

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 17 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 2020, 7:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SABINA MATOS

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, MILLER, RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND TAYLOR - 14

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI - 1

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 16 2020

APPROVED:

Shawn Selleck CLERK

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN**.

"Dear Lord, we place ourselves before You, where You are filled with beauty and light. Bless this meeting and all those present. Help and guide us to do what is best for the people of this great city. Help us to listen before speaking, help us to respect the opinions of others, help to value and appreciate everyone's thoughts and contributions, help us to be steadfast in our duties as representatives of the people of Providence and help us to remember those who came before us on this great American journey. Let us remember Susan B. Anthony, that great activist who on this day in 1873 was charged and fined \$100.00 for trying to vote in the election of 1872. Enlighten us so that we may do what is right on this day and in this time. Let it not be lost on this honorable body that we sit here on the eve of June 18th. Regrettably, still the un-official holiday celebrating the emancipation of the last remaining and slaved African-Americans. Help us to do what is right. We all have a role to play in seeing that systemically that the violence stops and stops now. Help us to come together in unity and to make our city and state better for all and for future generations. May Your light unfold us, may Your spirit guide us. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN DAVID A. SALVATORE 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 the Governor of Rhode Island's Executive Order 20-46, it is appropriate for us to hold this meeting via the zoom app.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Certificate of Election from the Board of Canvassers Certifying that John M. Goncalves has been duly elected by the Electors of the City of Providence to hold said office for the remainder of the unexpired term ending on the first Monday in January 2023.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Certificate of Election from the Board of Canvassers.

RESULT: RECEIVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 16 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held June 4, 2020, are approved, as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Narducci – 1.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Communication from Council President Matos, dated June 12, 2020, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of Councilman John M. Goncalves as a member of the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

Communication from Council President Matos, dated June 12, 2020, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of Councilman John M. Goncalves as a member of the Special Committee on Economic Growth Strategies.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council June 4, 2020, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,
COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS AND CASTILLO**

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".

Section 1: Sec. 23-31. - Use of skate boards on street, highway, sidewalk, pedestrian mall.

- (a) The use of skate boards shall be permitted in all areas, and in such manner, as permitted for the operation of a bicycle unless further restricted under this Section 23-31.
- (b) No person shall ride a skateboard within:
 - i. Waterplace Park;
 - ii. Memorial Park;
 - iii. The Providence River Pedestrian Bridge; and
 - iv. Such other locations as the City Council may from time to time designate through the installation of street signs that clearly identify the area within which skateboarding is prohibited.

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**COUNCILWOMEN MILLER, ANTHONY, KERWIN, COUNCILMEN
SALVATORE, TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE AND CASTILLO**

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.

SECTION 1: Chapter II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-358 Special Committee for Commemorative Works

(a) Definitions.

Commemorative work is defined as a monument, memorial, marker, and other similar permanent (intended to last for at least two years) structures and installations intended to express or reflect the collective memory of an individual, group, or event and which are accepted by the City and installed or located on City property with City permission. Collective works exclude works of public art.

(b) There is hereby established within the City of Providence a Special Committee for Commemorative Works (the "committee") whose charge shall be to evaluate applications by the public for the creation of a new commemorative work or the modification, relocation, or deaccession of an existing commemorative work. The committee's role is advisory only.

