

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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APPROVED:

Dina L. Mastromanni CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 18 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, July 6, 2023, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RACHEL M. MILLER

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 12.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 3.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, DONNA M. PELIGIAN, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN ANA S. VARGAS**.

"Thank you, Jesus for giving us everything. I would just like to say thank you, thank you for my colleagues, thank you for the city and thank you for all the people that work very hard. Thank you for the good and thank you for the bad, but from the bad we learn something good. Thank you in the name of Jesus. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN OSCAR O. VARGAS 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. 14 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held June 15, 2023; Journal of Proceedings No. 15 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held June 16, 2023; Journal of Proceedings No. 16 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held June 22, 2023 and Journal of Proceedings No. 17 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held June 27, 2023.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Harris
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony, Graves and Councilman Taylor – 3.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 20, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 502.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Kristi Gelnett** of 111 Chestnut Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Downcity Design Review Committee** for a term to expire on January 31, 2026.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 20, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 502.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day naming board member **Christopher J. Marsella** of 188 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as Chairperson of the **Downcity Design Review Committee**.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 22, 2023, 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 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, 2025. (Ms. Day replaces Ms. Betancour who has resigned.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 30, 2023, 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 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, 2025. (Mr. Simon replaces Mr. Arias whose term has expired.)

RESULT: RECEIVED

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 30, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Ordinance 2021-17, No. 238 and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Priscilla De La Cruz** of 388 Jastram Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as the **Director of Sustainability**, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 30, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 203 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **Rochelle Lee** of 172 Ontario Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907 to the **Board of Canvassers** for a term to expire on the first Monday in March 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Lee replaces Mr. Seaberry who has resigned).

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award to exercise the first three one-year terms pursuant to Section 5.0 of the Red-Light Camera License and Service Agreement by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(5).

Conduent State & Local Solutions Inc. a/k/a Xerox State & Local Solutions (Police Department)	\$3,809,000.00
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award to the second lowest bidder by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1).

Comprehensive Community Action Program (Workforce Solutions)	\$799,829.39
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COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 11, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 4 through 7 and Refers items 8 through 11 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: **REFERRED**
TO: Committee on Finance

COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Requesting the transfer of a 2007 INTL 400 ST White Fire Apparatus to the City of Santo Domingo, Norte Villamella, Dominican Republic.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is home to 25,000 Dominican Americans who play a significant role in the economic development of the city; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence received a fire truck donation request from the City of Santo Domingo, Norte Villamella, Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, This donation would help reinforce the beautiful relationship between the City of Providence and the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, The City Council requests the transfer of the following equipment to the City of Santo Domingo, Norte Villamella, Dominican Republic:

1 (One) 2007 INTL 400 ST White Fire Apparatus

Registration No. 1429

Plate Type 15

VIN No. 1HTMNAAM87H441741

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence take any and all appropriate action to donate said equipment to the City of Santo Domingo, Norte Villamella, Dominican Republic.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 12 and Pass on Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS,
COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO AND ROIAS**

Resolution Calling on RIDE & PPSD to release minutes of all meetings discussing Public School Closures.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 13, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 13 to the Committee on Ordinances.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN
PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN
VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Commemorating Cape Verde Independence Day and Recognizing the Cape Verdean Contributions to Providence and Rhode Island.

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the incredible historical significance of Cape Verdean Independence Day, which commemorates the liberation of Cape Verde from Portuguese colonial rule; and

WHEREAS, The City Council acknowledges the important contributions made by Cape Verdeans to the United States, enriching the cultural, social, and economic fabric of the City of Providence and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Cape Verdeans have a long history of immigrating to the US in places like Fox Point in the City of Providence, seeking new opportunities and a better life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, Cape Verdean Independence Day, celebrated annually on July 5th and via the Cape Verdean Festival at India Point Park, serves as an opportunity to honor the resilience, courage, and determination of the Cape Verdean people in their fight for freedom and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Cape Verdean immigrants have demonstrated resilience, perseverance, and a strong work ethic, making valuable contributions to various sectors, including education, healthcare, business, arts and culture, public service, and more; and

WHEREAS, Cape Verdean Americans have played an instrumental role in fostering diversity, promoting multiculturalism, and contributing to the development and growth of our city; and

