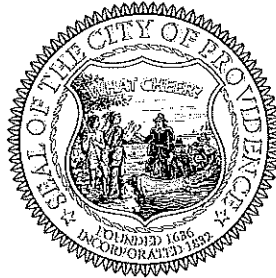


CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 23 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, September 3, 2020, 5:30 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

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI JOINS THE MEETING)

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 17 2020
APPROVED:
Tina L. Mastroianni **CLERK**

ENDING

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCIL PRESIDENT SABINA MATOS**.

"I just want to ask all of us to reflect on everything that's going on right now. I want to ask God to look at all of us gathered here tonight, that we're here to do the work of the people and give us the guidance to make the decisions that are the right decisions on behalf of the City of Providence. Allow us the opportunity to leave this city better than how we found it. And also, at this moment there are so many of us, our family, friends and constituents that are suffering so much due to the pandemic. Also, because they have lost loved ones and many of them also have been losing their jobs. Please give them guidance, give them hope and console them in this difficult moment. We pray this in the name of God. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN HELD D. ANTHONY 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 Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island we are permitted to hold this meeting via zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 20 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held July 2, 2020; Journal of Proceedings No. 21 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held July 16, 2020 and Journal of Proceedings No. 22 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held Friday July 31, 2020, are approved as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

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| 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. |

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-13, submitted by His Honor the Mayor, dated July 15, 2020, Declaration on Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Receives the foregoing Executive Order.

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| RESULT: | RECEIVED |
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APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated July 30, 2020, 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 502.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law Chapter 40-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Joshua Cullion** of 100 Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Downcity Design Review Committee** for a term to expire on January 31, 2023. (Mr. Cullion replaces Ms. Elizabeth Issacson who has resigned.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

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| RESULT: | RECEIVED |
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 27, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day appointing **Siri J. Colom** of 176 Congress Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors** for a term to expire on July 31, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 27, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day re-appointing **Jessica Cigna** of 150 Dexterdale Road, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors** for a term to expire on July 31, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 27, 2020, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day re-appointing **Lonzie Doggett** of 53 Salmon Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as an occupant of public housing member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors** for a term to expire on July 31, 2025.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council July 16, 2020, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, MILLER AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

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 12 Regarding the Incinerator/Waste Facility Use Category.

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 making the following changes, with deletions struck out:

ARTICLE 12. USES

1200 Prohibited Uses

The following uses are expressly prohibited in all districts.

- a. Billboard/outdoor advertising.
- b. Halfway house.
- c. Industrial uses of the following types: abrasive, asbestos and miscellaneous nonmetallic mineral product manufacture; acid manufacture; agricultural chemicals including fertilizer manufacture; bulk storage of liquefied natural gas; cement, lime, gypsum or plaster of paris manufacture; creosote manufacture or treatment; drop forge industries; glue manufacture; leather and fur tanning and finishing; manufacture and storage of explosives; manufacture of noxious or toxic gases and chemicals; nuclear industries manufacturing; petroleum refining; primary metal industries; processing of sauerkraut, vinegar or yeast; pulp mills and paper mills; rendering or refining of fats or oils; rubber or gutta percha manufacture or treatment; tobacco and tobacco products manufacture.
- d. Landfill and garbage dump including offal or dead animal.
- e. Prison/correctional institution.
- f. Racetrack.
- g. Slaughterhouse, excluding the killing of fowl.
- h. Stock yard/feeding pen
- i. Waste incineration facility

1201 USE MATRIX

Table 12-1: Use Matrix Key: P = Permitted // S = Special Use

| Use | R-1A | R-1 | R-2 | R-3 | R-4 | R-P | C-1 | C-2 | C-3 | D-1 | W-2 | W-3 | M-1 | M-2 | M-M-U | I-1 | I-2 | P-S | O-S | C-D | Use Standard |
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| Incinerator/Waste facility | | | | | | | | | | | | P | | P | | | | | | | |

1204 Use Definitions

~~Incinerator/Waste Facility.~~ A facility for the incineration and/or processing of waste, including sewage disposal facilities or solid waste transfer station, operated by or for a state or municipal agency.

Waste Incineration Facility. A facility that disposes of, treats, processes, or recycles solid waste or medical waste through combustion, gasification, or pyrolysis, or exposes solid waste or medical waste to temperatures above 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Waste Facility. A facility for the processing of waste, including sewage disposal facilities or solid waste transfer station, operated by or for a state or municipal agency.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, TAYLOR, GONCALVES AND NARDUCCI

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 15-11 “Residential Parking/Standing of Certain Commercial Vehicles”.

