

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
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Lina Z. Mastipanni
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 19 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, September 4, 2025, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RACHEL M. MILLER**

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS – 10.

ABSENT: COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS AND VARGAS – 4.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, LAUREN GUTIERREZ, SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND STEVEN NELSON, SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR.

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCIL PRESIDENT RACHEL M. MILLER**.

"Councilors, as we are gathered here tonight, we know that the students are back to school, we know the teachers are back to school and in many ways we, ourselves feel like a back-to-school moment. And, I know that we wish strength and blessings for everyone who's undertaking a new school year, a new project, and also for us, as we recommit to our work to the city, to one another as always as we humbly ask for guidance so that the decisions we make here today support all the residents of our great city and that we work with each other with integrity. We honor one another's opinions and personhood and decision-making. I'd like to share a quote that was from the 1500's and is equally important today. "As we contemplate the vast amount of work to be done for justice and peace in this world, we trust that we will find the grace to accomplish, to believe in and to hope for the greatest things. As we gather here, we look for grace in the smallest things and are sustained by our confidence in God's presence in our work and in our gatherings." From St. Peter Faber in the 1500s. And, we express gratitude for each other, for the work that we do and for the ability to be able to make the decisions and do the work ahead of us. Thank you".

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 17 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held July 24, 2025 and Journal of Proceedings No. 18 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held July 29, 2025.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3 and Move Approval, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [9 TO 0] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Espinal |
| SECONDER: | Councilor Sanchez |
| AYES: | Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 9. |
| ABSTAIN: | Councilor Pichardo – 1. |
| ABSENT: | Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris and Vargas – 4. |

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 15, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 42-63.1-11 of the Rhode Island General Laws, he is this day appointing **Todd Lincoln**, General Manager of the Marriot Downtown to the **Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau** for a term to expire on June 30, 2028. (Mr. Lincoln replaces Mr. Almonte who has resigned).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 15, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Tiana Ochoa** of 63 Stella Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Providence Tourism Council**, also known as the Convention Authority of the City of Providence, for a term to expire on July 31, 2028.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 15, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987 and 1980 Rhode Island Public Laws Chapter 84, he is this day re-appointing **Nate Watson** of 236 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Providence Tourism Council**, also known as the Convention Authority of the City of Providence, for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 15, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the Bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day re-appointing **Toni Akin** of 86 Metcalf Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors** for a term to expire on July 31, 2030.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 15, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the Bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day re-appointing **Siri J. Colon** of 176 Congress Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors** for a term to expire on July 31, 2030.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 15, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the Bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day re-appointing **Jordan Day** of 184 Glenbridge Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors** for a term to expire on July 31, 2030.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 29, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1005 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Rhode Island Public Law of 1980, Chapter 84, he is this day re-appointing **Anthony Simon** of 126 Cathedral Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Recreational Advisory Board** for a term to expire on September 30, 2028.

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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 29, 2025, informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Tania Quezada** of 55 Atlantic Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, 02907, as a member of the **Board of Licenses**, for a term to expire on January 17, 2026, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Quezada will replace Mr. Conley's unexpired term whose resignation is effective October 1, 2025)

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| RESULT: REFERRED |
| TO: Committee on Finance |

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated August 29, 2025, submitting her re-appointments of **Patricia Raub** of 86 Bradley Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 and **Aaron M. Easter Gardner** of 557 Broadway, Providence, Rhode Island 02909 to the **Community Libraries of Providence Board**, pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Governance Agreement between the Providence Community Library and the City of Providence.

Communication from Council President Miller, dated August 29, 2025, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of **Phoenix Wheeler**, of 182 Adelaide Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Juvenile Hearing Board**. (Phoenix Wheeler will replace Christian Miller who has resigned).

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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 13, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 4 through 10, Refers item 11 to the Committee on Finance and Receives Items 12 and 13.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Chapter No 2021-52, Number 426, having taken effect on November 15, 2021, Entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for 321 Knight Street.

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 20 America Street.

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 386 Atwells Avenue.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 157 Gano Street.

COUNCILOR ROIAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 70-72 Royal Little Drive.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, (By Request):

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Gregory Strother).

COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Paul S. Tang).

