

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 30 City Council Special Meeting, Thursday, December 19, 2019, 5:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SABINA MATOS

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, MILLER, RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND TAYLOR – 12.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI AND YURDIN – 3.

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

IN CITY COUNCIL,

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APPROVED:

Shawn Selleck CLERK

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

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

"Heavenly Father, may we thank You for Your many blessings. We ask that You grant us wisdom and compassion to address the challenges which confront our city and our citizens. We ask that You bestow upon us the strength to do what is best for our city through respectful and thoughtful discourse. May Your light enfold us, may Your spirit guide us. I offer this prayer along with the special intentions of my colleagues through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE CORREIA Leads the Members of the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNICATION FROM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SABINA MATOS

Request filed with the City Clerk December 17, 2019, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be called on the 19th day of December, 2019 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to David Tassoni, City Sergeant with Return Certification that he has notified each member of the City Council of the Special Meeting called for the 19th day of December, 2019 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Warrant.

RESULT: RECEIVED

NOMINATIONS OF CERTAIN CITY OFFICERS

JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Nominates **JOHN E. MARTINELLI** as Judge of the Probate Court, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN CORREIA**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS 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 MATOS, Thereupon declares **JOHN E. MARTINELLI**, duly Elected Clerk of the Probate Court for the ensuing term of six years ending on the first Monday in January, 2026.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Recuses herself from voting on this matter.

CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER Nominates **PAUL V. JABOUR** as Clerk of the Probate Court, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

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

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, Thereupon declares **PAUL V. JABOUR**, duly Elected Clerk of the Probate Court for the ensuing term of six years ending on the first Monday in January, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 13, 2019, 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 re-appointing **David Iglizzi, Esquire** of 1351 Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921 as an **Associate Justice of the Providence Housing Court**, for a term to expire on December 31, 2022, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matter, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives and Approves the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Councilwomen Harris, Kerwin, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 11.
RUCUSE:	Councilman Iglizzi – 1.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilmen Narducci and Yurdin – 3.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 13, 2019, 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 re-appointing **Harrison Bilodeau** of 137 Power Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a real estate, development or finance category member of the **City Plan Commission**, for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 13, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Chace Baptista** of 94 Ridge Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2023 and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 13, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Ms. Bianca Rodriguez** of 74 Sawyer Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Zoning Board of Review** for term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 13, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Dylan B. Conley** of 82 Dexter Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 17, 2023, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 13, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Charles C. Newton** of 45 Larch Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2023, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 17, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Bruce Bartel** of 114 Jastram Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a civil engineer member of the **Building Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 1, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 17, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Nelson Ferreira** of 28 Wolcott Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Building Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 1, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Communications to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council December 5, 2019, Read and Passed the First Time and Referred to the Committee on Finance and is Returned for Passage the Second Time, As Amended:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,
COUNCILWOMAN KERWIN AND COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Officers and Employees", Article VI "Retirement System", "Section 17-189(A)(3) of the Code of Ordinances Entitled: "Benefits Payable".

SECTION 1: Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Officers and Employees", Article VI "Retirement System", Section 17-189(A)(3) of the Code of Ordinances Entitled: "Benefits Payable" is hereby further amended by making the following changes, with additions underlined:

3) Each Class B member who is a member of the police department and who has attained the age of sixty-three (63) and each class B member who is a member of the police department and who attains the age of sixty-three (63), shall be retired forthwith, or on the first day of the calendar month next succeeding that in which the member shall have attained the age of sixty-three (63) years, unless said individual holds the rank of police chief, deputy police chief, or police major at the time he/she has attained, or attains the age of sixty-seven (67) years.

Each Class B member who is a member of the fire department and who has attained the age of sixty (60) and each Class B member who is a member of the fire department and who attains the age of sixty (60), shall be retired forthwith, or on the first day of the calendar month next succession that in which the member shall have attained the age of sixty (60) years, unless said Class B member of the Fire Department that holds the rank of Assistant Fire Chief of Operations and Assistant Fire Chief of Administration at the time he/she has attained, or attains, the age of sixty-three (63) years, or Class B member of the Fire Department that holds the rank of Fire Chief of Department at the time that he/she has attained, or attains, the age of sixty-seven (67) years.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

The Following Ordinance was in City Council December 5, 2019, Read and Passed the First Time and if Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

An Ordinance in Accordance with Chapter 21, Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled "Capital Equipment Budget," As Amended.