WHEREAS, The Cape Verdean community has actively preserved and celebrated its rich, traditions, cultural heritage, and music, thereby enhancing the cultural landscape of the City of Providence and promoting cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize and appreciate the positive impact of Cape Verdean Americans on our community and their efforts to bridge cultural divides, promote inclusivity, and strengthen the bonds of unity among residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions made by Cape Verdean Americans, particularly to the City of Providence and to the United State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby declares its support for the commemoration of Cape Verdean Independence Day on July 5th each year and encourages all residents to join in celebrating this significant milestone in Cape Verde's history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council extends its warmest wishes to the Cape Verdean community and expresses gratitude for their contributions to the city's cultural diversity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to The Rhode Island Cape Verdean Heritage Committee, the Cape Verderna Social Club, The Fox Point Cape Verdean Heritage Place, Cape Verdean American Community Development and the Cape Verdean Museum Exhibit.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 14 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Allowing the Providence Police Department to Collaborate with nonadjacent Rhode Island municipalities and Police Departments through a Statewide Mutual Aide Agreement.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 15, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 15 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Naming the Public Safety Complex Auditorium as the Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr. Auditorium.

WHEREAS, Hugh T. Clements, Jr. was sworn into the Providence Police Department in May of 1985, starting a distinguished career as a patrol officer on the night shift in the Uniform Division; and

WHEREAS, Over the following seventeen years he rose through the ranks of the Police Department working in the Special Investigations Bureau and the Detective Bureau where he played an active role in several investigations; and

WHEREAS, After being promoted to the rank of Major of the Uniform Division and then promoted to Deputy Chief before being appointed as the 37th Chief of the Providence Police Department; and

WHEREAS, After being appointed to the position of Colonel he served admirably for twelve years with the respect of the officers of the department, City leaders, business leaders and the community; and

WHEREAS, During his storied career, he received numerous accolades for outstanding police work, including the Chief's Award on three occasions, outside agency awards from the FBI, ATF and DEA along with the White House Champions of Change Award for Reducing Drug Use and Building a Healthier America. He is a member of the RI Attorney General Criminal of Justice Hall of Fame and received the Non-Violence Institute's 25th Anniversary Award in the name of Founder Sister Ann Keefe; and

WHEREAS; After thirty-seven years of dedicated service, Colonel Clements retired to accept an appointment by United States Attorney General Merrick Garland to serve in the Department of Justice as the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); and

WHEREAS; In light of his many successes and accomplishments he has never strayed far from his roots as a patrol officer in the Uniform Division, starting each shift in roll call, where supervisors take attendance, inspect officers and their uniforms, and brief officers on any outstanding incidents that may have occurred, inform officers of situations to be looking out for and relate any law or procedural changes; and

WHEREAS; Such roll call takes place in the Auditorium on the main floor of the Providence Public Safety Complex; and

WHEREAS; Colonel Clements in his various roles as a patrol officer and in his leadership roles spent many a moment in roll call.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby recognize Colonel Hugh T. Clements for his selfless service to our City and does hereby commemorate such service by naming the Auditorium, where roll call takes place, to be known as “Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr. Auditorium” where officers, current and future will be inspired to continue the exemplary service each day, each shift at roll call in this auditorium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Chief of Police, and Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN
ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR PICHARDO,
COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Naming the Providence Police Firing Range as the Sergeant Edmond F. Malloy, Jr. Fire Range.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Edmond F. Malloy, Jr. was born in Providence on December 30, 1967, and grew up in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, He graduated with the Class of 1986 from La Salle Academy; and

WHEREAS, He set out on a path to serve his country first and worked hard to become a United States Marine attaining the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, He held high and close to his heart his deployment to Ground Zero after 911; and

WHEREAS, In 1988 he was accepted into the 52nd Providence Police Training Academy where he excelled and graduated in the top tier of the class; and

WHEREAS, He continued to serve as a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve veteran; and

WHEREAS, He served on the Providence police force for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, He served with honor in many roles while a member of the Providence Police Department including Patrol, Special Investigations Unit, Community Policing, Academy Field Training Officer, the Motorcycle unit, longtime member of the SWAT Team and Sniper Team Leader with the final assignment to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force; and

WHEREAS, He received several accolades including the Chief’s Award, Commissioner’s Award, the Fraternal Order of Police Award, American Society of Industrial Security Lifetime Achievement Award, and others for distinguished service, bravery, and duty; and

