

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 28 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, October 3, 2013, 7:00 o'clock P.M.

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**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
MICHAEL A. SOLOMON**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, COUNCILMAN APONTE,  
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON,  
COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS,  
COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE,  
COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN ZURIER**

**ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,  
COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI**

**ALSO PRESENT: ANNA M. STETSON, CITY CLERK, LORI L.  
HAGEN, SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO,  
ASSISTANT CLERK AND JEFFREY M. PADWA, CITY SOLICITOR**

**IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 20 2014**

APPROVED:   
CLERK  
ACTING

## INVOCATION

The Invocation will be given by Councilman Luis A. Aponte

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILMAN WILBUR W. JENNINGS, JR.** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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## APPROVAL OF RECORDS

Journal of Proceedings No. 9 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 21, 2013 and Journal of Proceedings No. 10 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held March 21, 2013, are approved, as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN JENNINGS**.

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## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated September 8, 2013, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1101 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 Xaykham "Xay" Khamsyvoravong of Providence as a member of the Providence Water Supply Board to complete a term ending on January 1, 2014.

(Mr. Khamsyvoravong will replace Brett Smiley who has resigned)

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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated September 16, 2013, 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 21-221(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, he is this day appointing Janet Raymond of the Providence Chamber of Commerce, to the Economic Development Task Force.

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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated September 20, 2013, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 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 Kennedy Arias of Providence, as a member of the Recreation Advisory Board, for a term to expire on September 30, 2016.

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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated September 20, 2013, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 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 Alison Spooner of Providence, as a member of the Recreation Advisory Board, for a term to expire on September 30, 2015.

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated September 20, 2013, 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 8-13 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 appointing David Igliozi, Esquire of Providence as an Associate Justice of the Providence Housing Court, for a term to end on January 4, 2016, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Igliozi will replace Jorge Elorza who has resigned)

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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated September 9, 2013, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 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 Nancy Kirsch, Esquire of 106 Freeman Parkway, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the Board of Tax Assessment and Review for a term to expire on January 31, 2016, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated September 27, 2013, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 813 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 Lawrence Mancini as Finance Director, effective October 7, 2013, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Communications to the Special Committee on Ways and Means.**

**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI Abstains from voting on the foregoing matters.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

## APPOINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ITEM 11 MOVED TO END OF DOCKET [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

## NOMINATIONS OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICERS

Judge of the Probate Court.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN** Nominates **JOHN E. MARTINELLI**, as Judge of the Probate Court, seconded by **COUNCILMAN JENNINGS** and **COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON** Calls for further nominations, and there being none, directs the Clerk to cast One Ballot for the Nomination of **JOHN E. MARTINELLI**, as Judge of the Probate Court.

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON** Refers the Nomination to the Special Committee on Ways and Means.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

Clerk of the Probate Court - Paul V. Jabour, Esquire.

**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI** Nominates **PAUL V. JABOUR, ESQUIRE** as Clerk of the Probate Court, seconded by **COUNCILMAN JENNINGS** and **COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON** Calls for further nominations, and there being none, directs the Clerk to cast One Ballot for the Nomination of **PAUL V. JABOUR, ESQUIRE**, as Clerk of the Probate Court.

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON** Refers the Nomination to the Special Committee on Way and Means.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

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## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

### **COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ, (By Request):**

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 June 27, 1994, As Amended, to change the Zoning Designation of Plat 45, Lot 911 (246 Prairie Avenue) from R-3 to C-4.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Ordinances

## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 52, Lot 451 (127 Gallatin Street), for the years 2012 and 2013.

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### **COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 59, Lot 699 (136 Fisk Street), for the years 2012 and 2013.

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### **COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 60, Lot 129 (248 Warrington Street), for the years 2012 and 2013.

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### **COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 59, Lot 385 (78 Carr Street), for the years 2012 and 2013.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Resolutions to the Special Committee on Ways and Means.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

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**COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Requesting the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning to name the access road from Roanoke Street to George J. West Park and the District 6 Community Police Substation, as the "John M. Reposa, Jr. Way."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning

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**COUNCILMAN CORREIA**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of the vandalized/faded "Stop" Signs located at Fairmount Avenue at Yale Avenue.

**RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the replacement of the vandalized/faded "Stop" Signs located at Fairmount Avenue at Yale Avenue.

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**COUNCILMAN CORREIA**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of the vandalized/faded "Stop" Signs located at Hendrick Street at Pemberton Street.

**RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the replacement of the vandalized/faded "Stop" Signs located at Hendrick Street at Pemberton Street.

**COUNCILMAN CORREIA**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of the vandalized/faded "Stop" Signs located at Pemberton Street at Pomona Avenue.

**RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the replacement of the vandalized/faded "Stop" Signs located at Pemberton Street at Pomona Avenue.

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**COUNCILMAN CORREIA**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of the vandalized/faded "Stop" Sign located at 92 Hendrick Street.

**RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the replacement of the vandalized/faded "Stop" Sign located at 92 Hendrick Street.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage of the Several Resolutions is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier

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**COUNCILMAN CORREIA**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Amity Street to be converted back to two-way traffic.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Public Works

**COUNCILMAN CORREIA**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Dead End" Sign located on Chalkstone Avenue at Rowley Street.

**RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "Dead End" Sign located on Chalkstone Avenue at Rowley Street.

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**COUNCILMAN CORREIA**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Dead End" Sign located on Dunbar Street at Case Lane.

**RESOLVED**, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause the installation of a "Dead End" Sign located on Dunbar Street at Case Lane.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage of the Several Resolutions is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Iglizzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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**COUNCILMAN CORREIA**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 64, Lot 603 (33 Carleton Street), for the years 2012 and 2013.

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**COUNCILMAN HASSETT**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 65, Lot 753 (121 Academy Avenue), for the years 2012 and 2013.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage of the Several Resolutions is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

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**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "No Thru Trucks" Sign located on Hartford Avenue at the intersection of Kinfield Street, King Philip Street and Ophelia Street.

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**COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "No Thru Trucks" Sign located on Glenbridge Avenue at the intersection of Grimwood Street and Barbara Street.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Resolutions to the Special Committee on Public Works.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Public Works

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**COUNCILMAN JACKSON**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 573 (130 Evergreen Street), for the year 2013.

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**COUNCILMAN JACKSON**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 332 (17 Braman Street), for the years 2012 and 2013.

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**COUNCILMAN JACKSON**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 396 (18 Lewis Street), for the year 2013.

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**COUNCILMAN JACKSON**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 105, Lot 282 (66 Bancroft Street), for the year 2012.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Resolutions to the Special Committee on Ways and Means.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

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**COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, COUNCILMAN SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN ZURIER**

Resolution Reaffirming Opposition to the "Secure Communities" Program and Urging the State of Rhode Island to not honor ICE Detainers.

**WHEREAS**, On March 3, 2011, the Providence City Council passed a Resolution voicing opposition to the federal immigration program "Secure Communities;" and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence Police Department has participated involuntarily in "Secure Communities" since it was activated in Rhode Island on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, no mechanism exists for local or state law enforcement agencies to "opt-out" of Secure Communities once their jurisdiction has been activated by ICE; and

**WHEREAS**, Immigration detainees are defined as "requests" from ICE to a law-enforcement agency that the agency hold a detainee of interest for an additional 48 hours beyond the time when said detainee would otherwise be released, thus discretion lies with the law-enforcement agency on whether or not to honor that request; and

**WHEREAS**, Many jurisdictions, including Connecticut, New York City, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and Cook County, IL, around the country have chosen to exercise discretion and not to submit to certain immigration detainees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Council of the City of Providence reaffirms its opposition to the "Secure Communities" program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Council urges Governor Lincoln Chafee, Department of Corrections Director A.T. Wall, and RI State Police Superintendent Steven O'Donnell to take a leadership role in affirming the separation between Federal and State agencies by ensuring the State of Rhode Island does not honor ICE detainees; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Chafee, Director Wall, and Superintendent O'Donnell.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Iglizzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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**COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 32, Lot 291 (9 Hollywood Road), for the year 2013.

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**COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 35, Lot 175 (70 Oak Street, Unit 200 E), for the years 2012 and 2013.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Resolutions to the Special Committee on Ways and Means.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

**COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Recognizing the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and

**WHEREAS**, One in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for people to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims; and

**WHEREAS**, Several organizations in Providence work to raise awareness about domestic violence, assist victims, and promote healthy relationships, including the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Women's Center of Rhode Island, Sojourner House, and SOAR.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Council does express its appreciation and recognizes the commitment and dedication of local organizations that advocate on behalf of victims and raise awareness about domestic violence each and every day.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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#### **COUNCILMAN SALVATORE**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 99, Lot 29 (129 Stansbury Street), for the year 2013.

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#### **COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 85, Lot 290 (258 Sharon Street), for the year 2013.

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#### **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 221 (210 Governor Street), for the years 2012 and 2013.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Resolutions to the Special Committee on Ways and Means.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

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**COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON AND MEMBERS  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Requesting the Providence School Department consider student safety, accountability, timeliness, overall cost, as well as tax revenues, when setting bidding specifications for the next School Bus Vendor contract.