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of The Code of Ordinances, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the property located on Assessor's Plat 104, Lot 653 (205 Union Avenue) from C2 - C3.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Ordinances |

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Encumbrance Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

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| Delta Electro Power, Inc. (Department of Public Works) | \$50,000.00 |
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

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| Able Industrial Sweeping, Inc. (Department of Public Works) | \$64,312.50 |
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL AND COUNCILOR ROIAS, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Members of the Providence City Council to support and approve the Providence Public School District's Necessity of School Construction Application to RIDE for Stage II approval.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the PPBA to issue bonds in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State, for building Acquisition and Capital Projects.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 14 through 25, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 14 through 20 to the Committee on Finance, Refers item 21 to the Committee on Ordinances and Refers items 22 through 25 to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution in Memory of the Honorable Judge Frank Caprio.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence mourns the passing of Judge Frank Caprio on August 20, 2025, a man whose life began in the heart of this city and who gave back to it far more than he ever asked of it; and

WHEREAS, Judge Caprio grew up in Federal Hill, the son of Antonio, an Italian immigrant, and Filomena, a Providence native, who taught him that hard work, compassion, and education were lifelong obligations; and

WHEREAS, Those lessons carried him into the classrooms of Providence, where he passed them on as a teacher of government, and into City Hall, where he put them to work as a councilman serving his ward 13 community; and

WHEREAS, His path then led to the bench of the Municipal Court, where for nearly forty years he presided with patience and care, weighing not only the law before him but the lives bound up in it; and

WHEREAS, The words he spoke from the bench reached millions through recordings shared far beyond Providence, and in them people saw a man who treated every person with sincerity and attention, whose presence made the small moments of the courtroom feel serious and kind, and whose consistent acts of decency and consideration reminded people that in a world where such care can feel rare, even small gestures of kindness can brighten a day and ripple outward to make the world a little better; and

WHEREAS, His impact reached outside the courtroom as well, through the colleges he advised, the scholarships he created, and the opportunities he opened for students who might otherwise have gone unseen; and

WHEREAS, Through all of this, his life was steadied by the love of his wife Joyce and shaped by the pride he carried for his children and grandchildren, who stood at the heart of his every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, In remembering him now, the City of Providence does not simply recall the offices he held or the years he gave, but bears witness to a life joined inseparably with its own, a life that treated the city as one big neighborhood and one big family, and left it with more kindness at its heart and more room at its table.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council honors the memory of Judge Frank Caprio, whose life was bound to this city, and whose example will continue to guide those who walk the paths he once walked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council extends its deepest sympathy to his wife Joyce and to the Caprio family, with gratitude for the ways they shared him with Providence, and with recognition that his devotion to them was inseparable from his devotion to this community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Caprio family as a lasting expression of the respect, affection, and enduring gratitude of this Council and the people of this city.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER

Resolution Declaring a Vacancy in the Office of the City Council Member from the Second Ward.

WHEREAS, Section 206(a)(4) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 provides that in the event an incumbent elected official resigns, the City Council shall declare the office held by the resignee vacant; and

WHEREAS, The resignation of the Councilwoman Helen Anthony has caused a vacancy to exist in the Office of a Member of the City Council from the Second Ward; and

WHEREAS, Said vacancy did occur more than one hundred eighty (180) days before the time of hold the next succeeding regular city election; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, a Special Election for the purpose of filling a vacancy for the remainder of such person's term, such special election to be held within ninety (90) days of the date of the occurrence of said vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-15-3 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island provides that a primary election for the nomination of such city or town official shall be held and the local board shall fix the date thereof; provided, however, that said primary election shall have been held by the thirtieth (30) day preceding the date fixed for said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 206(a)(4) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the City Council declares that a vacancy exists in the Office of a Member of the City Council from the Second Ward caused by the resignation of the Councilwoman Helen Anthony, and that in accordance with Section 206(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, the City Council does hereby order that a Special Election be held for the purpose of filling said vacancy, within ninety (90) days of the occurrence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Canvassers and Registration of the City of Providence, and all other officers whose duty it is to prepare for elections, are hereby requested and notified to make such preparations for said Special Election as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to the Board of Canvassers and Registration and also that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the State Board of Elections and to the Honorable Secretary of State.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 26 and 27 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilor Sanchez
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 10.
ABSENT: Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris and Vargas – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution Declaring Providence Public Schools as Safe Zones.

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Ordinances

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 28, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 28 to the Committee on Ordinances.

**COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS
PICHARDO, ROIAS AND SANCHEZ**

Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Melvin F. Brundidge.

WHEREAS, Melvin F. Brundidge was a much esteemed and longtime resident of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brundidge was also a public servant, having served the City for 22 years in maintenance and become a well-liked and respected figure by the residents of Hartford Projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brundidge was known to his friends and many others as “Tank” and was a devoted, supportive friend known for his big smile, hearty laugh, playful humor, bracing candor, and willingness to listen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brundidge was likewise an example of familial devotion as a beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and cousin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brundidge, who passed away on June 23, 2025 at the age of 64, is survived and missed terribly by seven children, Kerya, James, Sherod, Terron, Shaqueena, MyQuan, LaVonda; two step children, Jermone and Ronika; a sister, Minister Barbara Bryant; and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council sincerely desires to honor Mr. Brundidge as a Providence resident and as a former employee of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council, celebrates the life and legacy of Melvin F. Brundidge and offers its deepest condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Melvin F. Brundidge.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 29 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Espinal |
| SECONDER: | Councilor Sanchez |
| AYES: | Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 10. |
| ABSENT: | Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris and Vargas – 4. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

Resolution Recognizing Transparency and Accountability in the Gilbert Stuart/Alfred Lima School Construction Project.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Special Committee on Health, Opportunity, Prosperity and Education (HOPE) |

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 30, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 30 to the Special Committee on HOPE.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

Resolution Requesting the Renaming of the Obadiah Brown Field and Splash Pad in Honor of Armand E. Batastini, Jr.