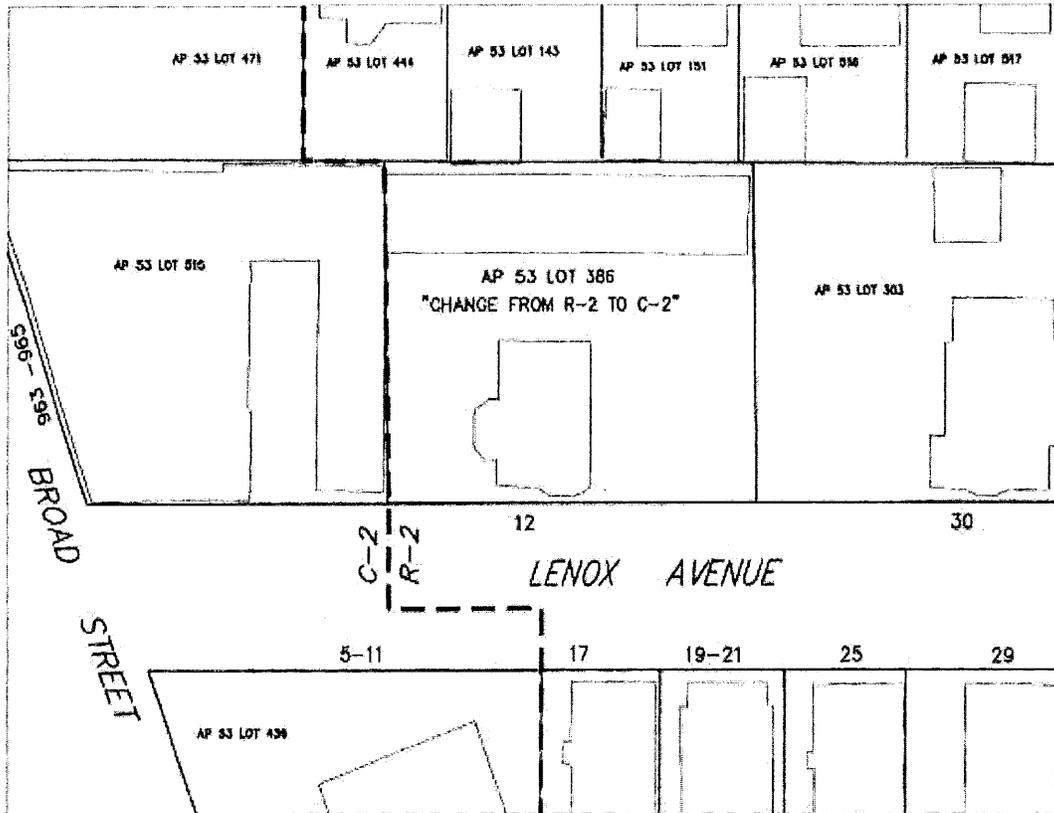
1. The committee shall consist of the following seven (7) members: one (1) member appointed by the City Council, one (1) member appointed by the Mayor, one (1) member appointed by the Art in City Life Commission, and the City Archivist or his/her designee (1) member appointed on an *ad hoc* and temporary basis by the Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism. The final position shall be filled by the Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism, or his/her designee whom shall serve in an ex-officio capacity only and may not vote. The Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism and the City Archivist shall provide support for the rest of the committee.
2. Each appointed member shall serve a three (3) year term and may be reappointed an unlimited number of times.
3. Each *ad hoc* member shall serve for so long as the Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism requires. Each *ad hoc* member shall be chosen in order to provide topic-specific guidance regarding commemorative works presented for evaluation to the committee, but may vote on any and all applications submitted to the committee for review while the *ad hoc* member's membership in the committee is active.

- (c) The Director of the Department Art, Culture, and Tourism shall promulgate a process by which any individual may submit an application for review by the committee. The process shall also outline criteria to be followed by the committee.
- (d) The City Archivist shall prepare a 2-3 page brief for each commemorative work under review by the committee. The brief shall provide an impartial account of the development of the commemorative work including its historical and contemporary context. Further guidelines for the briefs shall be developed by the Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism.
- (e) The committee shall meet no fewer than two (2) times per year to evaluate applications consistent with the review process developed by the Director of the Department of Art, Culture, and Tourism. A public hearing where public comment may be made by any individual shall be held for every commemorative work considered by the committee.

Section 2: This Ordinance Shall Take Effect Upon Passage.

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.

SECTION 1. 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, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the property located on Assessor's Plat 53, Lot 386 (12 Lenox Avenue), as shown on the accompanying map, from R-2 to C-1, provided that a note shall be made on the zoning map that no alcoholic beverages shall be served on subject lot, and a note shall be made on the zoning map to prevent drive through uses on the site.



Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances, the Second Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Narducci – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILWOMEN CASTILLO, ANTHONY AND COUNCILMAN ESPINAL

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 18 regarding Notice of Requirements.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution Recognizing and Honoring African American History in Rhode Island and urging the adoption of African American Education in Rhode Island's K-12 Schools starting in the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

WHEREAS, Rhode Island holds a unique place in history with the establishment of its Royal Charter on July 8, 1663, that marked the first time that a sovereign leader signed a charter guaranteeing that individuals within a society were free to practice the religion of their choice without any interference from the government; and

WHEREAS, As Rhode Island became the first American Colony to declare its independence from Great Britain on May 4, 1776, it was also at the same time in history, one of the most active slave ports in British North America transporting thousands of enslaved Africans to the Colony, with the first documented slave ship arriving at Newport in 1696; and

WHEREAS, The contributions of African Heritage people from all walks of life and their endeavors to learn and thrive throughout history and make unforgettable marks in our State and Nation as artists, scientists, educators, business people, influential thinkers, members of the faith community, athletes, and political and governmental leaders, reflects the greatness of the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The 1696 Historical Commission was signed into law on July 1, 2014 and was tasked with developing a comprehensive African American history curriculum for Rhode Island public schools from kindergarten through grade 12 and said Commission led by our Secretary of State and comprised of scholars, civic and educational leaders developed and submitted a comprehensive report that included units of instruction and educational resources; and

WHEREAS, As an important resource for building history curriculum, the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society, the oldest African Heritage society, has an extensive collection of documents, photographs, and artifacts from the African Heritage people of Rhode Island and works in collaboration with other historical societies across the state; and

WHEREAS, With the unifying call for Black Lives Matter, racial reconciliation, social justice, and citizen equity being reflected across the state, nation and world, the establishment of an African Heritage history curriculum in Rhode Island is long overdue; and

WHEREAS, Remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead, and a time to acknowledge the courageous fight for the rights, liberties, and freedoms for all Americans, the City Council of the City of Providence encourages all citizens, educators, students, and families across the city and state to learn about the heritage and achievements of African Americans through appropriate educational programs and learning experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That City Council of the City of Providence does hereby adopt this resolution to honor and recognize our city and state's great history and the tremendous contributions made by citizens of African heritage people and call on the Rhode Island General Assembly and Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island to enact legislation that authorizes the Rhode Island Department of Education to include African Heritage history education in all public K-12 schools, starting in the 2021-22 Academic Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Copies of this Resolution be sent to all other Rhode Island cities and towns urging them to passed similar resolutions and support this worthwhile learning endeavor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, CORREIA, IGLOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, MILLER, RYAN, ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, KERWIN AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE

Resolution Requesting the General Assembly to allow a referendum to shorten the official State name to the State of Rhode Island.

WHEREAS, In 2009 the Rhode Island General Assembly approved a ballot referendum to allow the voters to decide on shortening the official state name to "The State of Rhode Island" by removing "and Providence Plantations"; and

WHEREAS, While the referendum was ultimately rejected by the voters in 2009, the underlying reasons for the referendum still exist and have only grown more pressing in the intervening years; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009, America has had to grapple with the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Sandra Bland, Breonna Taylor and most recently George Floyd, all of which refocused the discussions surrounding race, inequality, and justice in this country; and

WHEREAS, The reference to the Providence Plantations in our state name, while not a direct refence to slavery, serves as a distinct reminder of the early years of the State in which slavery played in pivotal role in forming the foundation of Rhode Island's economy; and

WHEREAS, Across the country Cities and States are recognizing that confederate statues and memorials must be removed, not to erase the country's history but to acknowledge that as a society we do not need to continue celebrating individuals and institutions that were so directly linked to the horrors of the slave trade; and

WHEREAS, While it would not be appropriate to ignore the significant role that slavery played in the formative years of the state, it is also entirely unnecessary and in many ways offensive to continue to identify that era in our history in such a glaring manner as in the official name of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests the General Assembly revisit the issues surrounding the official name of the state and allow a new referendum for Rhode Island voters to decide whether the use of "Providence Plantations" is still appropriate in today's society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Providence Delegation, as well as the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

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

Resolution Requesting the City Council to condemn the actions of the Minneapolis Police Officers responsible for George Floyd's death.

