

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 10 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2015, 7:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

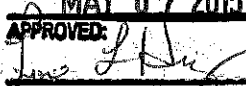
LUIS A. APONTE

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN ZURIER – 14.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN SALVATORE – 1.

ALSO PRESENT: LORI L. HAGEN, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, ASSISTANT CLERK, TINA MASTROIANNI, ASSISTANT CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 07 2015
APPROVED:  **CLERK**

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN KEVIN JACKSON**.

"Lord, as we deliberate tonight, I ask you to watch over us, watch over all the leaders of this Council and make sure that when we are making our decisions we are of a clear mind on making those decisions that affect all our constituents in the City of Providence in their best interest. This I ask in the name of the Lord. Amen."

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 8 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 19, 2015 and Journal of Proceedings No. 9 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 2, 2015, are approved as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN JACKSON**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN CORREIA**.

IN CITY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 26, 2015, 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, he is this day appointing Shomari Husband of 37 Moore Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the Providence Economic Development Partnership for a term ending on June 30, 2015. (Mr. Husband fills the vacancy previously held by Gerald Massa.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council April 2, 2015, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(6) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request).

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the language of Section 17-189(6) of the Code of Ordinances which provides that the application to accomplish such [accidental disability] retirement must be filed within eighteen (18) months of the date of the accident," the Retirement Board of the City of Providence, may consider and act upon the accidental disability retirement application of Gloria O. Ciprian, even though more than eighteen (18) months have passed since the date of the accident which is the averred proximate cause of the above-named applicant for a disability retirement allowance.

SECTION 2. Said application shall be subject to and considered in accordance with all other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards and practices relating to accidental disability retirement applications.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Read and Passed the Second Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES(S)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE

An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Providence Street Car Tax Increment Financing Project Plan.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS

An Ordinance Establishing the School Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN ZURIER

Resolution in Support of Bannister House, and Urging Action to ensure its continued operation.

WHEREAS, Bannister House has provided vital long-term care for our community since 1890; and

WHEREAS, Bannister House currently employs 130 dedicated and experienced health care staff, many of whom are Providence residents who work hard, raise their children in Providence, support their own families, and contribute to the economic life of our city and its neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Ninety residents receive compassionate long-term care at Bannister House; and

WHEREAS, The family and friends of these residents rely on Bannister House to provide a convenient location to visit their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, The Bannister House property is a significant building, that if vacated and left empty would be detrimental to the surrounding residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Bannister House was recently placed in receivership and may be forced to close, displacing residents and terminating employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby urge the Rhode Island General Assembly to do everything in its power to keep Bannister House in operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council urges Governor Gina Raimondo to do everything in her power to keep Bannister House in operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence calls upon the court appointed receiver, Richard J. Land, to work with the court, community, workers, faith leaders, and elected leaders to find a compassionate solution that keeps Bannister House operating in Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, certified copies of this resolution be delivered to the Speaker and Majority Leader of the House of Representatives; the President and Majority Leader of the Senate; the Providence delegation of the General Assembly; Governor Raimondo; and to court-appointed receiver Richard J. Land.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting to abate the real estate taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 184 (90-92 Pleasant Street).

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade and/or replacement of the street lighting on Pole Numbers 1 and 2 located on Gifford Street.

RESOLVED, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade and/or replacement of the street lighting on Pole Numbers 1 and 2 located on Gifford Street.

**COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE,
COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN
IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS,
COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILMAN
PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE,
COUNCILMAN YURDIN**

Resolution Requesting that the Administration submit a budget that adequately addresses the Providence Community Library's request for \$250,000.00 in additional funding in the coming year.