WHEREAS, Armand E. Batastini, Jr., a lifelong Providence resident, epitomized an abiding and admirable civic spirit in a life committed to his community and the City; and

WHEREAS, That spirit led Mr. Batastini to public service including honorable service in the United States Navy and service to the City as a student support specialist for the Providence Public School Department and as a supervisor and director for the Robert F. Kennedy Recreation Center for the Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Batastini also served as a representative for the Eighth District in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, which includes the Elmhurst and Mount Pleasant neighborhoods of Providence, from 1977 to 1992, chairing the Joint Committee on Accounts and Claims and serving as vice-chair of the Health, Education, and Welfare Committee; and

WHEREAS, The devotion of Mr. Batastini to his community and the City was also evinced in his long involvement with youth sports, from his forty-one years as a board member of Elmhurst Little League and his sixty-one year tenure as a coach of the St. Pius Catholic Youth Organization basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Batastini supported generations of Providence youth through his many commitments, creating a community of people whose lives were improved by his care and his mentorship; and

WHEREAS, On November 28, 2016 Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan (Ward 5) established a recreation center at Pleasant View School and on September 26, 2017, subsequently sponsored and passed a resolution of the Providence City Council officially naming the center the Armand E. Batastini, Jr. Recreational Center; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes sincerely to further honor the continuing legacy of Mr. Batastini in the Fifth Ward and in Providence widely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council respectfully requests that the Board of Parks Commissioners rename Obadiah Brown Field and the adjacent splash pad, both located at Armand E. Batastini, Jr. Recreational Center, in honor of Armand E. Batastini, Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Commissioner of Parks Wendy Nilsson, Acting Director of Recreation Jackie Poullos, the members of the Board of Parks Commissioners, the City of Providence Recreation Department, and to the family of Armand E. Batastini, Jr.

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO AND ROIAS

Resolution Recognizing Mexican Independence Day and Supporting a Flag Raising Ceremony in Providence.

WHEREAS, On September 16, 1810, Father Miguel Hidalgo issued the “Cry of Dolores,” calling for Mexico’s independence from Spanish colonial rule, a moment now celebrated each year as Mexican Independence Day and remembered as the birth of liberty for the Mexican people; and

WHEREAS, Mexico today stands as a proud and vibrant nation, whose history and culture continue to inspire its people and enrich communities around the world, including here in Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council shall commemorate Mexican Independence Day by holding a flag raising ceremony at City Hall on September 16, 2025.

**COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON,
COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS AND SANCHEZ**

Resolution Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month 2025.

WHEREAS, Each year, from September 15th to October 15th, the United States observes Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the culture, history, and contributions of Hispanic Americans; and

WHEREAS, The celebration coincides with the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile, and Belize; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic community represents nearly half of Providence’s population, enriching our city with traditions rooted in family, faith, music, art, cuisine, and civic leadership; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have contributed greatly to the fields of education, business, science, the arts, government, and more, strengthening not only the cultural fabric of Providence, but the nation’s character as well; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is proud to honor the dedication, resilience, and creativity of its Hispanic residents, whose impact continues to shape the city’s growth and identity, and will always work to protect their rights, empower their voices, and fight for their inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council reaffirms September 15th to October 15th of each year as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Providence and celebrates the achievements and legacy of Hispanic Americans.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 31 through 33 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Espinal |
| SECONDER: | Councilor Sanchez |
| AYES: | Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 10. |
| ABSENT: | Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris and Vargas – 4. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS, Chairwoman

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

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER

Resolution Establishing a Ceremonial Designation of “Dodge Street” in Providence as
“Miss Barbara Thurman Way”.

WHEREAS, Barbara Thurman has spent her life building community and standing up for people in the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, She has been a steady and powerful voice for fairness, justice, and respect for all, no matter where someone comes from or what language they speak; and

WHEREAS, Barbara made a special effort to connect with Spanish-speaking immigrants in Providence and took it upon herself to learn Spanish so she could truly understand and support them; and

WHEREAS, She helped newly arrived families find housing, learn their rights, and feel welcome in a place that was unfamiliar to them; and

WHEREAS, Barbara’s leadership is rooted in love for her neighbors and belief in what people can do when they’re treated with dignity and brought together; and

WHEREAS, At Wiggins Village, where she has lived and organized for many years, she has worked with tenants to make their homes safer and their voices heard; and

WHEREAS, Her organizing has helped build lasting community power by bringing people together to solve problems and take care of one another; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has never backed down from speaking the truth or holding people in power accountable to the needs of the people; and