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer during an arrest when the officer pressed his knee into Mr. Floyd's neck for over nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the officer kneeling on Mr. Floyd, there were three other police officers on the scene who stood by and did nothing as Mr. Floyd was pleading for his life; and

WHEREAS, Had the officer repositioned his knee away from Mr. Floyd's neck, or any one of the other three officers stepped in to intervene, George Floyd would still be alive today; and

WHEREAS, The callous disregard for Mr. Floyd's life and the refusal to intervene in such a blatant act of evil are appalling and reprehensible behavior that cannot stand in our society; and

WHEREAS, Police officers are tasked with protecting and serving the civilians of their jurisdiction and what the whole world witnessed in Minneapolis on May 25th was a disgusting act of men who completely ignored the oaths that they took as law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby condemns the actions of the four officers involved in the death of George Floyd as there is no place in a civilized society for anyone to kneel on someone's neck or to stand idly by when such clear acts of evil are being committed.

COUNCILMEN CORREIA, IGLIOZZI, NARDUCCI, TAYLOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS

Resolution Requesting the Fleet Manager to work with Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr. to identify which police vehicles should be converted to confidential plates and to submit a plan to prevent any misuse of take home vehicles, and what course of action will be taken if policy is violated.

RESOLVED, That Fleet Manager is requested to work with Colonel Hugh T. Clements to identify which police vehicles should be converted to confidential plates and to submit a plan to prevent any misuse of take home vehicles, and what course of action will be taken if policy is violated.

COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, MILLER, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, IGLIOZZI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN CASTILLO, HARRIS AND RYAN

Resolution Requesting a review of the Providence Police Department Training Curriculum and its Use of Force Policy.

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer during an arrest when the officer pressed his knee into Mr. Floyd's neck for over nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2020, over 10,000 people gathered in Providence to protest against police brutality and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Similar protests have occurred in every state in the country as it has become increasingly clear that the manner by which police departments are managed in the United States has resulted in a complete breakdown in trust between the police and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, While the recent protests are in response to the killing of George Floyd, the issues of systemic racism, police brutality, and the failure of the government to support communities of color have plagued our society for generations; and

WHEREAS, It is time for all elected officials around the country to step up and put a stop to the endless cycle of senseless killings with no accountability; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Police Department intends to hold a training academy in the upcoming fiscal year in order to train fifty new police officers who will be tasked with protecting and serving the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the Providence Police Department evaluate their current training techniques, especially their use of force policy, so that the public can be assured that the Providence police department is well equipped through proper training, education, and established policies to protect and serve all members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council asks the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of the Providence Police Department to conduct a detailed review of all police training procedures, including the academy training curriculum, as well as the department's use of force policy, in order to provide a report to the Council outlining concrete steps that the department will take to improve the training and competency of the City's police department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests the Mayor of Providence to impose a moratorium on hiring any new Police Officers, including conducting the proposed training academy, until such time as the Council has been provided an opportunity to review and approve the report called for in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Chief of the Providence Police Department.

COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, MILLER, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN CASTILLO AND HARRIS

Resolution Requesting a review of Providence's First Source and Minority Business Enterprise Programs.

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2020, over 10,000 people gathered in Providence to protest against police brutality and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Similar protests have occurred in every state in the country as it has become increasingly clear that the manner by which police departments are managed in the United States has resulted in a complete breakdown in trust between the police and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, While the recent protests are in response to the killing of George Floyd, the issues of systemic racism, police brutality, and the failure of the government to support communities of color have plagued our society for generations; and

WHEREAS, Elected officials around the country must do more to support our communities of color by addressing the systemic issues embedded within our society; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of Providence has attempted to address some of the financial hurdles that communities of color face by creating programs that will provide jobs and opportunities for the residents of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence First Source Program is administered through the Office of Economic Opportunity and is designed to provide an avenue for Providence residents to receive job training and access to local jobs within the City; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) program is also overseen by the Office of Economic Opportunity and was implemented to provide minority and women owned businesses with a means to receive equitable treatment in city contracting; and

WHEREAS, The First Source and MBE/WBE programs are vital in assisting our local communities by providing resources to build lasting wealth through improved career opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests the Mayor of Providence conduct an audit of the First Source and MBE/WBE programs in order to determine their efficacy as well as to identify areas where these programs can be improved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

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

Resolution Urging the General Assembly to repeal the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer during an arrest when the officer pressed his knee into Mr. Floyd's neck for over nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, The officer in question was not initially charged with any crime and it was only when the video of Mr. Floyd's murder was made public that charges were brought against the officer and his partners; and

