemed to extend to, and to include all Projects operated, developed or to be developed by the Authority or any successor agency with the assistance of the Public Housing Administration, including units which the Authority intends to purchase from the Public Housing Administration and to convert into safe, decent and sanitary dwellings for low-income families.

Mr. Gomez	yea
Mr. Ottley	yea
Mr. Reese	yea
Mr. Richards	yea
Mr. Sprague	yea

of following appointments were confirmed:

List of Appointments

Executive Mansion

Edmund A. King, Charles H. Thomas and William C. Hart as Orderly, with pay at the rate of \$2700.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

Gerald Thomas, as Orderly, with pay at the rate of \$2700.00 per annum, effective on and after November 17, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

Esther Ferdinand and Florence Boyner as Maid, with pay at the rate of \$840.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

James A. Gittens as Gardener, with pay at the rate of \$960.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

Maria Chandler as Landdress, with pay at the rate of \$840.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

Valdina Ballwood as Cook, with pay at the rate of \$1080.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

Raymond Blaspett as Butler in the Government House, with pay at the rate of \$2000.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

Amanda Trayer as maid, with pay at the rate of \$840.00 per annum, effective on and after November 28, 1954 up to and including December 31, 1954.

Government Secretary's Office

Eric A. Phillips as clerk, with pay at the rate of \$3070.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954 up to and including December 31, 1954.

Anthony Bernier and Joseph S. Mitchell as clerks, with pay at the rate of \$2820.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954 up to and including December 31, 1954.

Halvar Aaron as janitor, with pay at the rate of \$1809.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954 up to and including December 31, 1954.

Santiago Bernvenuti as chauffeur, with pay at the rate of \$1809.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

Alice O'honore as janitress, with pay at the rate of \$840.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, up to and including December 31, 1954.

Government Secretary Office
(Agricultural Station)

Ramona E. Graham as clerk-Typist I, with pay at the rate of \$1080.00 per annum, effective on and after October 11, 1954.

Theodore T. Berry as Laborer II, with pay at the rate of \$1080.00 per annum, effective on and after July 19, 1954.

Department of Finance

Ernest D. Sasso as Disbursing Officer, with pay at the rate of \$5500.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, and up to and including December 31, 1954.

Sam Burnn as Assistant Disbursing Officer, with pay at the rate of \$4160.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, and up to and including December 31, 1954.

Oscar R. Baugh as Administrative Assistant, with pay at the rate of \$4330.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, and up to and including December 31, 1954.

J. Edward Faulkner as Document Control Clerk, with pay at the rate of \$3495.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, and up to and including December 31, 1954.

Everett O. Innis as File Clerk, with pay at the rate of \$1920 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, and up to and including December 31, 1954.

Adolph A. Rottler as Trade Helper (Government Printing Office), with pay at the rate of \$1200.00 per annum, effective on and after November 29, 1954.

Regon Mac Adams Jones as Custodial Worker I, (Purchase Bureau), with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after October 18, 1954.

Thelma Ellesen as Account Clerk I, with pay at the rate of \$1680.00 per annum, effective on and after September 21, 1954, up to and including January 20, 1955.

Niviana Williams as Clerk-Stenographer II (Income Tax Division) with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective July 19, 1954.

Department of Social Welfare

Ray M. Barm as Director of Social Welfare with pay at the rate of \$8,500.00 per annum, effective on and after October 28, 1954, and up to and including December 31, 1954.

Lona Williams as Clerk-Stenographer II, with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective November 15, 1954, up to and including March 14, 1955.

Wilfred Baptiste as Clerk-Typist I (Mandahl School), with pay at the rate of \$1200.00 per annum, effective on and after November 8, 1954, up to and including November 4, 1955.

Vance Francis as Welfare Worker (Mandahl School), with pay at the rate of \$1384.00 per annum, effective on and after November 1, 1954, and up to and including October 9, 1955.