WHEREAS, She has been recognized by the City of Providence with her induction into the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame in 2015, and honored by the NAACP with the Joseph LeCount Award in 2018, yet her greatest impact has always been the lives she’s touched one by one; and

WHEREAS, Her words have moved people to act just as her kindness has made people feel seen, and the love she has shown her neighbors has become a lasting example across generations; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Thurman is still here, still watching, still loving, still telling the truth, and still inspiring those around her to do what’s right.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby honors the lifelong work and living legacy of Barbara Thurman by establishing a ceremonial designation of Dodge Street in Providence as “Miss Barbara Thurman Way”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Department of Public Works work to manufacture, install, and maintain one or more honorary signs at prominent and appropriate locations along Dodge Street, which shall reflect the “Miss Barbara Thurman Way” honorary designation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Barbara Thurman, the family of Barbara Thurman, the Wiggins Village Tenant Association, the Office of the Honorable Mayor Brett Smiley, and the Office of the Director of Public Works.

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN
ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCIL
PRESIDENT MILLER**

Resolution of the Providence City Council Establishing an Honorary Street Designation
in Tribute to Mattie L. Smith.

WHEREAS, Mattie L. Smith was born on June 4, 1933, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the daughter of Dock and Rena Wright; and

WHEREAS, Mattie passed away on June 12, 2023, leaving behind a powerful legacy of community service and activism; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, Mattie moved to Providence, Rhode Island, seeking a better life for her six children, and in doing so, began an enduring commitment to transformative community work; and

WHEREAS, Mattie worked as a cosmetologist and a nurse before turning her focus to activism, joining WAGE (Worker’s Association for Guaranteed Employment) in the early 1980s, where she helped confront the crises of poverty and housing instability faced by many in the inner city; and

WHEREAS, Mattie went on to co-found DARE (Direct Action for Rights and Equality) at her kitchen table, where she and her neighbors launched campaigns to improve their neighborhoods and uplift their children, including leading a march to City Hall that sparked citywide investment in safe playgrounds and even led to a tennis court being built in South Providence; and

WHEREAS, Her unwavering efforts earned her the Jefferson Award for community service, a place in the Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame, and a proclamation from Mayor Buddy Cianci naming May 22nd as Mattie L. Smith Day in the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Mattie was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and matriarch whose legacy continues through her children, grandchildren, and generations to come, as well as through every neighborhood she touched with her vision and her voice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby establishes the honorary designation of Glenham Street as *Miss Mattie L. Smith Way*, in recognition of her enduring legacy as a fearless community organizer and beloved citizen of Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family and descendants of Mattie L. Smith, with the profound gratitude of a city forever shaped by her courage and care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Public Works so that they may work to manufacture, install and maintain one or more honorary signs at prominent and appropriate locations along Glenham Street which shall reflect the *Miss Mattie L. Smith Way* honorary designation.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 34 and 35 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilor Sanchez
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 10.
ABSENT: Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris and Vargas – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Certificates from City Assessor (No. 75Y), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended.

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

Petition from Daniel Ryan, Project Manager, Network Building & Consulting, dated August 12, 2025, requesting an easement for Verizon Conduit Placement Job #4A0WS8R, Manhole MH N-9 Brook Street to Pole P24 Fones Alley.

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Public Works

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Rody Mariela Mota Gomez
Jose Rodriguez
Dayvon Robinson (Morgan & Morgan)
Linda Derderian
Priscilla Delmonico
Alexandra Lugo (Joseph J. Voccola, Esq.)
Alexandra Lugo (Joseph J. Voccola, Esq.)
Stacey Darosa
Stacey Darosa
Marco Tulio Banegas-Flores
Wilson Andres Lopez Duran
Shirley Francis Fraser (Brederson Law Center)
Rhonda Ferrante Andrews
Santiago Pena (Orabona Law Offices, P.C.)
Trina Potter (Coia & Lepore, LTD.)
Progressive Direct Insurance Company a/s/o Kabirat T. Jimoh
Maria Torres
Neil Beranbaum
Nicholas Payne (Jules J. D'Alessandro Law)
Nicholas Payne (Jules J. D'Alessandro Law)
Sandra V. Dawkins (Rob Levine Law)
Marisa Lenardson
Lauren Rich
Patricia Mottshaw (Bottaro Law Firm LLC)
Terrell Robinson (Coia & Lepore, LTD.)
Yomaris Tavera
Christopher Vega
Michael Lajoie
Winifred Lambrecht
Nahlah Thomas (Merrill Woloochian-Friedemann
Gianfresco Friedemann Microulis)
Kimmy Janarelli Pam
Quan Tran

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Claims and Pending Suits |

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Christian Lachapelle-Miller, dated July 14, 2025, submitting his resignation as a member of the Providence Juvenile Hearing Board, effective July 27, 2025.