**WHEREAS**, The Providence Public Schools have had a longstanding engagement of its current vendor of school bus services; and

**WHEREAS**, Prior contract specifications have required companies applying for this work to garage their buses in Providence (and pay Providence motor vehicle excise tax); and

**WHEREAS**, This contract specification does not appear to be required by City ordinance; however, people within the School Department and the School Board have in prior years believed that they were not permitted to consider bids from vendors who garaged their buses outside of Providence; and

**WHEREAS**, The garaging requirement may serve to reduce the pool of qualified bidders; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Department can encourage Providence garaging in other ways, such as making tax payments a full or partial credit against the contract price; and

**WHEREAS**, The bargaining position of the Providence Public Schools in seeking high quality service, the lowest possible price and greater accountability will be enhanced by the broadest possible field of bidding contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, Serious issues have arisen with bus service provided by the current bus vendor in the current school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Issues have arisen with bus service provided by the current vendor to the Providence Public Schools in prior years that were not always resolved to the complete satisfaction of the Providence Public Schools, students and/or their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, The current contract between the Providence Public Schools and its bus services vendor is set to expire in the next year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That it is the sense of the Providence City Council that while tax revenues from garaged buses are a benefit worthy of consideration, this benefit should not be the only consideration when choosing a bus vendor for the Providence Public Schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That it is the sense of the Providence City Council that the quality of bus services will may improve if the field of qualified vendors bidding for work expands; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council encourages the Providence School Department to consider student safety, accountability, timeliness, overall cost as well as tax revenues when setting bidding specifications for the next contract, and when evaluating the bids it receives in response to those specifications.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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**COUNCILMAN ZURIER**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 41, Lot 297 (621 Angell Street, Unit 1), for the year 2012.

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**COUNCILMAN ZURIER**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 40, Lot 292 (235 Blackstone Boulevard), for the year 2013.

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**COUNCILMAN ZURIER**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to apply the Homestead Exemption to the property located on Assessor's Plat 7, Lot 236 (387 Rochambeau Avenue), for the years 2012 and 2013.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Dispense with the reading of the foregoing matters, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Refers the Several Resolutions to the Special Committee on Ways and Means.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on Ways and Means

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**COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**

Resolution Establishing a Special Commission on Property Revaluation.

**WHEREAS,** The City of Providence complies with the property revaluation schedule as set forth in Rhode Island General Laws § 44-5-11.5, which provides for a full revaluation every nine years, and a statistical revaluation every three years; and

**WHEREAS,** The accurate and timely valuation of property is crucial to ensuring equitable and predictable assessment of local taxes, but the particular standards and procedures for revaluations vary broadly across different jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS,** Dramatic shifts in the real estate market during the past ten years have caused greater fluctuations in property valuations throughout the city; and

**WHEREAS,** The current revaluation schedule and process impacts the various neighborhoods differently, at times resulting in significant and unaffordable tax increases and burdens for property owners in those neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS,** A review of the state law, and the entire revaluation process, is necessary in order to mitigate dramatic property tax increases from one revaluation cycle to the next, and provide greater stability for homeowners and residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish a Special Commission on Property Revaluation, the purpose of which shall be to study and make recommendations regarding the property revaluation process, and to make recommendations regarding appropriate changes to City procedures and State law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Special Commission on Property Revaluation shall:

- 1) consist of not more than nine members, as appointed by the Council President; and
- 2) shall issue a report of recommendations to the City Council within 120 days of the date appointments are made to the commission.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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**REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS  
COUNCILMAN DAVID SALVATORE, Chairman**

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:**

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2012-60, Approved October 25, 2012.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Five Million Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Two Dollars (\$5,230,302), for the Water Supply Board Chemical and Sludge Fund for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2012-61, Approved October 25, 2012.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Seventy One Million Seven Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$71,792,854), for the support of the Providence Water Supply Board Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Four Million Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$4,009,719), for the Water Supply Board Water Quality Protection Fund for the Fiscal Year June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Thirty Million Four Hundred Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$30,461,239),for the Water Supply Board Infrastructure Replacement Program Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Ten Million Fifty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars (\$10,059,705), for the Water Supply Board Capital Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Three Million Five Hundred One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$3,501,364), for the Water Supply Board Insurance Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Three Million Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Five Dollars, (\$3,019,705), for the Water Supply Board Meter Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Five Million Four Hundred Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$5,445,181), for the Water Supply Board Revenue Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$1,858,757), for the Water Supply Board Equipment Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Four Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Forty Two Dollars (\$423,042), for the Water Supply Board Property Tax Refund Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Seven Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$739,994), for the Water Supply Board Western Cranston Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

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An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$152,932), for the Water Supply Board Scituate Watershed Protection Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

**COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances the First Time, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage of the Several Ordinances the First Time is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED 1X [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 10/17/2013 7:00 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman	
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci	

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Communication dated August 5, 2013, 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 Harrison Bilodeau of Providence as a member of the City Plan Commission for a term to end January 31, 2015, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Bilodeau will replace Stephen Durkee who has stepped down.)