Elizabeth C. Petersen as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840 per annum, effective on and after September 9, 1954.

Joseph Christian as Assistant Superintendent (Juvenile School), with pay at the rate of \$2572.00 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1954, and up to and including September 30, 1955.

Garveston David as Superintendent (Mandahl School), with pay at the rate of \$3240.00 per annum, effective on and after August 30, 1954.

Miss Maud Jones as Laundry Worker
Queen Louise Home, with pay at
rate of \$840.00 per annum,
effective on and after August 29,
1954 and up to and including December
31, 1954.

Alvin T. Wines as Custodial Worker
Queen Louise Home, with pay
at the rate of \$840.00 per annum,
effective on and after July 4, 1954.

Department of Health - Medical Service

Ray A. Lindze as Director of Medical
Services, with pay at the rate of
\$10,000.00, effective on and after
October 28, 1954 and up to and
including December 31, 1954.

Maud Bennett as Nurse's Aid, with
pay at the rate of \$960.00 per annum,
effective on and after November 15, 1954.

Edna Felix as Nurse's Aid, with pay at
the rate of \$960.00 per annum, effective
on and after November 15, 1954.

Randolph Lancos as Storekeeper, with
pay at the rate of \$1800.00 per annum,
effective on and after October 18, 1954.

Donald Turnbull as Sanitation
Inspector I, with pay at the rate of
\$1320.00 per annum, effective on and
after October 11, 1954 and until the
return of personnel now on Military
Furlough.

Clinton Phipps as Food Service Worker,
with pay at the rate of \$780.00 per
annum, effective on and after October
9, 1954.

Inger B. Van Holten as Nurse's Aide, with pay at the rate of \$960.00 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1954.

Emil A. Richards as Good Service Worker, with pay at the rate of \$780.00 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1954.

Eugenia Thomas as Collection Clerk, with pay at the rate of \$2040.00 per annum, effective on and after September 16, 1954.

Mavis Turnbull, A. Louis Gumb, James C. Meyers and Vane J. Jennings as Good Service Workers, with pay at the rate of \$780.00 per annum, effective on and after September 13, 1954.

Hugh H. Thomas as Good Service Worker, with pay at the rate of \$780.00 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1954.

Clay A. George as Good Service Worker, with pay at the rate of \$780.00 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1954.

Lucien Atkins as Chauffeur, with pay at the rate of \$1080.00 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1954.

Claudia H. Maduro as Nurse II, with pay at the rate of \$2760.00 per annum, effective on and after August 29, 1954.

S. Indianapolis W. George as Custodial Worker I, with pay at the rate of \$840.00 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1954.

Carl G. Molyneux as Chauffeur, with pay at the rate of \$1080.00 per annum, effective on and after August 29, 1954.

Edna Emanuel as Nurse's Aide, with pay at the rate of \$960.00 per annum, effective on and after August 16, 1954.

Frances B. Arje as Nurse II, with pay at the rate of \$2760.00 per annum, effective on and after August 5, 1954.

Alvina V. Collins and Lillith M. G. H. Polson as Nurse II, with pay at the rate of \$2760.00 and \$2940.00 per annum, effective on and after July 4, 1954.

Beatrice Wenner as Nurse I, with pay at the rate of \$400.00 per annum, effective on and after July 4, 1954.

Winifred Schneider, Adina S. Bryan and Andromeda Husband as Nurse I, with pay at the rate of \$2040.00 and \$2280.00 per annum respectively, effective on and after July 4, 1954.

Iloa Williams, Aveline Grant and Josephine Hudson as Laundry Worker, with pay at the rate of \$840.00 per annum, effective on and after July 4, 1954.

Inez Stevens as Dental Hygienist, with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective on and after July 4, 1954.

Helen C. Sebastian as Laboratory Technician II, with pay at the rate of \$2040.00 per annum, effective on and after July 4, 1954.