Communication from Helen D. Anthony, dated August 1, 2025, submitting her resignation as City Councilor of Ward 2, effective September 1, 2025.

Communication from Dylan Conley, dated August 25, 2025, submitting his resignation as a member of the Board of Licenses, effective October 2, 2025.

Communication from Angela J. Harris, dated August 26, 2025, submitting her resignation as First Deputy City Clerk, effective September 12, 2025.

Communication from Kathleen Labouliere Mello, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-41, for the property located at 1655 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909.

Communication from Richard Ferreira, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-47, for the property located at 407 Orms Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

Communication from Kenneth Turchetta, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-30, for the property located at 539 Douglas Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

Report from Priscilla De La Cruz, Director, Department of Sustainability, submitting the 2024 Annual Report.

Communication from David Caldwell, dated August 18, 2025, submitting his notification to take a voluntary leave of absence from the City Plan Commission for up to four months, in accordance with Section 1206(s)(3) of the City Charter. The purpose of his voluntary leave is because he is running for Providence City Council Ward 2.

Communication from Gina M. Costa, Internal Auditor, dated August 29, 2025, submitting a Tax Stabilization Agreement Compliance Report for Fiscal Year 2025.

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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 36 through 48, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 36 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, Refers item 37 to the Committee on Public Works, Refers item 38 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives Items 39 through 48.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“Thank you, Madam President. I would just like to request a very quick moment of silence in solidarity with community groups that are having a vigil right now as we speak in Burnside Park in honor of all the folks that we have lost due to overdoses here in the City of Providence. August 31st was International Day of Overdose Awareness Day, and community groups are having a vigil right now so if we can just quickly honor in solidarity of them. Thank you”.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

RESOLVED, that the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere

Congratulations to the following:

Alex Bueno, International Music Artist, Key to the City of Providence, Dominican Festival & Parade of Rhode Island, in recognition of your selflessness, passion, leadership, and dedication to the community. Your outstanding contributions to the Latino community through music have had a lasting impact both locally and internationally.

Deborah Gonzalez, Esquire, Grand Marshal, Dominican Festival & Parade of Rhode Island, in recognition of your outstanding contributions in the field of law and immigration, and your continued dedication to the betterment of our community.

The Honorable Sabina Matos, Grand Marshal, Dominican Festival & Parade of Rhode Island, in recognition of your role as a trailblazer in civic leadership and community involvement. As Rhode Island's Lieutenant Governor, you are the first Dominican-American elected to such an office in the United States-a historic achievement.

Axel Thomas, Artist, Grand Marshal, Dominican Festival & Parade of Rhode Island, in recognition of your dedication to the arts and culture, and your influential work with the youth. Your creativity and mentorship continue to inspire the next generation.

Grace Gonzalez, Grand Marshal, Dominican Festival & Parade of Rhode Island, in recognition of your impactful work in the field of marketing and your compassionate support for those less fortunate. Your commitment to community service and excellence is deeply appreciated.

Maria Torres, Grand Marshal, Dominican Festival & Parade of Rhode Island, in recognition of your dedication to education and unwavering support for our youth. As Providence Public Schools' 2025 Teacher of the Year, you are a role model and mentor to future generations.

Paul Macedonio, Training Instructor, Division of Training, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 34 Years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Battalion Chief Edward D. Dwyer, Battalion 2 Group "D", Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 34 Years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Crisler Philemond, in recognition of the celebration of your 50th Birthday.

Carlos Arias Lopez, in recognition of being a graduating senior of Providence Promise. Your hard work, dedication and service have made a meaningful impact on our community. You inspire others through your example, and we celebrate your achievements as you embark on this next chapter.

Olaia Gorbea, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Rafael Paneto, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

DJ Gato, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Choco Band, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Daniella Hernández, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Rodney Eric López, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Maria V. García “Yisne”, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Bomba De Aquí, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

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Laurilim, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Peter, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

El Bebesito De La Salsa, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Edgar Joel, in recognition of your valued contributions to the 2025 Bay Fest celebration, honoring Puerto Rican culture, music and community pride. Your talent, leadership, and dedication uplift and inspire our city. Thank you for enriching Providence with your artistry and commitment. We are proud to celebrate your impact and presence.

Emily Mitchell, in recognition of your dedication and outstanding performance during your internship in the Constituent Services Department in the summer of 2025. You have demonstrated a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and a sincere commitment to supporting our initiatives, significantly contributing to the department's success and the community.

Dominic Muratore, in recognition of your dedication and outstanding performance during your internship in the Constituent Services Department in the summer of 2025. You have demonstrated a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and a sincere commitment to supporting our initiatives, significantly contributing to the department's success and the community.

Art Porto, in recognition of your dedication and outstanding performance during your internship in the Constituent Services Department in the summer of 2025. You have demonstrated a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and a sincere commitment to supporting our initiatives, significantly contributing to the department's success and the community.