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2020, in response to the murder of George Floyd, as well as the failure of the system to immediately charge the officers who were involved, over 10,000 people gathered in Providence to protest against police brutality and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, Similar protests have occurred in every state in the country as it has become increasingly clear that the manner by which police departments are managed in the United States has resulted in a complete breakdown in trust between the police and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, While the recent protests are in response to the killing of George Floyd, the issues of systemic racism, police brutality, and the failure of the government to support communities of color have plagued our society for generations; and

WHEREAS, It is time for all elected officials around the country to step up and put a stop to the endless cycle of senseless killings with no accountability; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island law enforcement officers facing any form of disciplinary action are protected by Rhode Island General Law §42-28.6 titled the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, The Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights prevents open and transparent disciplinary action, public accountability, and any mechanism by which meaningful police reforms can occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the General Assembly to repeal Rhode Island General Law §42-28.6 et. seq. titled the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Providence Delegation, as well as the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

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

Resolution Recognizing and Remembering the Life of Deborah A. Glavin.

WHEREAS, Deborah A. Glavin, a lifelong resident of Providence passed away on June 9, 2020 at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Deborah was a graduate of Johnston High School and Rhode Island College; and

WHEREAS, Deborah was an active member of her community as a former Board Member of Volunteers in the Providence Schools, as well as serving as a longstanding member of the school Christmas Fair Committee; and

WHEREAS, Deborah was a Data Library Manager at Brown University for twenty-five years before retiring due to illness; and

WHEREAS, Deborah is survived by her loving husband, the Honorable Thomas M. Glavin, their two daughters, Alison and Catherine, and her brother, Thomas Pandolfini.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and remember the life and legacy of Deborah A. Glavin, including her commitment to service in the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire Glavin Family, as well as Deborah's extended family and friends throughout Providence and beyond.

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

Resolution Requesting the City Council, the Chief of Police, the City Fire Marshall, and the Director of the Board of Licenses coordinate their efforts to better mitigate the discharge of illegal fireworks within the city.

WHEREAS, In the past several weeks Providence has seen a drastic increase in the number of fireworks discharged within the City, often late into the night and directly over residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Law §11-13-1 prohibits the use of aerial fireworks without first obtaining a permit from the local Fire Marshall; and

WHEREAS, Section 9-81 of the Providence Code of Ordinances further prohibits the sale or use of fireworks within the City without first obtaining a Fireworks Permit from the Board of Licenses by filing an application that includes the name of the applicant and all locations where the fireworks will be used or sold; and

WHEREAS, It has become clear that despite the existing laws prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks within the City, there is still a great deal of confusion on how these prohibitions are enforced and who residents should contact when they are aware of fireworks being discharged in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, As we draw closer to the Fourth of July it is necessary that the City's residents are fully aware of the laws surrounding fireworks so that everyone can enjoy their summer in a safe and peaceful manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that the Chief of Police, the City Fire Marshall, and the Director of the Board Licenses coordinate their efforts to better mitigate the discharge of illegal fireworks within the City, and further coordinate in the creation of an outreach plan to educate members of the community on the laws surrounding the use of fireworks, how to report violators of the law, and how to assist in the identification of locations where fireworks are being discharged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby requests that the Mayor's Administration provide, on its website, a non-emergency number that constituents can call to report the use of fireworks, as well as establishments that are selling fireworks, within the City, and further create a specific category in 311 dedicated to reported fireworks violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby requests the Solicitor's office to review the existing fines set out in the City Ordinance, as well as the fines laid out by State law, to determine if there are any discrepancies that need to be addressed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be provided to the Mayor of Providence, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, the City Fire Marshall, the Director of the Board of Licenses and the City Solicitor.

COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, ANTHONY, MILLER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN CASTILLO, HARRIS, KERWIN AND RYAN

Resolution Requesting that the Providence Retirement Board review pension benefits for police officers disciplined for using excessive force.

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer during an arrest when the officer pressed his knee into Mr. Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, In response to the death of Mr. Floyd, there have been protests throughout the country and around the world calling for systematic changes to policing in this country; and

WHEREAS, One of the significant failures of our current system surrounds how jurisdictions discipline police officers when they are charged with using excessive force on civilians; and

WHEREAS, It is not uncommon for officers to be suspended with pay during the time they are investigated for their conduct and it is also not atypical for an officer to continue to receive pension benefits following a disciplinary action from their department; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to compensate officers who are charged with using excessive force, including providing them with significant pension benefits, causes a complete lack of trust between the public and their local police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council asks the Providence Retirement Board to review the existing rules and regulations surrounding police officer pensions and, more specifically, how the City handles pension benefits for officers disciplined for the use of excessive force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of the Providence Police Department, and the Providence Retirement Board.