Roris Bonelli as Nurse's Aide, with pay at the rate of \$960.00 per annum, effective on and after August 9, 1954.

Sandra de Lugo as Clerk - Stenographer I, with pay at the rate of \$1320 per annum effective on and after August 2, 1954.

Lubin R. Phipps as Food Service Worker, with pay at the rate of \$780.00 per annum, effective on and after July 21, 1954.

Cswald Heath as Pharmacist, with pay at the rate of \$2760.00 per annum, effective on and after July 1, 1954.

Elroy A. George as Sanitation Inspector, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after July 1, 1954.

Eronimo A. Peterson as Food Worker, with pay at the rate of \$780.00 per annum, effective on and after July 4, 1954.

Department of Education

Virgil S. Jurgens as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1954 and until the return of regularly appointed teacher.

Joyce Lambertis as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954, and until the return of the regularly appointed teacher.

Estina A. Andrews as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954 and until the return of the regularly appointed teacher.

Rucall Jackson as Custodial Worker (Public Library Division) with pay at the rate of \$840.00 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1954.

Bernice H. George as Kindergarten Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after October 1, 1954 and until the return of the regularly appointed teacher.

Mormil as Food Service Worker (School Lunch Division), with pay at the rate of \$650.00 per annum, effective on and after September 27, 1954, and applicable for pay purposes from September to June of each academic year as well as for accrued annual leave as of June 30, of each year.

Josephine E. La Place as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after September 17, 1954, until the return of the regularly appointed employee.

Mapia T. de Gaut as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after September 17, 1954, until the return of the regularly appointed employee.

Marion J. Thomas as Food Service Worker, with pay at the rate of \$650.00 per annum, effective on and after September 16, 1954, up to and including November 15, 1954.

Maomi Prince as Cook I, with pay at the rate of \$700.00 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1954, to December 17, 1954.

Emma Ballwood and Estelle Blyden as Food Service Worker and Cook I, with pay at the rate of \$650.00 and \$525.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, and September 1, 1954, and applicable for pay purposes from September to June of each academic year as well as for accrued annual leave as of June 30, of each year.

Luther Seely as Custodial Worker, I, with pay at the rate of \$840.00 per

annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954.

Rosemary Galilee as Elementary Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$2500.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954 and up to and including August 31, 1955.

Alice Venzon as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$280.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954 and up to and including August 31, 1955.

Shirley M. Hernandez as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954 and until the return of the regularly appointed teacher.

Yvonne M. Parrigan and Altigracia L. Menden as Kindergarten Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954 and up to and including August 31, 1955.

Ozell M. Lockhart and Ila E. Jarvis as Elementary School Teachers, with pay at the rate of \$1320.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954 and until the return of the regularly appointed teachers.

Estayia Magas as Elementary School Teacher, with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective on and after September 7, 1954 up to and including August 31, 1955.

Allen L. Mallhios as Messenger, with pay at the rate of \$240.00 per annum effective on and after September 1, 1954 and until the return of the regularly appointed employee.

Sutton George as Custodial Worker I,
with pay at the rate of \$848.00 per
annum, effective on and after August
2, 1954.

Mercur, Jr. as Account Clerk I, with
pay at the rate of \$1680.00 per annum,
effective on and after July 19, 1954

Office of The Administrator for St. John.

George R. Simmons as Administrator for
St. John, with pay at the rate of
\$5,625 per annum, effective on and
after October 28, 1954 and up to and
including December 31, 1954

Elaine J. Sprague as Assistant to the
Administrator in the Office of the
Administrator for St. John, with pay
at the rate of \$2,950.00 per annum,
effective on and after October 28, 1954
and up to and including December 31, 1954.

Wilmot L. Blackwood as Copsuain,
with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per
annum, effective on and after August
29, 1954.