Cameron Hudson, in recognition of your dedication and outstanding performance during your internship in the Constituent Services Department in the summer of 2025. You have demonstrated a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and a sincere commitment to supporting our initiatives, significantly contributing to the department's success and the community.

Joseph P. Buchanan "Joe Buck", in recognition of the celebration of your 73rd Birthday!

Battalion Chief David N. Bock, Jr., Battalion 1 Group “D”, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 33 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Mariah Isabelle Najera, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Yale University and receiving your Psychology, B.A. Intensive Certificate in Education Studies. As you cherish the fruits of your hard work, I wish that success keeps following you in everything that you do. Dream new dreams, embark on who you are, embrace life with passion, and keep reaching for the stars.

Bliss Gives, Host of the Liberian Independence Flag Raising & Celebrations 2025.

Jon Hope, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Sonie Grant, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Maurice Gayflor, CIC, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Francis Reuben Wollo, Jr. “L’Frankie”, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Moses P. Saygbe, Jr., in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Corvah D. Akoiwala, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. E Willie Nimmo, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Edmund Zarzar Bargblor, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Abe B.M. Sheriff, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Shedrick Gayetay, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Madam Johnette “Lady” Bush, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Madam Danlette Norris, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Harry Stewart, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Milen King, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Rufus Kennedy, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. J. Michael Wreh, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Madam Araminta McIntosh, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Deaconess Sara Renee Smith, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Joe E. Norris, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Winston A. Gould, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Madam Marion K. Garnett, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Madam Tawa Pittman, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. H. Hugo Evans, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Joseph Goodridge, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. David S. Ballah, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. Charles Youn, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. George Dweh, in recognition of your support, dedication, and contribution to the upliftment of the Liberian community in the State of Rhode Island.

Rich Montalvo, in recognition of the celebration of your 50th Birthday!

Matthew Zarella and Certified Search Dog “Toby”, in recognition of the selfless service and unwavering dedication demonstrated by yourself and your certified search dog, Toby, deployed on July 12, 2025, to assist in the rescue and recovery operations following the devastating floods in Texas. Through both your and Toby’s expert assistance and tireless efforts you both provided critical support during a time of great need, exemplifying the highest standards of compassion, courage, and commitment to public safety.

Liza Gordon, in recognition of your commitment and dedication to the City of Providence, serving on the Board of Park Commissioners for 30 years, and for your contributions to the Peruvian community.

Juan Pablo Ocampo, in recognition of your community advocacy in the area of immigration policy and supportive services at The Immigrant Coalition of Rhode Island.

Cllr Vinny McCormack, in recognition of your election as Mayor of the Athlone-Moate Municipal District on June 9, 2025, our Sister City.

Club Frills, in recognition of bringing new energy, creativity, and community to Ives Street. Your unique vision, warm atmosphere, and commitment to local culture have made an immediate impact. We celebrate your opening and the vibrancy you add to our city.

LA Biggie (Damerlin “Biggie” Baez), in recognition of your exceptional contributions to the music industry. Your dedication as a Providence-born hip-hop artist, influencer, and cultural ambassador has elevated our city’s visibility. Through creative performances, brand partnerships and community engagement, you inspire others with your talent, authenticity, and relentless passion. With deep appreciation, we honor your artistic achievements and thank you for putting Providence on the map.

Chalkstone Express Market, in recognition of the celebration on your two-year anniversary. Thank you for putting down roots in the North End and being part of our community’s story.

Shane Barboza, in recognition of being an accomplished visual artist based in Providence. Through your vivid handcrafted artworks and distinctive inspired creations, you enrich the city’s cultural fabric. Your dedication to local artistry reflects Providence’s creative spirit and inspires community expression.

Latifa “Tesehki” Malone, in recognition of your visit and passionate performance in our Capital City. We extend a heartfelt thanks! Providence proudly welcomes and celebrates artists like you in the Creative Capital.

Colonel Sharon L. Harmon, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 40 years of dedicated service, and being the first African American Woman to obtain the rank of Colonel in the Rhode Island National Guard.

Lic. Carmen Sofia Bencosme Sadhala, in recognition of your visit to the City of Providence, we thank you for your service to your community and to the City of Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Battalion Chief Edward D. Dwyer, Battalion 2 Group "D", Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 34 Years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Guisela Pinto, in recognition of your devoted service to the Bolivian community, your love for Latin dance, and most importantly for your empowering work not only as a psychotherapist, but also as a motivational speaker and coach, helping women everywhere recognize their strength, value, and limitless potential.

The Honorable James Diossa, General Treasurer of Rhode Island, in recognition of the celebration of your 40th Birthday, celebrating not only the years of your life but also the remarkable leadership, service, and vision you have demonstrated throughout your career. Your dedication to public service, your commitment to uplifting communities, and your unwavering pursuit of progress continue to inspire all who have the privilege to work with and follow your example. May this milestone be a moment of reflection and renewed purpose as you continue to lead with integrity, courage, and heart.