WHEREAS, He was diagnosed with liver cancer and given a prognosis of six months to live, persevered through harsh chemotherapy, radiation treatments, and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, Malloy Strong - “Never Give Up” became his rallying cry against this insidious disease and thousands of dollars have been raised in Ed’s name to help cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Edmond F. Malloy, Jr., age 51, passed away Thursday, October 31, 2019, at Rhode Island Hospital surrounded by family members, friends, and dozens of fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, He continues to be remembered by all as larger than life who lived by a strict code of duty and tempered with uncommon civility; and

WHEREAS, His devotion to his career, he was a Providence Police officer and would tell everyone, right up until his last day, “It is the best job in the world. Helping people, first. Protecting our city and country; and

WHEREAS; Sergeant Malloy in his various roles as a patrol officer and in his leadership roles spent much time at the Providence Police Pistol Range, known as the “firing range” or the “range”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby expresses its gratitude to Sergeant Edmond F. Malloy, Jr. for his selfless service to our City and does hereby commemorate such service by naming the Providence Police Pistol Range, located at 595 Plainfield Pike, Scituate, Rhode Island, to be known as Sergeant Edmond F. Malloy, Jr. Police Firing Range where officers, current and future will be inspired to continue the exemplary service of Sergeant Malloy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Chief of Police, and the family of Sergeant Edmond F. Malloy, Jr.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 16 and 17 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I would like to rise on a Point of Personal Expression this evening to recognize the passing of a member of the council family. This week we lost Denise Solomon, the loving wife of past President Michael Solomon for those of you who do not know. Michael met Denise when he was just a teenager and they built an absolutely beautiful life together. Denise was born and raised in Providence, graduated Classical High School and quite honestly most proud of the beautiful family that they raised together. Michael and Denise have three beautiful daughters, seven grandchildren, daughters Tara, Lana and Lauren and three wonderful son-in-laws that made up their beautiful family. Denise was certainly their center of their life and, as many of us know anybody who's in public service, we are friendly at the heart of everything we do and that was surely and truly what Denise was to Michael. She is certainly going to be missed, she was loved in the 5th Ward community and I understand she was born in the North End and made her life in the 5th Ward with her loving husband. I want to recognize one of her favorite son-in-laws James Scott and he is actually in the hall with us this evening. I want to thank James also for what you do for the City of Providence. There will be a service at Saint George Maronite Catholic Church in Cranston this Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 followed by a mass at 11:00 o'clock A.M. to celebrate her life. I will be there I would love to have members of the council join us in recognizing Denise's contribution to the City of Providence, but also supporting the Council President and all that he has done for our great city. I would also ask that this meeting be adjourned in memory of Denise Solomon. Thank you."

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

COUNCILMAN JAMES E. TAYLOR, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 9, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day re-appointing **Scott Slater** of 74 Sawyer Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence Public Building Authority** for a term to expire on July 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 9, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 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 **Charlotte Morrow Lipschitz** of 4 Grant Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **City Plan Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Lipschitz replaces Mr. Alvarado who has resigned.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated June 9, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 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 **William Sherry** of 17 University Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a real estate, development or finance category member of the **City Plan Commission** for a term expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Sherry replaces Mr. Bilodeau who has resigned.)

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 18 through 20 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Harris
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony, Graves and Councilman Taylor – 3.

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES
COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL, Chairman

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

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 text in Sections 1203 and 1204 regarding Temporary Mobile Food Sales.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILORS ANDERBOIS, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, RYAN, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

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 certain text in Article 12 regarding Self-Storage Facility Use Category.

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 99, Lots 217 and 218 (693 and 697 Douglas Avenue), from R-2 to R-4.

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 42, Lot, 9 (4 Avon Street), from R-3 to R-4.

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 42, Lot 11 (12 Buffalo Court), from R-3 to R-4.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Harris
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony, Graves and Councilman Taylor – 3.

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 84, Lots 164, 165, 166, 436, 447 and 477 (Chalkstone Avenue), from C-1 to C-2.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [8 TO 4]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Harris
SECONDER:	Councilor Sanchez
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwomen Ryan, Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 8.
NAYS:	Councilor AnderBois, Councilwomen Peterson, Roias and Councilor Sanchez – 4.
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony, Graves and Councilman Taylor – 3.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 21 through 26 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
COUNCILMAN OSCAR VARGAS, Chairman**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Resolution Requesting to abandon a portion of Swan Street.

RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:

That the cross-hatched portion of SWAN STREET shown on the accompanying plan entitled "Providence, R.I., P.W. Dept & Engineering Office, Street Line Section Plan No. 064877, dated March 21, 2023," bounded by letters the A-B-C-D-A on said plan, having ceased to be useful to the public, is proposed to be abandoned as a Public Highway. Said Abandonment is specifically conditioned upon the following:

1. Petitioner shall tender the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) to the City of Providence.
2. Petitioner shall either grant an easement, satisfactory to the utility owner, in favor of any utility owners with facilities in the area to be abandoned. Said easement which will permit retention of its facilities in their existing location, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty-four hour access to said facilities, or, in the alternative, should it be determined by the Petitioner that any such facilities need be relocated in order to comply with an intended use, the Petitioner shall assume all costs of relocation. These utility owners shall include Narragansett Electric, Providence Water, and Verizon.
3. Petitioner shall grant an easement over the street to be abandoned in favor of the owners of Assessor's Plat 47 Lots 114 and 198 that will provide those owners with twenty-four hour access, without limitation, to said lot. This easement may be located elsewhere if such relocation is satisfactory to the owner of Lots 114 and 198.
4. Petitioner shall receive subdivision approval as described in chapter 23 of title 45 of the Rhode Island General Laws, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 24-6-1(c). The easements described above shall be recorded in the land evidence records prior to or contemporaneously with the subdivision approval being recorded in the land evidence records.
5. The Petitioner shall comply with all conditions contained herein within ten (10) months from the date of passage.
6. Such other terms and conditions as may be reflected in the record and minutes of the City Council Committee on Public Works, and/or as may be deemed appropriate by the Mayor or the Department of Law, and subject to the petition as amended by the survey dated May 15, 2023, by Waterman Engineering already recognized by the City Council, the Department of Planning and Development, and the Department of Public Works as it effects the plats and lots.

ORDERED, That the Traffic Engineer be and is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway," and it is further

ORDERED, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper published in the County of Providence at least once a week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which has been abandoned who is known to reside within the State.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 27 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Dylan Conley, Conley Law Associates, 123 Dyer Street, Suite 2 b, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 34, Lot 134 (66 Baltimore Street), from R-1 to R-2.

Petition from Dylan Conley, Conley Law Associates, 123 Dyer Street, Suite 2 b, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 34, Lots 245 and 246 (61-67 Leander Street), from R-1 to R-2.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Erin K. Taber
Mark Morrissey
Hugo Sosa
 (Joseph J. Voccola, Esquire)
Michelle Neves
 (Joseph J. Voccola, Esquire)
Thavy Hak
Vicente Giron
Elsie Collins
 (Jeffrey D. Sowa, Esquire)
Amica Mutual Insurance Company
 a/s/o Laurie McNiff (Lynda L. Laing, Esquire)
Francisco R. Cruz Matos
Dolce M. Dorilas

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Marylee S. Dixon, submitting her resignation from the Providence Emergency Management Advisory Council effective, Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Communication from Adrienne Adeyemi, dated April 26, 2023, submitting her resignation as Vice-Chair and member of the Art in City Life Commission for the City of Providence, effective Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Communication from Harry Bilodeau, 137 Power Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, dated May 2, 2023, submitting his resignation from the City Plan Commission, effective May 2, 2023.

Communication from Manuel Cordero, dated January 4, 2023, submitting his resignation from the City Plan Commission.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of items 28 through 34, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 28 and 29 to the Committee on Ordinances, item 30 Severally Refer to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receive items 31 through 34.

RESULT: RECEIVED

**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:

Saint, in recognition of the celebration of your Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening at 289 Atwells Avenue.

Detective Kevin Costa, Providence Police Department, in recognition of your retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Detective Jeffrey Richards, Providence Police Department, in recognition of your retirement after 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Weayonnah Nelson-Davies, Executive Director, Economic Progress Institute, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Impact Award at the Black Lives Matter Rhode Island Political Action Committee (BLM RI PAC) Inaugural Juneteenth Awards Luncheon.

Keith Stokes, in recognition of being the Keynote Speaker at the Black Lives Matter Rhode Island Political Action Committee (BLM RI PAC) Inaugural Juneteenth Awards Luncheon.

Sharon “DJ Ladyruck” Ashley, in recognition of being the recipient of the Art & Cultural Award at the Black Lives Matter Rhode Island Political Action Committee (BLM RI PAC) Inaugural Juneteenth Awards Luncheon.

Maria Lopes, First Black Woman Elected to the Rhode Island State Legislature, in recognition of being the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Black Lives Matter Rhode Island Political Action Committee (BLM RI PAC) Inaugural Juneteenth Awards Luncheon.

