

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 16 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, June 4, 2020, 5:30 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SABINA MATOS

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, MILLER, RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND TAYLOR – 11.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS AND COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI – 3.

ALSO PRESENT: SHAWN SELLECK, CITY CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 18 2020

APPROVED:

Shawn Selleck

CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation will be given by **COUNCILMAN PEDRO ESPINAL**.

"Heavenly Father, we once again come before You tonight, first to thank You for one more day that You have granted us and to ask that You fill us with Your love, Your grace and Your understanding. And to strengthen and rebuild our faith so that we can withstand everything that we have faced and have endured these days. Gives us the knowledge in order to make the best decisions for those whom we serve. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN Leads the Members of the City Council and the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

SOLICITOR'S STATEMENT ON REMOTE MEETINGS

Per Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island it is appropriate and permissible for the City Council to hold the City Council Meeting virtually.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 14 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held May 15, 2020 and Journal of Proceedings No. 15 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 21, 2020, are approved as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**.

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris and Narducci – 3

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 18, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 42-99-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, he is this day re-appointing **Tony Mendez** to the **Rhode Island Convention Center Authority**, for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for Trout Dreams, LLC for the property located on Assessor's Plat 020, Lot 153 (204 Westminster Street), Providence Rhode Island.

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

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Finance

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN CORREIA

Resolution Requesting to change the address for the building identified as "30 Kennedy Plaza" and "63 Westminster Street" to "50 Westminster Street" and "90 Westminster Street".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, MILLER, RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND TAYLOR

Resolution Requesting the General Assembly commit to level funding local aid to enable cities and town to move forward and construct local budgets with a higher degree of certainty.

WHEREAS, Local Leaders are well into the process of proposing local budgets while navigating the intricacies of the COVID-19 pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island Cities and towns are committed to providing quality services and cost controls that would avoid any additional tax burdens to Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode General Assembly has recently returned to take up the critical business of starting the state's annual budget; and

WHEREAS, The most recent state revenue estimating conference suggests at least an Eight Hundred Million Dollar (\$800,000,000) structural deficit within the state budget; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders are experiencing great financial hardship and local communities have faced new costs associated with the pandemic response including personal protective equipment, emergency orders, new technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council respectfully requests that the General Assembly commit to level funding local aid to enable cities and towns to move forward and construct local budgets with a higher degree of certainty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Clerk transmit forthwith a copy of this Resolution to the Governor and to all members of the Rhode Island General Assembly.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, HARRIS,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE,
MILLER, RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND TAYLOR**

Resolution Requesting Personal Protective Equipment for all Rhode Islanders who test positive with COVID-19.

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, Testing for COVID-19 is critical in stopping the spread of the virus as it assists healthcare professionals in quarantining positive cases and contact tracing to identify other individuals who may have been exposed; and

WHEREAS, When an individual tests positive for COVID-19 they are instructed to stay at home and self-isolate until their symptoms subside; and

WHEREAS, For many Rhode Islanders it is impossible to self-isolate within their own homes and without the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they are putting their families at risk of also contracting the virus; and

WHEREAS, In addition to lacking proper PPE, many Rhode Islanders are not native English speakers and do not have access to translated information on how best to protect themselves and their families from COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to make PPE available to anyone who tests positive with COVID-19, and to further provide those individuals with a translated information packet that details the best practices in stopping the spread of the virus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

**COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, MILLER, ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN
ESPINAL, NARDUCCI, IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, RYAN
AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**

Resolution Urging Governor Raimondo to enact a complete eviction moratorium.

WHEREAS, On March 9th, 2020 Governor Raimondo issued an executive order declaring a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, Following the Governor's declaration of the State of Emergency, RI Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul Suttell issued an order that courts were to close for most cases, including eviction proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Over 100,000 Rhode Islanders have filed for unemployment benefits and the statewide unemployment number has climbed from 5% to 17%; and

WHEREAS, On June 1st courts will reopen and begin hearing cases related to evictions; and

WHEREAS, There will likely be a backlog of cases related to evictions; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 crisis continues to devastate our community and take the lives of many Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Evicting Rhode Islanders in the midst of a global pandemic is not only unethical but a public health threat that will further spread the virus and may increase homelessness; as the unhoused are forced to the streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence City Council urges Governor Raimondo to enact a complete eviction moratorium, cancellation of rent and mortgage payments, and forgiveness of all prior rent and mortgage payment obligations during the declared state of emergency and for 120 days after it is lifted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence City Council urges the RI General Assembly to take up a comprehensive bill that replicates the language proposed in H.R. 6515 "Emergency Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act of 2020" as introduced by Representative Ilhan Omar. Provisions of this bill include no evictions for nonpayment of rents and mortgages, a prohibition on fines and fees for nonpayment, no accrual of debt for past nonpayment, forgiving any rent payments due during the declared state of emergency, relief Fund to assist landlords and to reimburse any payments made during the state of emergency.

**COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, MILLER, ANTHONY, CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN
NARDUCCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI,
COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND
TAYLOR**

Resolution condemning OMNI Providence Hotel endangering public health and worker safety with unwarranted cuts to healthcare.

WHEREAS, The Omni Providence Hotel has announced it will cut off all otherwise guaranteed insurance benefits for hotel workers beginning on June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cutting off benefits is a violation of the contract between the Omni Providence and UNITE HERE Local 26, the bargaining representative of nearly 200 workers of the hotel; and

WHEREAS, The United States is currently enduring a global pandemic that has taken over 100,000 lives nationwide and nearly 700 lives here in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Several Omni employees have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and will now be unable to receive treatment for the virus if their health insurance is terminated; and

WHEREAS, Many Omni employees live in the City of Providence, which has seen the most concentrated rate of COVID-19 cases in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Omni Providence Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Providence and is physically connected to several cornerstones of the local economy including the Providence Place Mall and Rhode Island Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Any increased threat to the public health of the residents of the City of Providence will cause an increase in the number of cases and deaths in the City in addition to a delay in a safe reopening of the local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence City Council strongly condemns the Omni Providence for their inhumane and unjust treatment of workers during this pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence City Council calls on the Omni Providence to immediately reinstate health insurance for their workers.

**JUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN MILLER, RYAN,
COUNCILMAE SALVATORE AND TAYLOR**

Resolution Requesting Mobile COVID-19 Testing to all Rhode Islanders.

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on the local economy, especially small businesses, which has resulted in widespread unemployment and economic harm to a large portion of Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island will need widespread testing for COVID-19 in order to provide the level of safety needed to fully reopen the economy; and

WHEREAS, There are many communities in Rhode Island that have reported a myriad of challenges in accessing the existing testing centers, including a lack of transportation to travel to the site; and

WHEREAS, The communities that reported difficulties in accessing COVID-19 testing centers are the same communities that have been hit hardest by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Without an ability to provide mobile testing for all Rhode Islanders, including our underserved communities, it will be impossible to achieve the level of widespread testing needed to get to the "new normal."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the Governor of the State of Rhode Island to take all necessary measures to provide mobile COVID-19 testing services to all Rhode Islanders, especially communities of colors and socio-economically disadvantaged and underserved communities who have experienced a disproportionate number of cases, hospitalizations, and fatalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

**COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, ANTHONY, HARRIS, COUNCILMAN
ESPINAL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN MILLER, RYAN,
COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND TAYLOR**

Resolution Requesting a Streamlined Regulatory Process for Outdoor Dining.

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on the local economy, especially small businesses, which has resulted in widespread unemployment and economic harm to a large portion of Rhode Islanders; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to provide Rhode Island's restaurants with a means to operate, the Governor announced that limited outdoor dining would be allowed as part of Phase 1 of reopening the economy; and

WHEREAS, What was intended to be a great opportunity for local businesses has turned into a barrier of red tape for restaurant owners attempting to reopen with outdoor dining; and

WHEREAS, Restaurant owners are faced with a regulatory maze as they are required to complete multiple forms at both the State and local level with no clear guidance on where to turn should they run into difficulties with their applications; and

WHEREAS, At a time where our local restaurants need assistance the most, it is imperative that our governmental leaders provide a clear and easy to navigate regulatory mechanism for these businesses to get back on their feet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the Governor of the State of Rhode Island and the Mayor of Providence to work together to streamline the regulatory process for outdoor dining so that restaurant owners are only required to submit one application that captures all necessary details for both the state and municipal review process and are also provided with a clear outline of the procedural process and timeframes associated with their application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Providence, and the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilman Igliazzi
AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 11.
ABSENT: Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris and Narducci – 3
RECUSE: **COUNCILMAN SALVATORE Recuses himself from voting on “Resolution Urging Governor Raimondo to enact a complete eviction moratorium.”**

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. CORREIA, Chairman**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

Resolution Requesting to abandon a portion of Eureka Street.

Resolution Requesting a permanent easement over a portion of Cushing Street.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

Resolution Requesting to abandon a portion of Eureka Street.

RESULT: PASSED [11 TO 0]
MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilman Igliazzi
AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 11.
ABSENT: Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Narducci – 3.

Resolution Requesting to abandon a portion of Cushing Street.