Micah Salkind, Deputy Director, Department of Art, Culture & Tourism, in recognition of your eight and a half years of dedicated service as Deputy Director, your leadership, professionalism, and steadfast commitment have significantly contributed to the success of our city. We extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes as you embark on your next chapter.

Peter B. Tavares, Person in Charge, Air Supply Division, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Juan Turbidez, in recognition of your generous efforts in helping to organize the pizza party at Conlan Park, passing out flyers and bringing the community together through your time, energy, and dedication. Your contributions helped make the event a success and brought joy to all who attended.

Marcos Jimenez, in recognition of your valuable assistance in distributing pizza, chips, and drinks at Conlan Park. Your support and cheerful spirit helped create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all.

Eli McCray, in recognition of your valuable assistance in distributing pizza, chips, and drinks at Conlan Park. Your support and cheerful spirit helped create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all.

Tamsyn Santos, in recognition of your valuable assistance in distributing pizza, chips, and drinks at Conlan Park. Your support and cheerful spirit helped create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all.

Yaquelin Pereyra, in recognition of your valuable assistance in distributing pizza, chips, and drinks at Conlan Park. Your support and cheerful spirit helped create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all.

Horace Murphy aka Houdini Handz the Barber, in recognition of your generosity and community spirit in providing free haircuts at Conlan Park. Your time, talent, and kindness made a meaningful difference and were truly appreciated by all who attended.

Sy Bedrick, in recognition of receiving the Trailblazers' Award. Thank you for your efforts to expand rights for working people. "An injury to one is an injury to all."

Nubia Gomez, in recognition of receiving the Trailblazers' Award. Thank you for your efforts to expand rights for working people. "An injury to one is an injury to all."

Russel De Simone, in recognition of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. Thank you for your efforts to expand rights for working people. "An injury to one is an injury to all."

Mary Barden, in recognition of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. Thank you for your efforts to expand rights for working people. "An injury to one is an injury to all."

Joe Walsh, in recognition of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. Thank you for your efforts to expand rights for working people. "An injury to one is an injury to all."

The Palazzo Family, in recognition of Nick Palazzo being posthumously recognized and honored for his life and contribution to the Rhode Island labor movement.

Lamont Powell, in recognition of your unwavering dedication to community uplift through Gloves Up Guns Down RI Boxing. Your impact fosters hope, discipline and opportunity, inspiring countless individuals and youth in Providence and across the State of Rhode Island. We honor your leadership, vision and the positive change you continue to create in our community. Thank you for all that you do.

Andrea Watson, in recognition of your commitment and service as part of the Gloves Up Guns Down RI Boxing team. Your hard work, care, and dedication uplift those around you, ensuring every participant feels supported, encouraged, and empowered to grow and succeed. Thank you for all that you do.

Phillip Cooper, in recognition of your dedication and passion as a coach with Gloves Up Guns Down RI Boxing. Your mentorship, guidance, and encouragement help shape not only stronger athletes but also confident individuals who are prepared to meet life's challenges with resilience. Thank you for all that you do.

Matt Grosslin, in recognition of your achievements and dedication as a fighter with Gloves Up Guns Down RI Boxing. Your discipline, perseverance, and commitment to growth are an inspiration to others, proving that hard work and determination can create positive change. Thank you for all that you do.

Jezahraya Henriquez, in recognition of your extraordinary achievement as the 2025 National American Miss Princess. At just five years old, you have already shown confidence, grace, and leadership beyond your years. Your bright spirit inspires other young people to believe in themselves and chase their dreams. We are proud to celebrate your accomplishment, your joy, and the positive example you bring to our community. Congratulations on the many more successes ahead!

Miriam Aimee Beato, in recognition of your accomplishments and the energy you bring to your modeling career. Through your hard work, professionalism, and artistry, you have demonstrated that success comes from passion and perseverance. You continue to inspire others by showing that dreams are achievable through dedication and courage. Providence celebrates your story and the ways in which your presence uplifts and motivates those who look to you as a role model in our community.

Kiara Perez, in recognition of your accomplishments and the energy you bring to your modeling career. Through your hard work, professionalism, and artistry, you have demonstrated that success comes from passion and perseverance. You continue to inspire others by showing that dreams are achievable through dedication and courage. Providence celebrates your story and the ways in which your presence uplifts and motivates those who look to you as a role model in our community.

Dalila Fabian, in recognition of your accomplishments and the energy you bring to your modeling career. Through your hard work, professionalism, and artistry, you have demonstrated that success comes from passion and perseverance. You continue to inspire others by showing that dreams are achievable through dedication and courage. Providence celebrates your story and the ways in which your presence uplifts and motivates those who look to you as a role model in our community.