WHEREAS, The Providence Community Library provides free, accessible library services to improve and enrich the lives of the people of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Community Library network of nine branches serve as vibrant hubs within the neighborhoods of Providence, providing programs and services that respond to the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Community Library offers a unique combination of resources, knowledge and opportunities under nine roofs dispersed throughout the neighborhoods of the City; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Community Library network provides a vital learning center for children and adults, and a convenient gathering place for citizens and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The City's budgetary contribution to the Providence Community Library system during the current fiscal year is \$3.545 million, or less than 0.6% of the City's budget. In contrast, according to data assembled by the Providence Community Library, peer cities such as Boston, Bridgeport, Hartford and Stamford allocate more than twice as much, on a percentage basis, than does Providence; and

WHEREAS, The City's budgetary contribution to public libraries is less than \$20 per Providence resident. In contrast, according to data assembled by the Providence Community Library, peer cities such as Boston, Bridgeport, Hartford and Stamford allocate between \$47.69 and \$65.95 per resident; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Community Library has engaged in extensive private fund raising and grant writing; however, the current level of municipal funding complicates and perhaps compromises its ability to maintain quality programming; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Community Library has requested a funding increase this year of \$250,000 to maintain its program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests that the administration submit a budget that adequately addresses the Providence Community Library's request for \$250,000 in additional City funding in the coming year.

**COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE,
COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN
IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS,
COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILMAN
PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE,
COUNCILMAN YURDIN**

Resolution Requesting the Administration to include in its tax levy ordinance a penalty provision that is more fair and reasonable than the current one.

WHEREAS, The City's tax levy ordinance enacted each year prescribes the penalties imposed on taxpayers whose payments are late; and

WHEREAS, The current tax levy ordinance contains a penalty provision which provides that:

If the first installment or any succeeding installment of taxes is not paid by the last day of the respective installment period or periods as they occur, then the whole tax or remaining unpaid balance of the tax, as the case may be, shall immediately become due and payable and shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum on said real estate, personal estate and excise taxes; and

WHEREAS, This provision causes the entire year's tax to be due immediately if a taxpayer misses the first quarter's payment by as little as one day; and

WHEREAS, For example, this provision then charges 12% interest on the entire tax bill going forward, even if the taxpayer's delinquency was limited to a single day on the first quarter's payment; and

WHEREAS, For example, a taxpayer who made the first quarter payment one day late and then made all three other quarterly payments on time would still face a delinquency penalty of 10% of the entire tax bill; and

WHEREAS, The application of this penalty can have devastating financial effects on City residents who act in good faith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council asks the administration to include in its tax levy ordinance a penalty provision that is more fair and reasonable than the current one.

COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN

Resolution Requesting the School Department to include a permanent line item in its budget for middle school sports.

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Schools are committed to quality education for all children, and

WHEREAS, The School Department's educational mission includes personal development as well as academic achievement, and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports provide an incomparable setting for personal development, and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports also can boost children's interest in school and interaction with positive role models, and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports can be particularly beneficial in the middle school years, in which children need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Schools, despite their financial challenges, operate a middle school sports program on a shoestring budget that serves approximately 600 student-athletes out of approximately 5,300 middle school students; and

WHEREAS, The cost for the program is currently around \$12,000 per year, and could be improved with an additional \$13,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, The upper range of this budget represents less than \$50 per student-athlete per year, less than \$5 per middle school student per year, less than .02% of City's contribution to the School Department budget (\$125 million) and less than .01% of the overall School Department Budget (\$350 million plus); and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding these enormous benefits and modest costs, the School Department does not have a dedicated budget line item for middle school sports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the School Department to include a permanent line item in its budget for middle school sports in the range of \$12,000 - \$25,000.

COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN

Resolution Requesting the administration to negotiate changes in the compensation for middle school sports coaches that would meet Statewide norms for affordability and which would support the participation of Providence's middle school students in the State's interscholastic middle school sports leagues.