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

Resolution Urging the General Assembly to impose a duty to intervene for police officers.

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer during an arrest when the officer pressed his knee into Mr. Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, While much of the initial focus was on the actions of the officer kneeling on Mr. Floyd's neck, there were also three other officers at the scene who had every opportunity to intervene and prevent this tragedy from occurring; and

WHEREAS, Every police officer takes an oath to serve and protect the civilians within their jurisdiction and yet the entire world has been forced to watch three sworn officers stand by and do nothing to assist a man who was pleading for his life for nearly nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, While it is easy to describe the actions of the officer kneeling on George Floyd as an evil act of a "bad apple", it is far more difficult to describe the other three officers as simply "bad apples" and not a reflection of the system; and

WHEREAS, The failure to intervene and hold fellow officers accountable for their actions is one of the core issues that erodes trust between the police and the constituents they are sworn to protect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the General Assembly to enact legislation that would impose a duty to intervene for every police officer who witnesses misconduct by a fellow law enforcement officer as this is a vital component for rebuilding trust between officers and the communities they serve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Providence Delegation, as well as the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

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

Resolution Requesting a review of the Providence Police Department Training Curriculum and its Use of Force Policy.

Resolution Urging the General Assembly to repeal the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

Resolution Urging the General Assembly to impose a duty to intervene for police officers.

RESULT: PASSED [13 TO 1]

MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.

NAYS: Councilman Correia – 1.

ABSENT: Councilman Narducci – 1.

Resolution Requesting that the Providence Retirement Board review pension benefits for police officers disciplined for using excessive force.

RESULT: PASSED [12 TO 1]

MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 12.

NAYES: Councilman Correia – 1.

ABSTAIN: Councilman Igliazzi – 1.

ABSENT: Councilman Narducci – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Diana Ducharme and Emily J. Migliaccio, Cervenka Green & Ducharme, LLC, 235 Promenade Street, Suite 475, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 68, Lot 852, (otherwise known as 40 Candace Street), from R-3 to C-2.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Petition to the Committee on Ordinances.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

**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:

Ismailin Rodriguez in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Diandra Mateo in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Eivony Ramirez-Lake in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Andrea Rodriguez in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Digna Mery Alcantara in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Dominga Japa in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Fermina Rodriguez in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Leydiana Vargas in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Mildred Rodriguez in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Yolenny P. Montes De Oca in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Shaelin De la Rosa in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Maria Garcia in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Pedro Rosario in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Yisneiry Rodriguez in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Vicenta Martinez in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Ismael Garcia in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Glamirssy Mateo in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Sandra Parra in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Maria Vaca in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Saul Lora in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Marjorie Rondon Wilde in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Cesar Garcia in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Elizabeth Vasquez in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Mary Cruz Montero in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Dilian Numbela in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from the Woman Development Institute's 2020 A Power 4 Latinos Program.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Narducci – 1.

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 Congratulations to the following:

- Joseph A. Gliottone
- Alton "Red" Millard
- William "Bill" Lasorsa
- Domenic Giusti, Jr.
- Doris Rose Cartwright
- Jessie M.Gross
- Diego Grullon
- Jody Slater
- Myrtle Federico
- Maria Enriqueta Pichardo de Martinez
- Deborah A. Glavin
- Aaron Scot (Barber) Easton

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on a Unanimous Rising vote, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Narducci – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**MATTERS NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

On Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, 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.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Authorizing the Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes.

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Approving the Establishment of the City of Providence, Rhode Island Debt Policy (June 2020).

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Appropriating Monies from the City's Undesignated General Fund Surplus to pay Debt Service, Payroll and Associated Taxes, and other Essential Contract Payments.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Resolution Authorizing the transfer of certain funds for school building construction from the Capital Assets Fund to the General Fund.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Ordinances and Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Debora A. Glavin at 7:54 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Selleck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**