Chapter 15, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 15-11 “Residential parking/standing of certain commercial vehicles” is hereby amended as follows:

- For the purpose of this article, a commercial vehicle shall be defined as any vehicle in excess of twenty (20) feet in length and any vehicle over six thousand five hundred (6,500) pounds gross vehicle weight.
- No commercial vehicle shall park or stand, unless engaged in the loading or off-loading of materials, for more than one (1) hour between nine (9:00) PM of one (1) day and eight (8:00) AM of the following day, or at any time on Sunday, on any part of any street, way, highway, road, or parkway under the control of the City.
- No vehicle shall park off-street in any front-yard area of any dwelling house unless the same shall have been approved for the parking of such vehicles by the appropriate municipal agency.

- (d) No operator of any vehicle shall, while in said vehicle, cross the sidewalk portion of the roadway except at permitted driveway openings to gain access to off-street parking.
- (e) Any person found in violation of any of these sections shall be subject to the penalties enumerated in section 1-10 herein, but in no case shall any person found in violation hereof be fined less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (f) (1) Any commercial vehicle otherwise in violation of this section and having an engine idling shall be deemed to be a hazard to the quality of life.
- (2) Any commercial vehicle otherwise in violation of this section and in any way limiting, restricting or blocking the access of public safety vehicles in the course of their operation shall be deemed to be a hazard to public safety.
- (3) Any commercial vehicle which, under this section, is deemed to be a hazard to the quality of life or a hazard to public safety shall be towed and the person violating subsection (f)(1) or (2) of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 9 and 10 into the record and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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| 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 Iglioizzi, 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

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

An Ordinance related to the Providence Redevelopment Agency, Amending Providence Code of Ordinances 2019-31, No. 355 and 2019-48, No. 443.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Ordinance the First Time and Refer to the Committee on Ordinances, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

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| RESULT: | READ/PASSED1X/REFERRED [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, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 15. |

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained and Referred.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

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| West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation (Healthy Communities Office) | \$7,500.00 |
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island
(Human Resources)

\$871,356.00

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

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

American Alarms
(Public Property)

\$11,058.60

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

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Woodco Machinery
(Public Works)

\$8,962.51

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

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(a) of the Code of Ordinances.

Arup, USA, Inc. \$1,599,767.00
(Department of Planning and Development)

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

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

DataCorp \$30,000.00
(Healthy Communities Office)

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

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

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

Resolution Requesting the City Solicitor's Office Reconvene the Providence Nuisance Task Force.

WHEREAS, The Providence Nuisance Task Force was established to identify and address nuisance properties in the City of Providence in a systematic and collaborative way; and

WHEREAS, The Nuisance Task Force includes representatives from the City Solicitor's Office, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Department of Inspection and Standards and the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Nuisance Task Force is to resolve current and long-standing nuisance properties throughout the City in order to protect the health and safety of the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Due to COVID-19 and the associated staffing challenges, the Nuisance Task Force has not been able to meet for the past several months to address problematic properties in the City; and,

WHEREAS, The number of nuisance properties has greatly increased during the COVID-19 pandemic as there has been a noticeable increase in dumping areas, overgrown vacant parcels, rat infestations, and other nuisance activity that require immediate intervention by the Nuisance Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the City Solicitor's office immediately begin work to reinstate the Nuisance Task Force in order to begin addressing the significant nuisance properties across the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, the City Fire Marshall, the Director of the Department of Inspections and Standards, and the Rhode Island Attorney General.

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

Resolution Requesting the Department of Public Works to increase Street Sweeping efforts across the city.

WHEREAS, In the past several weeks there has been a steady increase in the amount of trash and debris on the City's streets; and

WHEREAS, City Council members across the City have received calls regarding increased rodent activity and an overall degradation in the quality of their City streets; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works is tasked with the responsibility of maintaining the City's streets which includes regular street sweeping activities in order to remove trash and debris from collecting in the City's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Due to staffing reductions in response to COVID-19, the Department of Public Works has fallen behind in their efforts to maintain the City's streets; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the increased trash and rodent activity, the failure to sweep the City's streets also poses a significant threat to the environment as the accumulated dirt, debris, and other contaminants can be washed from the streets directly into neighboring waterways which further exacerbates the water pollution challenges facing the City and the State; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that regular street sweeping begin immediately in order to improve the quality of life for the City's residents who have been forced to live with ever increasing trash and debris accumulation, rodent activity, and worsening environmental conditions as a result of the failure to maintain the City's streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby requests that the Director of Public Works immediately begin street-sweeping efforts throughout the City and, if necessary, hire a third-party contractor in order to help expedite the process of sweeping every City street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution will be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of Public Works.