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Schools are committed to quality education for all children, and

WHEREAS, The School Department's educational mission includes personal development as well as academic achievement, and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports provide an incomparable setting for personal development, and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports also can boost children's interest in school and interaction with positive role models, and

WHEREAS, Competitive sports can be particularly beneficial in the middle and high school years, in which children need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Public Schools cannot afford to participate in the State's middle school interscholastic athletic program due to high costs, particularly the cost of middle school athletic coaches as stipulated in the Providence Teachers Union contract; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Teachers Union contract calls for middle school athletic coach compensation in the amount of 10% of salary, which translates to between \$3,800 and \$7,600; and

WHEREAS, The School Department's current middle school sports program attracts talented and dedicated coaches who are willing to provide their services for stipends of \$1,000 or less; and

WHEREAS, The rate for Providence teachers is significantly higher than neighboring communities such as Cranston (\$3,000 plus or minus \$100) and Pawtucket (\$1,700 to \$2,500); and

WHEREAS, The Providence Teachers Union Contract is currently in mediation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby urges the administration to negotiate changes in the compensation for middle school sports coaches that would meet Statewide norms for affordability and which would support the participation of Providence's middle school students in the State's interscholastic middle school sports leagues.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same Be Approved, As Amended:

COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5819 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0269, An Acting Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles - Comprehensive Community - Police Relationship Act of 2015.

WHEREAS, In March of this year, the United States Department of Justice published a report documenting racial profiling and violations of civil rights in the Ferguson, Missouri police department, and

WHEREAS, In December of last year, the United States Department of Justice published new rules for federal law enforcement to curb incidents of racial profiling; and

WHEREAS, During the past twelve months, police shootings of unarmed civilians in Ferguson, Missouri, Staten Island, New York and Cleveland, Ohio, among other places, have raised concerns nationally about police practices and the protection of civil rights, and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island General Assembly has, for the past several years, considered legislation to enhance civilian protections against wrongful arrest, and to collect data to examine the possibility of disparate racial impact in arrest statistics, and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Senate passed the 2014 version of this legislation, but the legislation did not gain passage from the Rhode Island House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, Representatives Almeida, Abney, Diaz, Maldonado and Williams have introduced, as Bill 2015 H-5819 (copy attached) and Senators Metts, Pichardo, Jabour, Miller and Lombardi have introduced, as Bill 2015 S-0269 (copy attached), the Comprehensive Community Police Relationship Act of 2015 based in large part on the 2014 legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby declares its support for the passage of House Bill 2015 H-5819 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0269 and urges the General Assembly to vote in favor of its passage.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same Be Severally Approved:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015-H 5450 and Senate Bill 2015-S 0390, An Act Relating to Criminal Procedure - Wrongful Arrest - Mistaken Identity.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015-H 5450 and Senate Bill 2015-S 0390, An Act Relating to Criminal Procedure - Wrongful Arrest - Mistaken Identity.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, (By Request):

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5434 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0100, An Act Relating to Towns and Cities - Health and Educational Building Corporation.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5434 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0100, An Act Relating to Towns and Cities - Health and Educational Building Corporation.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5364 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0291, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Minimum Wage - Gratuities.

WHEREAS, Under Rhode Island law, employers may pay employees who receive gratuities, such as wait staff and bartenders, a sub-minimum wage of only \$2.89 per hour, less than one-third of the minimum wage for all other employees; and

WHEREAS, While the state and national minimum wages have been increased periodically in recent decades, the federal government has not increased the sub-minimum wage for employees receiving tips since 1991 and Rhode Island has not increased it since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has the lowest sub-minimum wage in New England; and

WHEREAS, Seven states have eliminated their sub-minimum wages, mandating that all employees, tipped or not, be paid at least the state's minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, According to the Economic Policy Institute, women make up the vast majority of tipped workers, at 72.9%; and

WHEREAS, Since workers living off tips rely on customers for their income rather than their employer, they must often tolerate inappropriate behavior from customer or risk loss of income; and

WHEREAS, A 2011 review of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) data revealed that almost 37% of all EEOC charges by women regarding sexual harassment came from the restaurant industry, even though less than 7% of employed women work in the restaurant industry; and

WHEREAS, A survey conducted by the Restaurant Opportunity Centers United and Forward Together found that female restaurant workers earning the federal sub-minimum wage are twice as likely to experience sexual harassment as women in states that pay the same minimum wage to all workers; and