Keidry Moni, in recognition of your accomplishments and the energy you bring to your modeling career. Through your hard work, professionalism, and artistry, you have demonstrated that success comes from passion and perseverance. You continue to inspire others by showing that dreams are achievable through dedication and courage. Providence celebrates your story and the ways in which your presence uplifts and motivates those who look to you as a role model in our community.

The Goodwin Family, in recognition of your participation in the 2025 North End Backpack Drive on Saturday, August 16, 2025. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the family of the late Senator Maryellen Goodwin. Your presence helps us honor her extraordinary life, tireless service, and lasting legacy in the North End community.

ABM, in recognition of your invaluable contributions and support to the 2025 North End Backpack Drive on Saturday, August 16, 2025, and for helping families prepare for a successful school year through your generosity, time, and dedication to our community.

Sodexo, in recognition of your invaluable contributions and support to the 2025 North End Backpack Drive on Saturday, August 16, 2025, and for helping families prepare for a successful school year through your generosity, time, and dedication to our community.

Laborers' International Union of North America, in recognition of your invaluable contributions and support to the 2025 North End Backpack Drive on Saturday, August 16, 2025, and for helping families prepare for a successful school year through your generosity, time, and dedication to our community.

Providence Teacher Union, in recognition of your invaluable contributions and support to the 2025 North End Backpack Drive on Saturday, August 16, 2025, and your dedication to our students' success.

Darlyn Genao, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Elizabeth Camilo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Evangelista Guzman, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Dina Fabian, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Ambiorix Guzman, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Yivannia Polanco, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Jose Luis Sanchez Rodriguez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Miguel Sanchez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Jose Guerrero, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Ricardo Lorenzo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Glenny Ramirez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Eddis Rafael Pena Holguin, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Yathelin Moreno, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Jose Luis Jimenez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Dioleyni Guadalupe Suero, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Ariel Albizo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Luis Garcia Troncoso, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Marilin Vinicio, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Yolanda Vinicio, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Domingo Ruben, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Jose Nunez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Julio Mercedes, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Neris Lorenzo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

Luis Garcia Troncoso, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedicated service to Providence sports and players of the Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance (PHSLA) and the community.

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Pastor Quintin and Lady Christine Nard, Pentecostal Church of God In Christ, in recognition of the celebration of your 5th Pastoral Anniversary, we honor your steadfast dedication, spiritual leadership, and faithful service to the Kingdom of God. Your unwavering commitment to guiding the flock of the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ has inspired lives, strengthened faith, and uplifted the community. Surrounded by the love and gratitude of your spiritual family, this milestone stands as a testament to your devotion, compassion, and obedience to God's calling. With heartfelt congratulations, we extend our deepest appreciation and prayers for continued blessings upon your ministry and family.

Dr. Pablo Rodriguez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Legacy Award at the Latino Policy Institute’s 20th Anniversary Celebration “Latinos Unidos-Rising Together”.

Steven Brown, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Impact Award at the Latino Policy Institute’s 20th Anniversary Celebration “Latinos Unidos-Rising Together”.

Jennifer Wood, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Impact Award at the Latino Policy Institute’s 20th Anniversary Celebration “Latinos Unidos-Rising Together”.

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Eliza Vorenberg, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Impact Award at the Latino Policy Institute’s 20th Anniversary Celebration “Latinos Unidos-Rising Together”.

Firefighter Jermaine T. Woods, Engine 14 Group “B”, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Timothy Shea, Community Planning Manager, Department of Planning & Development, in recognition of your service to the City of Providence, and for everything you have done to ensure residents have a voice in City planning, especially for your efforts to ensure unprecedented community input in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 49 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Espinal |
| SECONDER: | Councilor Sanchez |
| AYES: | Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 10. |
| ABSENT: | Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris and Vargas – 4. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere

Sympathy to the families of the following:

Beverly Courville

Ernest L. DiRocco, Jr.

The Honorable Chief Judge Frank Caprio

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 50 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Espinal |
| SECONDER: | Councilor Sanchez |
| AYES: | Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 10. |
| ABSENT: | Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris and Vargas – 4. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND RULE 16(B) OF THE RULES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO TAKE A MATTER NOT
APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council
in order to take a Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket, Seconded by
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

COMMUNICATION

Communication from Council President Miller, dated September 4, 2025, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of **Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan**, as a member of the **Providence City Council Committee on Finance**, Pursuant to Rule 24 of the Rules of the Providence City Council.

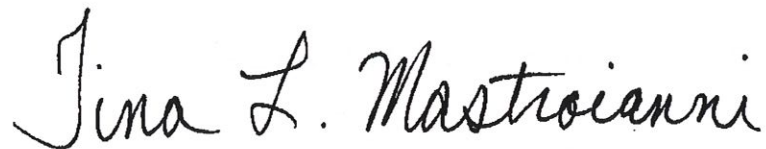
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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 51, Seconded by
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives Item 51.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Honorable Judge Frank Caprio at 7:07 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025** at **6:00 o'clock P.M.**



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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