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

Resolution Awarding Police Officer Jose Deschamps the Municipal Medal for Deeds of Bravery.

WHEREAS, On August 13, 2020, at approximately 2:30pm, Officer Jose Deschamps was responding to a motor vehicle incident at the intersection of Narragansett Avenue and New York Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after arriving at the scene, Officer Deschamps was approached by a man seeking assistance with an unresponsive child; and

WHEREAS, Officer Deschamps and his partner immediately rushed to assist and arrived to find an 8-month-old child turning blue and not breathing; and

WHEREAS, Officer Deschamps immediately radioed for a rescue unit and began administering CPR which was able to help stabilize the child until the paramedics arrived to take the child to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Officer Deschamps' quick and decisive actions in saving the child's life represent the very best qualities of the men and women of the Providence Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby awards Officer Jose Deschamps with the Municipal Medal for Deeds of Bravery for his exemplary conduct in the line of duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution will be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, and Officer Jose Deschamps.

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

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilwoman Ryan |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglioizzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 15. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,
COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, MILLER, CASTILLO, HARRIS,
COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI AND SALVATORE**

Resolution Opposing the Rhode Island Department of Transportation proposed Multi-Hub Bus System.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning |

**COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,
COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN
MILLER AND LAFORTUNE**

Resolution Requesting the Providence Retirement Board assess the viability of a voluntary early retirement program.

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to pose a significant threat to public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, The health risks associated with COVID-19 are increased for older individuals and for individuals with pre-existing medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, While significant mitigation actions have been taken to reduce risk of exposure for employees within the City, there are a number of employees who are close to retirement age with underlying health conditions who should not have to choose between risking exposure to COVID-19 or their future retirement; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Retirement Board has the authority to establish rules and regulations for the administration and operation of the city employee retirement systems under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, By establishing a voluntary early retirement option for individuals over the age of 60, the City would allow employees to make their own informed decisions about whether they would prefer to continue to work during the ongoing pandemic or simply retire early and reduce their risks of exposure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Providence City Council requests that the Providence Retirement Board assess the viability of a voluntary early retirement program for employees over the age of 60.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Providence Retirement Board.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Resolution, Seconded by
COUNCILMAN CORREIA, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

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| RESULT: | READ AND PASSED [14 TO 0] |
| MOVER: | Councilwoman Ryan |
| SECONDER: | Councilman Correia |
| AYES: | Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 14. |
| ABSTAIN: | Councilman Igliozi – 1. |

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to take item number 40 Out of Order, Seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN CASTILLO,
HARRIS AND COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Zoning Ordinance Section 1202 “Principal Use Standards”, Amending Paragraph EE “Compassion Center/Cultivation Center”.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Ordinance the First Time, Seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:**

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| RESULT: | READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Councilwoman Ryan |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 15. |

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

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

Resolution Regarding a Security Plan for the Michael S. Van Leesten Bridge.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban
Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.**

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning |

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

Resolution Encouraging all residents to vote "Yes" on the November Ballot Referendum
to approve the \$140M Bond for School Improvement Projects.

WHEREAS, During the July 31, 2020 special meeting of the Providence City Council,
the Council passed a resolution requesting that the General Assembly authorize the City to obtain
a \$140-million school improvement bond; and

WHEREAS, The proposed school improvement bond cannot be obtained without first
obtaining authorization by a vote of the qualified electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, On their November Ballot, Providence voters will see a ballot question
asking if they support the proposed \$140-million school improvement bond; and

WHEREAS, If approved, the \$140-million bond will be used to finance the construction,
renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools
and school facilities throughout the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council
encourages all residents to vote "Yes" on the November ballot referendum to approve the
proposed \$140-million bond for school improvement projects throughout the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the
Mayor of Providence, the Superintendent of the Providence Public School District, and the
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education for the State of Rhode Island.