Public Works and Fire Department

Mary Rose Benjamin as Clerk-Typist I,
with pay at the rate of \$1200.00 per
annum, effective on and after August
26, 1954

Eloy G. James as Trades Helper, with
pay at the rate of \$1200.00 per annum
effective on and after September 27, 1954.

Rebecca Lona Thompson as Account
Clerk I, with pay at the rate of \$1680.00
per annum, effective on and after
December 6, 1954.

Edward H. Lanzas as Electrician II, with pay at the rate of \$2760.00 per annum, effective on and after September 20, 1954.

Eric Priara and Henry Leonard as Maintenance Equipment Operators, with pay at the rate of \$1080.00 per annum, effective on and after September 1, 1954.

George Richardson and Edward C. Hallwood as Maintenance Equipment Operators, with pay at the rate of \$1080.00 per annum, effective on and after August 13, 1954.

Heraldo de Maaf and Herald A. Gabriel as Maintenance Equipment Operators, with pay at the rate of \$1080.00 per annum, effective on and after August 13, 1954.

Price and Rent Control Commission

Andrey A. Francis as Clerk - Stenographer II, with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective on and after August 9, 1954.

Wage Commission

Ethiel A. Melchior as Payroll Inspector, with pay at the rate of \$2460.00 per annum, effective on and after December 1, 1954 up to and including March 31, 1955.

Marva Samuel as Clerk - Stenographer II, with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective on and after July 27, 1954 and until the return of Personnel now on leave.

Office of the Tax Assessor.

Andromeda George as Clerk - Stenographer

with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective on and after September 20, 1954 up to and including January 19, 1955.

Retirement Board

Augustin Christian as Clerk-Stenographer II, with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective on and after September 20, 1954 and until the return of the regularly appointed.

Ernie J. Joseph as Clerk-Stenographer II, with pay at the rate of \$1560.00 per annum, effective on and after July 19, 1954.

Municipal Telephone System

Antonio A. Sille as Trades Helper, with pay at the rate of \$1200.00 per annum effective on and after November 22, 1954, and until the return of personnel now on Military Harborage.

Valencio L. Guiler, Ruth M. Lee, Liston E. Henley and Majorie B. Lewis as Switchboard Operator, with pay at the rate of \$1200.00 per annum, effective on and after August 23, 1953.

Non-Salaried Appointment

Committee For Distribution of Legacies

Mrs. Alma Giminez and Mr. Joseph Bashille as members for a period of one year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry W. Richards
Secretary

Meeting of December 22, 1954

Extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John, on Wednesday, December 22, 1954.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John, the Municipal Council convened in Extraordinary meeting on Wednesday, December 22, 1954 at 4:25 P. M.

Present were:

Joseph A. Sorensen, Chairman.
Earle B. Otter,
Henry V. Dietrich, Secretary
Seymour H. Brown,
Arnold H. Hesse.

The following correspondence was read by the secretary:

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas.

December 20, 1954

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Municipal Council
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Serious difficulty has been experienced in finding a capable person to take charge of the cooking and service of food at the Knud-Hansen Memorial Hospital. Mr. Frank Skultbrant, who was previously employed in this position, and did an excellent job, has been rehired.

I recommend to the Municipal

Council that Mr. Shulterbrant's salary be set at \$3600 per annum, and ask that the Municipal Council concur in my recommendation.

Sincerely yours,
A. A. Alexander
Governor.

Government of the Virgin Islands
Virgin Islands Housing and Redevelopment
Authority
Charlotte Amalie, Saint Thomas, V.I.

December 2, 1954

Hon. Joseph Gomez.
Chairman
Municipal Council for Saint Thomas
& Saint John.
Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Dear Mr. Gomez:

The residents of the Paul M. Pearson Gardens have planned for a Christmas Tree Program to be held on the project premises on Christmas night, commencing at 7:30.

As organizer of the program and on behalf of the planning committee, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you and the other members of the Council, a cordial invitation to join us in this Yuletide celebration.

