

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



The Credo of the Providence City Council is to be Industrious, to be Watchful and to Promote Peace. The bee, as a symbol of industry, is derived from the early colonial saying "Busy as a Bee"; the goose, as a symbol of watchfulness, is derived from the story of the goose whose cackling saved Rome; and the lamb, as a symbol of peace, is derived from the biblical use of the lamb as a symbol of peace.



IN CITY COUNCIL  
SEP 21 2023

APPROVED: Jana L. Matusian CLERK

# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 22 City Council Special Meeting, Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 5:00 o'clock P.M.**

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### **PRESIDING**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### **RACHEL M. MILLER**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT PICHARDO  
COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL,  
COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, RYAN, COUNCILOR  
SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND  
COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 11.**

**ABSENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,  
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS – 4.**

**ALSO PRESENT: SHERI A. PETRONIO, ACTING CITY CLERK, ANGELA J.  
HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, CARISSA M. VELOSO, ASSISTANT  
CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY  
SOLICITOR**

**(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILOR ROIAS JOIN THE MEETING)**

## **INVOCATION**

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILOR SUE R. ANDERBOIS**.

"I just wanted to take a moment as we look at the agenda for today's meeting and we think about our duty to provide safe, warm and dry facilities for students. To take a moment to think about all our residents who have had been impacted by the recent storms and flooding that we have been experiencing here Providence. So many of our residents are going through a really difficult time this week and will continue to do so as we see the impacts of this hurricane and other really intense storm events. So, I just wanted to take a moment for us to think about and honor those residents and ourselves who are going through this and pledge that as we work in the chamber today and every day, we will do our work to best prepare and protect our residents so everyone can live in a place that is safe, warm and dry, which is the same commitment we are making to our schools. So, thank you so much."

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## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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## **CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

### **COMMUNICATION FROM**

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT RACHEL M. MILLER**

Request filed with the City Clerk September 7, 2023, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be called on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

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## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to Napoleon Askie, City Sergeant, with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be called for the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 1 and 2, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT PICHARDO Receives items 1 and 2.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):**

Resolution of the Providence City Council Supporting and Approving the Providence Public School District's Necessity of School Construction Application to the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) for Stage II approval.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3 and Pass on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Acing Council President Pichardo, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilwoman Anthony and Councilman Goncalves – 3.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn at 5:12 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



**SHERI A. PETRONIO**  
**ACTING CITY CLERK**

*This meeting was live streamed and the recording is available on our  
YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NHv5Z7Adas>*

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