Resolution Requesting the Rhode Island Department of Education ensure that every Providence Public School has a School Nurse available during the school day.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to Rhode Island's health, well-being, and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Education has issued guidance regarding school reopening plans which includes multiple reopening scenarios based upon the severity of community spread of COVID-19 during the school year; and

WHEREAS, The reopening scenarios do include an option for full in-person learning as well as a hybrid model which would still have groups of students attending in person classes where it is determined to be safe to do so; and

WHEREAS, In the event that any version of in-person learning does occur this fall, it is imperative that all students have access to adequate health services in order to maintain a safe and productive learning environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the Rhode Island Department of Education ensure that every Providence Public School has a trained school nurse, or substitute nurse, available on site during the school day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Providence, the Superintendent of the Providence Public School District, and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education for the State of Rhode Island.

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

Resolution Requesting the Rhode Island Department of Education and the Providence Public School District provide a Remote Learning Best Practices Workshop for parents.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to Rhode Island's health, well-being, and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Education has issued guidance regarding school reopening plans which includes multiple reopening scenarios based upon the severity of community spread of COVID-19 during the school year; and

WHEREAS, Depending on the severity of the community spread, there is a potential that schools will be forced into providing full or partial remote learning; and

WHEREAS, Based upon the feedback received from parents regarding remote learning during the spring semester, there is a desire for additional resources and guidance on best practices to better assist parents of school children to provide the best possible learning environment while preventing absenteeism during a remote learning scenario.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recommends that the Rhode Island Department of Education and the Providence Public School District provide an optional remote learning best practices workshop, via means that they see fit, so that parents can have access to information on how to maximize their child's learning in a remote setting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Superintendent of the Providence Public School District, and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education for the State of Rhode Island.

Resolution Recommending the Rhode Island Department of Education utilize Disaggregated Data in their School Operations Decision Making.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to Rhode Island's health, well-being, and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Education has issued guidance regarding school reopening plans which includes multiple reopening scenarios based upon the severity of community spread of COVID-19 during the school year; and

WHEREAS, With multiple reopening scenarios ranging from full in-person learning to full remote learning, the significance of the COVID-19 infection rate data cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several months it has become increasingly clear that the municipal level data does not always capture the severity of community spread within subsets of the population, specifically among communities of color; and

WHEREAS, While the City Council has full confidence in our public health experts and professionals, reviewing the disaggregated data for the City of Providence will show infection rates broken out by race, ethnicity, or even simply by zip code, which public health officials can use to gain a much deeper understanding of the risks specific communities are facing, which in turn can allow for much more informed decision making when it comes to protecting the lives of Providence residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recommends the Rhode Island Department of Education to commit to utilizing disaggregated data, rather than municipal level data, when making decisions regarding school operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Mayor of Providence, the Superintendent of the Providence Public School District, and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education for the State of Rhode Island.

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

Resolution Supporting local Colleges and Universities Mask Policies and encouraging all Students, Faculty and Staff to abide by said policies both on and off campus.

WHEREAS, Providence is home to several world-class institutes of higher education, with thousands of college and university faculty, staff, and students who live in city neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, In order to reopen for in-person learning for the fall semester, the Rhode Island Department of Health reviewed and approved reopening plans for every college and university in Rhode Island in order to ensure that every precaution was taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, As part of their reopening plans for the Fall semester, the local colleges and universities have included strict mask policies for all of their community members in order to mitigate the risks of potential COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, In addition to protecting students and faculty while on campus, the use of face masks can also cut down on the risks of transmission to the general public, especially in Providence where a large number of students and faculty live within the City's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, While the City Council is appreciative of the level of detail and forethought that all of the local colleges and universities have shown in generating their reopening plans, it is also important to emphasize the critical importance of wearing a mask in all aspects of daily life, not simply while attending classes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby supports the efforts of the local colleges and universities in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and requests that all students, faculty, and staff abide by their school's mask wearing policies both on and off campus.

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

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the U.S. House of Representatives of H.R.
8015, Delivering for America Act.

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a significant health and safety threat to the United states; and

WHEREAS, In response to the dangers of COVID-19, many states have committed to expanding the availability of mail-in voting for the November election; and

WHEREAS, Concerns have been raised regarding proposed changes to certain operations by the United States Postal Service that could result in a reduction in service performance and the overall reliability of the Postal Service during a period where mail delivery will be an essential component of the November election process; and

WHEREAS, On August 22, 2020, the United States House passed House Bill 8015, the Delivering for America Act, which would prevent the United States Postal Service from implementing or approving any operational changes until the later of January 31, 2021 or the expiration the COVID-19 Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 8015 has now been transmitted to the United States Senate where it awaits a vote so that this critical piece of legislation can then be signed into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby endorse and urge Congress to pass House Bill H.R.8015, the Delivering for America Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to each member of Rhode Island's congressional delegation and to the President of the United States.