In addition, it would be extremely appreciated if you would consent to deliver a short address to the gathering on this occasion.

As you already know, this is the first Christmas season which finds the majority of the occupants of the projects living in a wholesome atmosphere and in homes of which they are justly proud. For this reason, there is tremendous enthusiasm in the undertaking.

I am sure that I express the feelings of all the residents of the projects when I state that your presence at the program is warmly looked forward to.

Yours very truly,

Henry A. Millin
Acting Executive Director.

H.A.M.: mc.

The following bills were discussed and adopted in the following form and by the votes indicated hereon.

Bill No. 420

The Ninth Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John

1953-1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To fix the Regular Expenses for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes",
Approved July 21, 1954, as amended.

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John in session assembled:

That Ordinance "To fix the Regular Salaries for the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes," Approved July 21, 1954, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows effective December 19, 1954:

3. Office of The Governor:

Increase "Salaries," by \$14,000.00

4. Office of the Government Secretary:

Increase "Salaries," by 1,000.00

5. Office of the Administrator for St. John:

Increase "Salaries," by 5000.00

6. Department of Finance:

Increase "Salaries," by 39,000.00

7. Public Works + Fire Department:

Increase "Salaries," by 3,800.00

8. Department of Health & Sanitation:

General Administration:

Increase "Salaries" by \$5,100.

Health Services:

Add new item: Special Contribution to Grant-in-Aid for continuation of crippled children and maternal child health activities in the Municipality of Saint Thomas and Saint John.

\$13,883 \$18,983.00

13. Department of Social Welfare:

Increase "Salaries" by \$ 4,280.00

14 Department of Education & Recreation

Increase "Salaries" by 20.00

\$ 99,103.00

Mr. Gurney yea
 Mr. Ottley yea
 Mr. Reese yea
 Mr. Richards yea
 Mr. Rhynes yea

Bill No. 401

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
 and St. John

1953 - 1954

Ordinance to Amend Ordinance "To Fix
 the Regular Expenses for the Municipi-
 pality of Saint Thomas and Saint
 John, for the fiscal year Ending
 June 30, 1955, and for other Purposes",
 Approved July 21, 1954, as amended.

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Be It Enacted by the Municipal
 Council of St. Thomas and St. John in
 session assembled:

That Ordinance "To Fix the Regular
 Expenses for the Municipality of St.
 Thomas and St. John for the fiscal
 year Ending June 30, 1955 and for
 other Purposes," Approved July 21, 1954,
 as amended, is hereby further amended
 as follows:

Department of Health & Sanitation:

General Administration:

Salaries:

Classified Employees:

Add: 1 Kitchen Manager @ \$3600 p.a

Increase "Salaries" by..... \$1800

Maintenance:

Add new item: For entertain-
ment of the President and
Members of the "Fellow of
the American College of
Surgeons"..... \$1500 \$3300.00

Mr. Gentry..... yea

Mr. Otley..... yea

Mr. Rouse..... yea

Mr. Richard..... yea

Mr. Rhys..... yea

Bill No 414.

The Ninth Municipal Council of St. Thomas
and St. John.

1953-1954.

Ordinance

To Authorize the Governor to accept
for and on behalf of the Municipi-
pality of St. Thomas and St. John,
Right of Way through sub-
division of Parcels Nos. 10 and 11,
Estate Lindberg Bay, No. 4a, Southside
Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

— 11 —

Whereas, Mr. Frank Prince has
generously offered to the Municipality
of St. Thomas and St. John a Right
of Way through his property at
Estate Lindberg Bay for the purpose
of providing a public roadway:

Be It Enacted by the Municipal Council of St. Thomas and St. John in session assembled:

Section 1. The Governor is ~~hereby~~ authorized to accept, and for ~~for~~ behalf of the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, from Mr. Frank Ponce, the Right-of-Way through Parcel Nos. 10 and 11, Estate Lindberg Bay, No. 4a, Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, described as follows:

