

CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



The Credo of the Providence City Council is to be Industrious, to be Watchful and to Promote Peace. The bee, as a symbol of industry, is derived from the early colonial saying "Busy as a Bee"; the goose, as a symbol of watchfulness, is derived from the story of the goose whose cackling saved Rome; and the lamb, as a symbol of peace, is derived from the biblical use of the lamb as a symbol of peace.



IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 17 2022

APPROVED: *Tina L. Martisiani* CLERK
ACTING

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 4 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, February 3, 2022, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILORS KERWIN AND MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SALVATORE, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS – 12.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, HARRIS AND LAFORTUNE – 3.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, ACTING CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, CLAIRE GIRARD, ASSISTANT CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE JOINS THE MEETING)

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SECRET

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN CARMEN CASTILLO**.

"Dear God, thank You very much for everything You do every day for my family, my friends, my colleagues and for my neighborhood. Thank You because in bad times and really hard times you provide so many people everything they need. In Jesus name, Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL J. CORREIA Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 1 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 6, 2022; Journal of Proceedings No. 2 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held January 14, 2022 and Journal of Proceedings No. 3 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 20, 2022.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item number 3 and Moves Approval, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony and Harris – 2.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 18, 2022, 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 **Kai X. Lo Muscio** of 1118 Narragansett Boulevard, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the **Human Relations 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 January 26, 2022, 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 appointing **Madalyn Ciampi** of 150 Enfield Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations 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 January 26, 2022, 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 appointing **Silas Warren Murray** of 181 Ortoleva Drive, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Suzanne Kim** of 80 Chapin Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to expire on January 31, 2024.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 26, 2022, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Bob Dilworth** of 719 River Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to expire on January 31, 2024.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 8, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers items 4 through 6 to the Committee on Finance and Receives items 7 and 8.

RESULT: RECEIVED

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution Recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month.

WHEREAS, In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, considered the “Father of Black History”, launched the celebration of Negro History Week; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, at the United States Bicentennial celebration, President Gerald Ford recognized the entire month of February as Black History Month, urging American citizens to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”; and

WHEREAS, During the month of February, observances are held to increase public awareness and knowledge of the importance of black history in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-10.2 of the Providence Code of Ordinances recognizes February as Black History Month in perpetuity to honor the innumerable contributions of African-Americans to Providence, Rhode Island, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month serves as a reminder of all those who fought and continue to fight for social justice, civil rights, and equity; and

WHEREAS, The lasting impacts of past racist practices continue to be felt by African-Americans in their daily lives through education, healthcare, criminal justice, economic and housing disparities; and

WHEREAS, While Black History Month serves as a reminder of the struggle for civil rights, it also serves as a call to action to rectify the many lasting inequities that continue to persist, and are at times perpetuated, through various institutional practices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recognizes and celebrates February 2022 as Black History Month and further commits to tackling the institutional challenges faced by African-Americans in Providence, Rhode Island, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City Council encourages the celebration of Black History Month throughout the City of Providence as an opportunity to learn and reflect on the history of the United States, while remaining hopeful and confident about the future.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony and Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SALVATORE, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS

Resolution Requesting Rhode Island Department of Transportation to present options for Providence Multi-Hub Bus Plan.

WHEREAS, Building on the enthusiastic support for the 2014 bond issue that was predicated on a multi-hub bus system in Providence, RIDOT in partnership with RIPTA, the Governor's office and the City of Providence developed the Multi-Hub Bus plan; and

WHEREAS, This plan provides important benefits for riders and citizens. First, it spreads out the heavy concentration of buses and pedestrians from the very congested Kennedy Plaza to strategic hubs at the Innovation District, the Providence Train Station and along the edges of Kennedy Plaza. This configuration gives riders access to jobs, educational institutions, entertainment and key intermodal transfers to major northeastern metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, Secondly, it re-establishes the critical link and synergy between trains and buses by siting bus hubs along the side of the station. This plan also works in conjunction with the Providence Station State of Good Repair project that includes upgrades at the station that will provide amenities for bus riders; and

WHEREAS, Third, it gives Providence and civic leaders the ability to achieve its longstanding vision of a unified public space with pedestrian connections at Kennedy Plaza, Burnside Park and Biltmore Park; and