WHEREAS, According to a report from the Economic Policy Institute, a tipped worker is more than twice as likely to live in poverty than workers on the whole and the poverty rate for wait staff in states with low sub-minimum wages is 19.4%, compared to just 13.6% in states without a sub-minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, If adopted, House Bill 5364 and Senate Bill 291 would gradually and incrementally increase Rhode Island's sub-minimum wage until it is equal to the State's minimum wage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby urge the General Assembly to pass H5364 and S291.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the sponsors of H5364 and S291, and the entire Providence delegation in the General Assembly.

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Abstains from voting on the foregoing matter.

COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5732, An Act Relating to Health and Safety - Tobacco Control Program.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5732, An Act Relating to Health and Safety - Tobacco Control Program.

COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5861, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5861, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, (By Request):

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5074 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0194, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Minimum Wage.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5074 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0194, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Minimum Wage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, (By Request):

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5140, An Act Relating to Public Finance - State Funds.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5140, An Act Relating to Public Finance - State Funds.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, (By Request):

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5349 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0195, An Act Relating to Highways - Sidewalks.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5349 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0195, An Act Relating to Highways - Sidewalks.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS, (By Request):

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5394 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0648, An Act Relating to Education - The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5394 and Senate Bill 2015 S-0648, An Act Relating to Education - The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act.

COUNCILMAN ZURIER, COUNCILMAN JACKSON, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5434, An Act Relating to Towns and Cities - Health and Educational Building Corporation.

WHEREAS, After public safety, public education is the most important program provided by municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Public education is critical not only to the futures of the children who attend our public schools, but also to the economic success of the City and State as a whole; and

WHEREAS, A major factor affecting the quality of public education our children receive is the maintenance of facilities that support the educational mission; and

WHEREAS, Providence has an inventory of aging school buildings that in many cases do not support the educational mission but, instead, detract from it; and

WHEREAS, When children are educated in decrepit facilities, they conclude that the community does not value them or their education; and

WHEREAS, Providence's school facilities program depends critically upon State aid, due to the City's limited tax base relative to the size of its public education student body, and

WHEREAS, The current State aid program for educational facilities is limited by a variable State appropriation process, which has included a moratorium on major projects for the past six years; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2015 H-5434 proposes the introduction of a school building authority that will follow procedures similar to those currently operating successfully in Massachusetts, and will create a set annual funding stream that will support a robust State-wide school facilities aid program, and

WHEREAS, A systematic school building construction program will boost the local economy and the State economy by providing well-paying jobs and training opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby declares its support for the passage of House Bill 2015 H-5434 and urges the General Assembly to vote to vote in favor of its passage.

COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5872, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5872, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons.

COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2015 S-0520, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2015 S-0520, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons.

COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN HASSETT, COUNCILMAN JENNINGS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5921, An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Licenses in the City of Providence.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5921, An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Licenses in the City of Providence.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1. COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Abstains from voting on House Bill 2015-H-5364 and Senate Bill 2015-S-0291, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations – Minimum Wage – Gratuities

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Transmits the Following without Recommendation:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2015 H-5047 Sub A and Senate Bill 2015 S-0154, An Act Relating to Education - Health and Safety of Pupils.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Refer the Resolution Back to State Legislative Affairs, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Resolution Back to State Legislative Affairs.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman

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

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI

An Ordinance Amending Article I of Chapter 17, "Officers and Employees," Section 17-33, "Code of Ethics".

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same Adopted:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(6) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request).

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances the First Time, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Iglionzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yuridin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.
	COUNCILMAN YURDIN wishes to be recorded as voting No on "An Ordinance Amending Article I of Chapter 17, "Officers and Employees," Section 17-33, "Code of Ethics."