(a) Right-of-Way through Parcel No. 10; Beginning at bound post No. 156 located at the Southeast corner of Parcel No. 11B Estate Lindberg Bay, the line runs:

North 2 degrees 04 minutes East along Parcel Nos. 11B, 11D and 11F Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 307.6 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

North 47 degrees 35 minutes East along Parcel No. 10a Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 28.2 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

South 87 degrees 25 minutes East along Parcel No. 10a Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 79.9 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

North 47 degrees 26 minutes East along Parcel No. 10a Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 28.2 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

North 2 degrees 03 minutes East along Parcel No. 10a Estate Lindberg Bay a distance of 61.6 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

North 2 degrees 00 minutes East along Parcel No. 10c Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 82.0 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

North 2 degrees 42 minutes East along Parcel No. 10b, Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 112.2 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

North 2 degrees 45 minutes East along Parcel No. 10b, Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 106.2 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

South 87 degrees 25 minutes East along Parcel No. 10 Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 20.0 feet, more or less, to a bound post; this line being the northern extremity of said right-of-way; thence turning

South 2 degrees 47 minutes West along Parcel No. 10H Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 106.1 feet, more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

South 2 degrees 42 minutes West along Parcel No. 10F Estate Lindberg Bay, a distance of 112.2 feet more or less, to a bound post; thence turning

South 2 degrees 02 minutes West
along Parcel No. 10D Estate Lindberg
Bay, a distance of 82.0 feet, more
or less, to a bound post; thence
turning

South 2 degrees 11 minutes West along
Parcel No. 10B Estate Lindberg Bay
a distance of 81.6 feet, more or
less, to a bound post; thence
turning.

South 47 degrees 35 minutes West
along Parcel No. 10E Estate Lindberg
Bay, a distance of 28.3 feet, more
or less, to a bound post; thence
turning

North 87 degrees 25 minutes West
along Parcel No. 10 Estate Lindberg
Bay, a distance of 79.9 feet, more
or less, to a bound post; thence
turning

South 47 degrees 35 minutes West along
Parcel No. 10 Estate Lindberg Bay,
a distance of 28.3 feet, more or
less, to a bound post; thence
turning

South 1 degree 59 minutes West
along Parcel No. 10 Estate
Lindberg Bay, a distance of 299.4
feet, more or less, to a bound
post; thence turning

North 57 degrees 02 minutes West
along the public road, a
distance of 23.4 feet, more or
less, to the point of beginning

(b) Right-of-Way through Parcel
No. 11: Beginning at a bound
post located at the southeast
corner of Parcel No. 11A Estate
Lindberg Bay, the line runs:

North 2 degrees 30 minutes East
along Parcel Nos. 11A, 11K, 11E, 11G,
11I, and 11X. Estate Lindberg Bay,
a distance of 530.9 feet, more or
less, to a bound post; thence
turning

South 50 degrees 51 minutes East
along Parcel No. 11. Estate
Lindberg Bay, a distance of
24.4 feet, more or less, to a
bound post; thence turning

South 2 degrees 30 minutes West
along Parcel Nos. 11L, 11J, 11H,
11F, 11D and 11B. Estate Lindberg
Bay, a distance of 524.1 feet,
more or less, to a bound post;
thence turning.

North 66 degrees 23 minutes West
along the public road, a
distance of 21.4 feet, more or
less, to the point of begin-
ning.

Section 2. The Right-of-Way
as described in Section 1 of this
Ordinance shall be developed
and maintained by the munici-
pality of Saint Thomas and
Saint John as a public roadway.

Mr. Gomez	...	yea
Mr. Ottley	...	yea
Mr. Reese	...	yea
Mr. Rhymes	...	yea
Mr. Richards	...	yea

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

Joseph A. Gomez
Joseph A. Gomez
Chairman

Henry V. Richards
Secretary