WHEREAS, Finally, this plan positions downtown Providence for economic growth. It will function well in response to a downtown that is expanding. This has been the experience of countless other cities and is a model for Rhode Island to follow. The plan has been vetted extensively and amended in response to requests from stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, RIDOT is preparing to do community outreach on three options. The outreach will begin in the month of February 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council does hereby request Peter Alviti, Jr., Director of Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and/or his staff, to make a presentation to City Council regarding the current options for the Multi-Hub Bus Plan as soon as possible and to present its proposed plan for community engagement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Director Peter Alviti, Jr., Director of RIDOT, Scott Avedisian, CEO of RIPTA, City Council President, the Council Chief of Staff, the Mayor, and the City Planning Director.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony and Harris – 2.
RECUSED:	Council President Igliazzi – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN CASTILLO AND LAFORTUNE

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022 H-6603, An Act Relating to Education - Access to Advanced Placement Courses for all Students Act.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022 H-6614, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Large Capacity Feeding Device Ban of 2022.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022 H-6615, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Assault Weapons.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022
H-6616, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022
H-6621, An Act Relating to Education - Children with Disabilities.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022
H-6634, An Act Relating to Taxation - Sales and Use Taxes - Liability and Computation.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022
H-6657, An Act Relating to Highways - Solar Panels.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022
H-6665, An Act Relating to Education - Federal Aid

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022
H-6666, An Act Relating to Education - Health and Safety of Pupils.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022
H-6667, An Act Relating to Education - Health and Safety of Pupils - Trauma Informed
Schools Act.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2022
H-7125, An Act Relating to Capital Development Programs for Education - Statewide
Referendum.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 11 through 21, Seconded
by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Special
Committee on State Legislative Affairs.**

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

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

Resolution Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Providence After School Alliance.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item number 22, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

**REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES
COUNCILMAN NICHOLAS J. NARDUCCI JR., Chairman**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance", Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 28, Lot 522 (18 Marcello Street) and Lot 965 (25 Piedmont Street), from R-3 to C-1, with the condition that the uses be limited to single family, two-family and multi-family uses.

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 Extend the Approvals for Certain Parking Lots in the D-1 District.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 23 and 24 and Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances the First Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony and Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Thomas Austin
Quincy D. Williams
Bruce Dias
(Chip Muller, Esquire)
Geico General Insurance Company a/s/o Julio & Gabriela Villanueva-Cornejo
HiRoad Assurance Company a/s/o Courtney Hyson
Linnwood Beale
(Thomas E. Sparks, Esquire)
Aria Nirandane
Jennifer Mello
Jennie Vargas

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Bonnie Nickerson, AICP, Director, Department of Planning and Development, dated January 20, 2022, submitting the 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Providence Historic District Commission.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

Communication from Gina M. Costa, Internal Auditor, dated January 28, 2022, submitting a review of tow contracts conducted by the Office of the Internal Auditor. The period of review is FY 2019 through October 2021, with the recommendation to review further.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives the foregoing Communication and forward a copy to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: RECEIVED

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI 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:

Officer Daniel Famiglietti, in recognition of his 35 years of dedicated service to the Providence Police Mounted Command Unit and the City of Providence.

George Lazzareschi, in recognition of his commitment and service as President of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Thomas Norato, in recognition of his commitment and service as Vice President of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Donna Folcarelli, in recognition of her commitment and service as Secretary of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Robert Vellucci, in recognition of his commitment and service as Treasurer of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Ernest Almonte, in recognition of his commitment and service as Board Member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Gina Sabitoni-Arakelian, in recognition of her commitment and service as Board Member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Joseph Cinquegrano, in recognition of his commitment and service as Board Member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Ronald Desiderato Jr., in recognition of his commitment and service as Board Member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Stephen Mallane, in recognition of his commitment and service as Board Member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Peter Montaquila Jr., in recognition of his commitment and service as Board Member of the Italo-American Club of Rhode Island.

Reverend Howard M. Jenkins, Jr., in recognition of him being the recipient of the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Angela Bannerman Ankoma, in recognition of her being the recipient of the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Idrees “Lanre” Ajakaiye, in recognition of him being the recipient of the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Anthony and Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI 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:

Richard O. Pena

Charles Edward Duggan

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

RESULT: **READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Councilman Taylor
SECONDER: Councilwoman Ryan
AYES: Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia,
 Espinal, Goncalves, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune,
 Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor
 Salvatore, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13
ABSENT: Councilwomen Anthony and Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to take a Matter Not Appearing on the printed docket, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, (By Request):

Resolution Supporting and Approving the Providence Public School District's Necessity of School Construction Application to RIDE for Stage II Approval.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

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

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Richard Pina and Roger Osborne at 6:20 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022** at **6:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina L. Mastroianni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TINA L. MASTROIANNI
ACTING CITY CLERK