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same Be Received and Approved:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 25, 2015, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1002 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 Capt. Russell P. Knight, USN (ret.), of 163 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818, to the position of Director of Public Works, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves to Receive and Approve the foregoing Communication, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliazzi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same Be Denied Without Prejudice:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 3, 2015, 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 Bienvenido Peralta Martinez of 124 Perry Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island 02863, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to end January 31, 2018, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Martinez fills a vacant position on the Commission, formerly filled by Elvys Ruiz.)

COUNCILMAN JACKSON Moves To Deny without Prejudice the foregoing Communication, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Emmanuel Marsh	Amy Silvia
Asli Sahin	Tomas de Jesus
Ben Cronk	Tomas de Jesus
(Timothy P. Lynch, Esquire)	Jeannine M. Callanan
Todd Hanford	Stephen T. Napolitano
Judith M. Berger	Yahaira Cortes
David P. Durkin	Joyelle Credo
Lynn Centracchio	Derrick Watson
Gary Covill	Katelyn Thomas
Chris Glasgow	Jane Kelly
Peter Cummings	Anthony P. Harrison, III
Jason Knight	Brent Rogers
Dragan Gill	Suzanne Carey
MetLife Auto & Home	Keith A. Harrison
a/s/o Evelyn Cuadrado	Linda A. Manfredi
Edward Famiglietti	Reynaldo Batista
USAA	Nelida Schelmetty
a/s/o Danielle Tomaselli	Raymond G. Leveille
Luis J. Espinal	Allison D. Goldberg
(Christopher J. Petrarca, Esquire)	Andrew Suppa
Afni Insurance Service	Denise Moriarty
a/s/o Fireman's Fund Insurance/Mark	Natalie J. Lemoi
Eaton	Cheryl Moroni
Saory Kong and Saory Kong p.p.a. Lakeana	Bethany Nelson
Khiev and Lakisha Khiev	Anthony Villegas
(Robert J. Calvino, Esquire)	Anthony Villegas
Victoria Conte	Stephanie L. Soscia
Jo Marie Maxson	Marie L. Joubert
Josephine Kollie	Joseph W. Arnold, Jr.
Charlotte Roberts	Ian Randall
Matthew W. Brown	William A. Grenga
Joost Verhofstad	Anne Costantino

Stanley Shuman
Steven W. Shea
Joni L. Bouley
Thomas Ratte
Annie DeGroot
Leslie W. Gernt
Steven Goliger
Joe Zapasnik
Kenneth A. Testa
Dennis A. McDavitt
Thelma A. Dougherty
Antonio Vieira
Eswin Anzueto
Stefan Petrella
Brittany Moran
Carmen Lopes
Audrey Maratta
Joseph Colaluca
Gary E. Cebulski
Judy Salvas
Lynn Brooks
Joseph Moya
Thomas George Associates, Ltd.
A/s/o Liberty Mutual Insurance/Caroline
Wilson
Alp Demiroz

Peter Knapik
Ceceley Chambers
Celeste Fagundes
Sharon Ann Doherty
Bella Avanesian
Frank M. Neri
Donald F. Davis
Carla Alverenga
Paul Naumann
Gertrude A. Parrillo
Susannah Schutt
Maria Dunbar
Yasmine Paolino
Elizabeth Hogan
Jody Tanzman
Lauren Ford
Aditya Shandilya
Anthony Fiocco
Brian Chmielewski
Justin Enis
Kenneth Robideau
Kenneth C. Boocock
Gregory Thomson
Diana Z. Glashow
Kevork "George" Hovagimian

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE 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 Lori L. Hagen, City Clerk, dated April 2, 2015, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of January 1, 2015 to and including March 31, 2015, in a total amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars and Ninety Five (\$1,729.95) Cents.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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Communication from Michael L. D'Amico, D'Amico Consulting, dated April 10, 2015, submitting the City Services Study Report, in response to Resolution Number 313, Effective June 30, 2014, "Resolution Supporting a functional analysis of city workers and departments."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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Report of Board of Park Commissioners relative to receipt of certain gifts of moneys for the preservation and care of special burial lots in the North Burial Ground.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdir, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL**

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Congratulations to the following:

Kyle Mulbah, UCAP Middle School, Beat the Streets Providence Wrestlers, in recognition of being honored for winning the First Annual City Championship and participating in the State Championship.