SECTION I. That the City of Providence enter into a lease purchase agreement to finalize the purchase of the following list of capital items of improvements totaling, subsequently in accordance with the attached schedule of estimated payments:

**\$ 15,000,000 MASTER LEASE
Preliminary list of equipment**

	Quantity	Price Per	Total Cost	Total for Department
PUBLIC PROPERTY				
Electric Vehicles & Charging Stations	TBD	TBD	\$500,000	
City Hall Interior Improvements	TBD	TBD	\$150,000	
Decorative Lighting Upgrades	50	\$2,000	\$100,000	
Miscellaneous	TBD	TBD	\$930,009	
TOTAL PUBLIC PROPERTY				\$1,680,009
PARKS				
Skidsteer with Attachments	1	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Brush Chipper	1	\$85,000	\$85,000	
Stump Grinder	1	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Recycle/Trash Vehicle	1	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Hydrostatic Drive Large Volume Leaf Blower	2	\$14,000	\$28,000	
4x4 One Ton Dump Truck	3	\$63,000	\$189,000	
3/4 Ton Truck	3	\$48,000	\$144,000	
Ballfield Groomer	1	\$28,000	\$28,000	
11' Zero Turn Hydro Mowers	5	\$35,000	\$175,000	
3/4 Ton Van	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Landscape Trailer,	3	\$15,000	\$45,000	
5 Ton Dump 6x6	1	\$110,000	\$110,000	
Fork Lift	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Backhoe	1	\$120,000	\$120,000	
Pedestrian Bridge Security Cameras	2	\$50,000	\$100,000	
TOTAL PARKS				\$1,290,500

PUBLIC WORKS

Roll-Off Truck (Highway Div)	1	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Front Loader (Highway)	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	
Landscaper Trucks	1	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Double Cab Pickups 4 x 4 with plows	2	\$55,000	\$110,000	
Six Wheelers	6	\$130,000	\$780,000	
Backhoe	1	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Chevy Utility Truck w/compressor & railings	2	\$45,000	\$90,000	
Plow, Sander, Saddle Tanks	8/8/12	\$80,000	\$640,000	
Mattress Shredder	1	\$175,000	\$175,000	
Street Sweeper (wet)	1	\$256,000	\$256,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS				\$2,466,000

RECREATION

Rec Center Security Upgrades	7	\$100,000	\$700,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC PROPERTY				\$700,000

FIRE

Air Compressor for SCBA	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	
Portable Radios Grant Match	1	\$90,000	\$90,000	
Ladder Truck Grant Match	1	\$169,000	\$169,000	
14' Inflatable Boat	1	\$15,000	\$15,000	
SUV Medical In-Service Support Vehicle	1	\$45,000	\$45,000	
Pumper Truck	1	\$600,000	\$600,000	
Radio Upgrades	250	\$9,450	\$2,362,500	
Smoke Trailer	1	\$108,000	\$108,000	
Grant Match - Special Hazard Truck	1	\$73,700	\$73,700	
TOTAL FIRE				\$3,593,200

PEMA

SUV Emergency Management HQs	1	\$43,000	\$43,000	
EOC Computer Upgrade	39	\$1,000	\$39,000	
TOTAL PEMA				\$82,000

POLICE

BCI Van	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Narcotic Vehicle	1	\$15,000	\$15,000	
Patrol Cars	15	\$50,000	\$750,000	

Detective Vehicles	10	\$30,000	\$300,000	
Commercial Enforcement	1	\$45,000	\$45,000	
Radio Upgrades	575	\$5,477	\$3,149,275	
Speed Alert Radar Message	5	\$18,900	\$94,500	
FATS Simulated Indoor Training	1	\$80,016	\$80,016	
TOTAL POLICE				\$4,793,791
COMMISSIONER				
Computer Upgrades	66	\$1,000	\$66,000	
TOTAL COMMISSIONER				\$66,000
COMMUNICATIONS				
Microwave Radio Upgrade	1	\$300,000	\$300,000	
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS				\$300,000
TOTAL MASTER LEASE				\$15,000,000

SECTION II. This ordinance is an affirmative action of the City Council of the City of Providence toward the issuance of the lease purchase agreement in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State of Rhode Island. This ordinance constitutes the City's declaration of official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the City's General Fund for certain capital expenditures for the leased equipment paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this ordinance, but prior to the issuance of the lease purchase agreement. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$15,000,000, and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (b) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Ordnances the Second Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Officers and Employees", Article VI "Retirement System", "Section 17-189(A)(3) of the Code of Ordinances Entitled: "Benefits Payable".

RESULT: READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [10 TO 2]
MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, Miller, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 10.
NAYS: Councilwoman Castillo and Councilman Taylor – 2.
ABSENT: Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilmen Narducci and Yurdin – 3.

An Ordinance in Accordance with Chapter 21, Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled "Capital Equipment Budget," As Amended.

RESULT: READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 12.
ABSENT: Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilmen Narducci and Yurdin – 3.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman**

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Approving the Capital Improvement Plan for the Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matter and Moves Passage of the Ordinance the First Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglionzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilmen Narducci and Yurdin – 3.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Resolution Approving the Proposal of the Mayor Requesting the Providence Public Buildings Authority to Issue Bonds to Finance One Hundred Fifteen Million Dollars (\$115,000,000.00), for the first two years of the Capital Improvement Plan for the Fiscal Years of 2020 through 2024.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matter and Moves Passage of the Resolution, 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, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglizzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilmen Narducci and Yurdin – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn at 5:23 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**



**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**