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Receive and Approve the foregoing Communication, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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Communication dated August 29, 2013, 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 appointing Jonathan Stone of Providence, as a member of the Providence Harbor Management Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2015, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

**COUNCILMAN YURDIN Moves to Receive and Approve the foregoing Communication, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Providence and Johnson & Wales University.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Claudia J. Haugen, Chairperson and Renay Brooks Omisore, Clerk of the Board, Board of Canvassers, dated September 27, 2013, Informing the City Clerk of the results of the Retirement Board Election.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.**

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated August 26, 2013, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and James S. Bennett, Executive Director, Providence Economic Development Partnership, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Article II, Section 2, of the Providence Economic Development Partnership, Inc. bylaws, he is this day re-appointing Mr. Joseph Caffey of Providence, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Providence Economic Development Partnership for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.**

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated August 26, 2013, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and James S. Bennett, Executive Director, Providence Economic Development Partnership, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Article II, Section 2, of the Providence Economic Development Partnership, Inc. bylaws, his is this day re-appointing Attorney Kas DeCarvalho of Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC in Providence, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Providence Economic Development Partnership for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.**

**RESULT: RECEIVED**

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Communication from his Honor the Mayor, dated August 26, 2013, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council and James S. Bennett, Executive Director, Providence Economic Development Partnership, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Article II, Section 2, of the Providence Economic Development Partnership, Inc. bylaws, he is this day re-appointing Mr. Clay Rockefeller of Providence, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Providence Economic Development Partnership for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.**

**RESULT: RECEIVED**

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### **FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Miguelina Liriano  
Rose A. Palmieri  
Nicholas A. Reca Sr.  
Mustafa Lynch  
Jessica Hiatt  
Victor DeSantos  
Paul Chagnon  
Lauren Iannelli  
Oldemiro Cordeiro  
Carmen Marrero  
(Joseph J. Voccola, Esquire)  
Mary B. Stroiney  
Ann McGowan

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON 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:

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald J. Hagen, in recognition of the celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, married September 20, 1958.

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Fries, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, Jayden Kai Fries, born August 6, 2013, weighing 7 lbs. 6.50 oz.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Crane, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, Sawyer Michael Crane, born December 5, 2012, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz.

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Nelson, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their son, Gavin Patrick Nelson, born March 25, 2013, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Kathryn Sabatini and Michael Zabelin, in recognition of the birth of their son, Ned Eli Sabatini-Zabelin, born September 8, 2013, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Aracelis Santiago, in recognition of her commitment and dedication to her family and friends, showing strength and perseverance, inspiring those around her.

Cassandra Jackson and Ausberto Montijo, Jr., in recognition of the celebration of their wedding on September 20, 2013.

Mya Costa-Rebello, in recognition of the celebration of her 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on September 24, 2013.

Randy Michael Thornburg, United States Army, 603<sup>rd</sup> TF Workhorse, in recognition of his dedication to the United States of America, enlisting in the Army on April 11, 2011, serving in Afghanistan from December 2012 through August 2013, and recently celebrating your 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, born August 28, 1983.

The Family of William "Billy" Jones, in recognition of the dedication of the William "Billy" Jones Memorial Square, in appreciation of his community service, activism and philanthropy, he inspired those around him by being a family man, an advisor and a good friend to many.

The Steel Yard, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2013 Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence Silver Medal and celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a catalyst for creativity and economic development in Providence.

Melania Salvatore, in recognition of the celebration of her 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on October 22, 2013.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN JENNINGS.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN MEMORIAM"**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON 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:

James A. Thomas

Catherine Ryan

Joseph Rondeau

Philomena Bertrand

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILMAN YURDIN, seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Seth Yurdin, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wilbur W. Jennings, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Solomon, Aponte, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Principe, Salvatore, Sanchez, Yurdin, Zurier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Castillo, Correia, Hassett, Narducci

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## **APPOINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Communication dated September 6, 2013, Informing the City Clerk of his appointments of members of the Special Commission on Property Revaluation:

Councilman Samuel D. Zurier

Councilman Luis A. Aponte

Michelle Caprio

Elaine Mondillo

Elyse Pare

Michael Patch

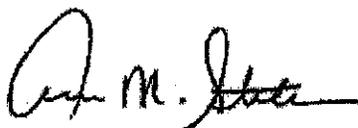
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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLOMON Receives the foregoing Communication.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN YURDIN**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN JENNINGS**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:45 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.**



**ANNA M. STETSON**  
**CITY CLERK**

**This meeting was recorded and the video may be viewed on demand via the internet.  
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