RESULT: PASSED [10 TO 0]
MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilman Igliazzi
AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 10.
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman LaFortune – 1.
ABSENT: Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Narducci – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Petition from Jennifer Hawkins, Executive Director, ONE Neighborhood Builders, 66 Chaffee Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, dated April 28, 2020, submitting a utility easement through a small portion of the northwest corner of Riverside Park.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Continue Indefinitely the foregoing Petition, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIAZZI.

RESULT: CONTINUED INDEFINITELY [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilman Igliazzi
AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 11.
ABSENT: Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris and Narducci – 3

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES
COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN, Chairwoman

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places", Article I, Entitled: "In General", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, by Amending Section 23-31, "Use of Skate Boards on Street, Highway, Sidewalk, Pedestrian Mall".

**COUNCILWOMAN MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,
COUNCILWOMAN KERWIN, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN
TAYLOR**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Article XXII of Chapter II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Administration," Amending Section 2-358.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance", Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the property located on Assessor's Plat 53, Lot 386 (12 Lenox Avenue), from R-2 to C-1.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances, the First Time, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris and Narducci – 3

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Andrew M. Teitz, Esquire, AICP, Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd., 2 Williams Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a permanent underground easement below a portion of Brook Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Petitions to the Committee on Public Works.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Public Works

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Geico

a/s/o Angelica Mercado
(Diana D. O'hara, Esquire)

Latoya Walmsley

HiRoad Insurance

a/s/o Tyler Mathias

Normand Bassette

American Commerce Insurance Company

a/s/o Patricia Carne

Maria Ramirez

(Anthony S. Buglio, Esquire)

Liberty Mutual Insurance

a/s/o Christopher Bautista

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Shawn Selleck, City Clerk, dated May 21, 2020, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of January 1, 2020 to and including March 31, 2020, in a total amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars and Sixty Five Cents (\$2,406.65).

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS 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:

Xander E. Monge, Entrepreneur, Deft Film (Digital Marketing), in recognition of Deft Film's two year anniversary and his birthday on Monday, May 25th.

Bryan A. Monge, in recognition of the celebration of his Graduation from Rhode Island College with a degree in Chemistry.

Karla A. Monge, Brown University, in recognition of the celebration of her Graduation from the Health & Human Biology (Biotechnology/Public Health Track) Program in Liberal Medical Education (PLME '20)-Albert Medical School.

Aqeela Amir, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Joselinne Cruz Marroquin, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Ricardo Suchite, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Suphathai Trychanh, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Angel Pichardo De La Cruz, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Ousainou Faal, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Akilah Young, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Anika S. Young, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Janilda M. Gonzalez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Rudilania Acosta Upia, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Marc-Brian M. N'kragbo, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Olivia Aparicio, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Bailey A. Watson, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Elizabeth M. Tejada, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Lydia O. Onamiye, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Emily A. Sisowath, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Linnet E. Ortiz Ortiz Severino, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Jose R. Felix Jimenez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Nyat M. Mulugeta, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Isis A. Moreno, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Bryan Clervil, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Daijah Jackson, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Eriddani Urena De Jesus, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Janayah Ciprian, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Reynaldo J. Santiago Lopez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Jorge A. Ardaya, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Rosamond Ibitoye, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Katelyn G. Loyo, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Marleni A. Morales, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Jamie Guerra, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Anny M. Rodriguez Diaz, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Argel Almonte Estevez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Angel G. Vasquez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Tianali Northup, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Londyn S. Stallworth, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Jose G. Vasquez Paulino, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Lizmaris Torres, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Harold E. Aldana, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Edison Guarcas, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Sofia Gonzalez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Isabella J. Bartlett, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Leticia D. Martinez, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Dejanae T. Cordero, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Aleeya J. Thavone, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

Ruth Camacho, E-Cubed Academy, in recognition of the celebration of their Graduation.

**Severally Referred and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN,
Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris and Narducci – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS 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:

Ernest R. Piscopiello

Melvin "Mel" Noanette Little

Raffaele Stanzione

Manuel Matos

Josephine "Jody" D. Slater

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris and Narducci – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"So, as many of you have seen throughout the nation, it has been one of the most devastating weeks for so many communities, for so many families, particularly Black African American families here in our community and Black/Brown families here in our state, in our communities and throughout the country and really ideally the world. And we watched, many of us, how a man's life was taken away in such an inhumane and casual way where people were pleading, pleading for this officer to take his knee off this man where this man said they're going to kill me and he died. So I was thinking about, and I'm sure many African American families and Black families throughout the country have been thinking about their own personal experience with law enforcement, their own personal experience with inequities, their own personal experience of racism and discrimination. And, for over 400 years since, from slavery to the Emancipation Proclamation to the Civil Act of 1964, we're still seeing shooting after shooting, murders, unlawful deaths, crime within marginalized communities and we are tired. For me personally, it is hard that I have to on a daily basis speak to my son about walking out on the streets not wearing a hoody, that every day whenever he goes out on his own I worry if my child will come back home. I've been profiled in my own neighborhood, where I was pulled over and told I looked like some kid named Terrell. By the age of 27 I looked through a gun barrel on three occasions. One, I was on a run going on my regular jog in Philadelphia and someone in the neighborhood that I was in, someone was shooting and the person came around the corner and stopped right in front of me in the corner and had the gun pointed at me. A second time, where my friends and I were going to a friend's house and we were knocking on the door and the next door neighbor opened the door and pulled out a shotgun on us. The third time, it was right after, it was two months after my daughter was born, I was heading back to work and the police officers came to the wrong house with incorrect information and they raided my house and I opened my back door and the guns were drawn and they had us in the middle of the living room with my two month old child and my then seven year old son who was going to turn eight the next month. I remember at that moment it was about survival, because one move, I would be perceived as a threat and it would cost me my life. We are continuously seeing inequities within our communities, we see it in our schools, we see the buildings, the condition of our buildings that our students are learning

in. We see a curriculum that is supposed to be inclusive and have ethnic studies, but yet we're not teaching students in an affirmative way about the Civil Rights movement, about the responsibility that comes with advocacy and protest, about the sacrifices that people made and why it's important to vote and exercise that right because it is a privilege. I wasn't born with that privilege because I wasn't born in this country. I had to pay for it, take a test and get finger printed. And, we also see the inequities in healthcare, where even a hotel where the majority of the hotel workers are Black and Brown people from marginalized communities who don't have access to affordable healthcare during a pandemic, and yet you will take their healthcare away. That is racism, that is discrimination. Taking someone's life in the manner in which this man died is so wrong. We are living in a society in which a system was built, not for people of color. People of color did not have access to higher education institutions. That's why HBCU's were created. People of color were pushed into densely populated communities. That's why we have projects in what we call in the United States ghettos, which ghettos were actually started in Europe. We see it every day the lack of access to employment. We have systems in place at the municipality level, but yet we're still seeing Black and Brown communities not able to access these opportunities. We have to do more, we have to have accountability measures, where we align funding with accountability. You know many of our students have been calling and saying that, you know, they want more counselors in schools and not cops. The reason they're asking for that is because the presence of a police officer in a school is a trigger. When you're pulled over because of the color of your skin and then you go to school to learn, if someone is there that you been discriminated against and maybe it's due to unconscious bias or racism, it is a trigger. You don't feel safe, you fear for your life. So, I hope that as we create policies, as we think about some of the ordinances that sit in our committees and how they have direct impact on communities of color, that we stop being silent because for many it's a matter of life and death. To see that man die in such an inhumane way, with people pleading, they said he is dying, blood is coming out of his nose and he is saying stop and this man never stopped. It's disheartening. And to think about the sacrifices of black bodies where our whole OBGYN, all the research and advancement, it is because of black women, black women in this OBGYN that they prayed to have a statute in New York would commit these inhumane surgeries. This whole country, our city Providence Plantations. The structures that exist here was built, was built on the back of black people. You even think about my own country Haiti, which gained its independence, yet sent, sent their soldiers to America to fight the Revolution, then sent their soldiers and resources to Central and South America to gain their independence. When Simon Bolivar was in hiding in Haiti and in the second trimester he lost the first war, the President of Haiti said I'm going to continue to support you because we believe in independence and liberation. But yet we still suffer as a community. It is disheartening, it is disheartening and we can no longer be silent because we cannot afford to lose another black life and brown life. They have become our black and brown, boys and girls are endangered species and we have to protect them. So, I hope as we think about our policies, the way we approach things that we don't just see it as a political platform, but we think about how it directly impacts our communities and our young people because we have to change this, they have to change this, and if we are not leading by example how do we expect them to stand up, how do we expect them to appropriately, to appropriately advocate for policy change. Now, I don't condone looting because that's not the right way, but I do condone standing up and advocating, I do condone demanding for change, but at some point it has to stop. So, I do hope that everyone looks at even their own personal community and think about their own unconscious bias because there is bias and discrimination within all of us

and we try to express more love, support and acknowledgement. Because one of the main things that many people have said is, and I feel personally, is that we are invisible and it's time that we are seen. So, thank you.”

**MATTERS NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

On Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to allow the introduction of the following Matters Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

Executive Order 2020-8, submitted by His Honor the Mayor, dated June 2, 2020, State of Emergency Declaration.

Executive Order 2020-8 (amended), submitted by His Honor the Mayor, dated June 4, 2020, State of Emergency Declaration.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the forgoing Communications.

RESULT: RECEIVED

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of George Floyd at 6:24 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Selleck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**