Eugenie Rose Belony, Co-Director, Providence Student Union, in recognition of being the recipient of the Emerging Leader Award at the Black Lives Matter Rhode Island Political Action Committee (BLM RI PAC) Inaugural Juneteenth Awards Luncheon.

The Honorable Marcia Ranglin-Vassell, Former Member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives (5th District), in recognition of being the recipient of the Legislative Champion Award at the Black Lives Matter Rhode Island Political Action Committee (BLM RI PAC) Inaugural Juneteenth Awards Luncheon.

Alani Isom Noboa, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from 360 High School Class of 2023.

Julie Silva, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the Community.

Etie-Lee Schaub, in recognition of the celebration of being elected as President of the Rhode Island Women’s Bar Association.

Marylee Dixon, Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations, Providence City Council, in recognition of your retirement after 12 years of dedicated service to the people and the City of Providence.

Julian R. Espinal, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Classical High School Class of 2023.

Christopher O. Vargas, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Classical High School Class of 2023.

La Señora Hilda Francisca Fernandez, in recognition of la celebración de tu 95 Cumples años.

Juan Wilson, Jr., in recognition of your advocacy around the Juneteenth Rhode Island State Holiday Bill.

Philip Pinto, Department of Public Works, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 19 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Kelly Price, in recognition of your visit and performance in the great City of Providence.

Helen Baskerville Dukes, in recognition of your commitment and contribution to Juneteenth.

Juan Wilson, Jr., in recognition of your commitment and contribution to Juneteenth.

El Sol, in recognition of the launch of the Spanish Newspaper “El Sol”, “The Sun” in Greater, Providence, Rhode Island.

Isidro Deleon, Vice President, in recognition of the launch of the Spanish Newspaper “El Sol”, “The Sun” in Greater, Providence, Rhode Island.

Publisher Wilson Hernandez, El Sol de Rhode Island, in recognition of the launch of the Spanish Newspaper “El Sol”, “The Sun” in Greater, Providence, Rhode Island.

Octavio Gómez, Executive Director, in recognition of the launch of the Spanish Newspaper “El Sol”, “The Sun” in Greater, Providence, Rhode Island.

Kay Carto, in recognition of your commitment and dedication to providing a space for Your Neighborhood Food Pantry.

Amelia Shushansky, Advisor to the Board, Your Neighborhood Food Pantry, in recognition of your commitment and dedication to serving food to insecure neighbors of the North End.

Mark Santow, in recognition of your many years of commitment, dedication and hard work on the Providence School Board.

St. Peter’s & St. Andrew’s Church, in recognition of your commitment and dedication in organizing the Annual Block Party and for your contributions to the community holding a food pantry and clothing drive every week.

Professor Jose Nicolas González, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Professor Anadelia Mejia, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Professor Val Castañera, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Professor Rosa Peña, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Professor Cristina Rivera, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Adriana Viñas, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Oscar Batista, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Pastor Alberto Inirio, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Lucia Méndez, in recognition of your support to the graduates of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assembly of God.

Director Reverend Carmen Aquino, in recognition of your trajectory as Director of the Biblical Institute of Providence Assemble of God.

Jay Alvaran, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Michael Bonollo, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Shawn Brewster, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Erik Brierley, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Salvatore Calise, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Kevin Cante, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Jake Charbonneau, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Donald K. Clark, Jr., in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Noah Curran, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Cody Deoliveira, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Nicholas Drew, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Anthony Gallo, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Francis Guilmette, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Jacob Hagerty, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

John Hobe, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Christopher Jutras, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Domenic Lancellotti, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Gregory Licata, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Derek Maroni, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Riley Middleton, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Jeffrey Mowry, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Ryan O'Mara, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Timothy O'Reilly, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Malakai Palmer, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Denis Pelletier, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Thomas Pimentel, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Graeme Potter, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Alex Rivet, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Ethan Santiago, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Grayson Smith, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Michael Williams, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

Colby Woodis, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department 53rd Training Academy.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 35 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

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

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:

Mattie L. Smith

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading of item 36 and Pass on a
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

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

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**

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS 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.

**MATTER NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

COMMUNICATION

Communication from Juan M. Pichardo, President Pro Tempore, dated July 5, 2023, submitting his resignation as Vice-Chairman and member of the Committee on Finance effectively immediately.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to Waive the Reading off item 37, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives item number 37.

RESULT: RECEIVED

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Dr. Arelis Valerio, Battalion Chief Thomas O'Mara and Denise Solomon at 6:26 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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