Jasmin Toribio, UCAP Middle School, Beat the Streets Providence Wrestlers, in recognition of being honored for winning the First Annual City Championship and participating in the State Championship.

Saylyng DaLomba, UCAP Middle School, Beat the Streets Providence Wrestlers, in recognition of being honored for winning the First Annual City Championship and participating in the State Championship.

Ebenezer Alcantara, UCAP Middle School, Beat the Streets Providence Wrestlers, in recognition of being honored for winning the First Annual City Championship and participating in the State Championship.

Derek Diaz, UCAP Middle School, Beat the Streets Providence Wrestlers, in recognition of being honored for winning the First Annual City Championship and participating in the State Championship.

Christian Gomez, UCAP Middle School, Beat the Streets Providence Wrestlers, in recognition of being honored for winning the First Annual City Championship and participating in the State Championship.

Steven Morris, UCAP Middle School, Beat the Streets Providence Wrestlers, in recognition of being honored for winning the First Annual City Championship and participating in the State Championship.

Harold and Terri Angell, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, Mia.

Jessica Jackson & James Lynch, in recognition of the celebration of their Marriage on March 14, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Donald Dubuque, Special Hazards Group "B", in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

César E. Chávez Committee of Rhode Island, in recognition of the celebration of the Commemoration Day Event for César E. Chávez at the State House on Friday, March 27, 2015.

Reverend Raymond A. Tetreault, in recognition of his distinguished humanitarian service to Rhode Island's diverse communities and his dedicated work honoring the memory of César E. Chávez.

Ceferino Vera, in recognition of his hard work, commitment and dedication to the community honoring the memory of César E. Chávez.

Lisbeth Paola Avalos Valiente, in recognition of her hard work, commitment and dedication to the community honoring the memory of César E. Chávez.

Emil Geovanny Johnson, in recognition of his hard work, commitment and dedication to the community honoring the memory of César E. Chávez.

Blanca Bustamante, in recognition of her hard work, commitment and dedication to the community honoring the memory of César E. Chávez.

José Pascual I. Haz, in recognition of his hard work, commitment and dedication to the community honoring the memory of César E. Chávez.

Captain Russell McDonald, Ladder 8, Group "B", in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Firefighter Joseph Hall, Engine 13, Group "B", in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 14 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Daniel J. Crowley, Chief of Operations, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

GRAPES and GRAINS, in recognition of their commitment and dedication to the March Charity Partnership with Friends of Providence Animal Care & Control Center to benefit the "Pets" at The Providence Animal Shelter.

Olimpia A. Tudino, in recognition of the celebration of her retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the Providence Water Supply Board and the City of Providence.

Joseph & Fernanda Vigneault, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of their daughter, Vera, on January 31, 2015.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN JACKSON,
Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdin, Zurier - 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Sympathy to the families of the following:

Paul F. Lyons

Sophia Beluscio

The Honorable Rocco A. Quattrocchi

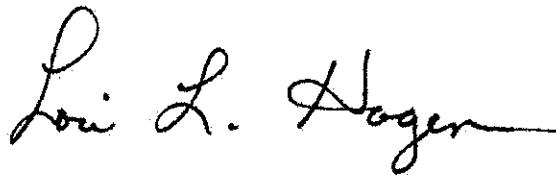
**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of
COUNCILMAN JACKSON, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kevin Jackson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael J. Correia, Councilman
AYES:	Aponte, Castillo, Correia, Harris, Hassett, Igliozi, Jackson, Jennings, Matos, Narducci, Principe, Ryan, Yurdin, Zurier – 14.
ABSENT:	Salvatore – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN JACKSON**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN CORREIA**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:52 o'clock P.M., to meet again **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015 at 5:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lori L. Hagen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**LORI L. HAGEN
CITY CLERK**

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