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

Resolution Recognizing and Remembering the Life of Ronald M. Coia.

WHEREAS, Ronald M. Coia passed away peacefully on Wednesday July 29, 2020 at Miriam Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia began his career in the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) in 1966 as the Secretary-Treasurer of Local Union 271, and worked his way up to the position of Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council where he oversaw the operation of 10 local unions with approximately 10,000 members until his retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council, Mr. Coia also served as the President of the Rhode Island Building Trades Council from 1975 to 1982 and again from 2001 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia brought his expertise and commitment to his role as Chairman of a number of funds and boards during his career, including the Rhode Island Laborers' Health Fund, the Rhode Island Laborers' Pension Fund, the Rhode Island Laborers' Annuity Fund and the Rhode Island Laborers' Legal Services Fund, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia was honored with many awards during his career, including recognition of his dedication to the pursuit of excellence in worker safety by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration for his role in the RI Chase partnership with OSHA, as well as the Wanskuck Boys' Club Hall of Fame Award in 1992 and the Dante Molloy Award in 2004 for outstanding service to the community by a labor leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia was a graduate of Providence College, a 48-year member of Kirkbrae Country Club where he served on the club's Board of Governors and as the Vice President, and also an active member of his faith community by serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Anthony Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coia was the beloved husband of Anita J. (DePalo) Coia for 56 years; the son of the late Ralph M. and Josephine Coia; the loving father of Ronald R. Coia (Flora) and Dean A. Coia; the cherished grandfather of Ronald M. Coia II, Gabrielle E. Coia, Siena A. Coia and Alexandra A. Coia; and the brother of the late Patricia A. Silverman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby recognize and remember the life and legacy of Ronald M. Coia.

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

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Whitford Avenue to be established as "One-Way" from Smith Street to River Avenue.

RESOLVED, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause Whitford Avenue to be established as "One-Way" from Smith Street to River Avenue.

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES AND NARDUCCI

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2020 H-8087, An Act Relating to Education - Health and Safety of Pupils.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2020 H-8087, An Act Relating to Education - Health and Safety of Pupils.

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE AND MILLER

Resolution Requesting a list of all City Assets.

WHEREAS, Throughout the past year the City Council and the City Internal Auditor have had difficulty obtaining information relative to maintenance work, school repairs, and vehicle management by various departments throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2-101 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, the Department of Public Property has jurisdiction over all public lands, buildings or other structures owned by and under control of the City of Providence, and is further responsible for all purchasing and procurement of materials, supplies, contractual services, equipment and all other necessary categories of procurement for the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, An inventory of all City assets would significantly aid the Council and Internal Auditor's efforts in reviewing maintenance activities conducted throughout the City on various City assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that the Department of Public Property provide an inventory of all city assets including real estate, buildings, and vehicles inclusive of those buildings and vehicles that are owned and operated by the Providence Public School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Property shall furnish said inventory to the Office of the Internal Auditor within two weeks of passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Department of Public Property.

**COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,
COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE,
MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMEN CASTILLO, RYAN
AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**

Resolution Regarding the failure of utility companies to adequately repair the City's streets.

WHEREAS, As part of a \$40 million road improvement bond, the City of Providence repaved the entire length of Admiral Street in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after the repaving was complete, National Grid obtained permits to conduct certain maintenance and improvement work along Admiral Street; and

WHEREAS, During the maintenance and construction, National Grid cut into the roadway along Admiral Street which resulted in significant damage to the roadway surface and loss of pedestrian crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, National Grid and other utility companies that obtain permits to cut into a roadway surface, has an obligation to repair the roadway to its preconstruction condition from curb to curb; and

WHEREAS, This issue of utility organizations failing to adequately repair roadways following their maintenance and construction work has become such an issue in Rhode Island that the General Assembly was forced to pass the Rhode Island Utility Fair Share Roadway Repair Act in 2019, which mandates the repair from curb to curb of all roadways impacted by utility work in the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby requests the Director of Public Works cease issuing National Grid permits to conduct work on Providence streets until the company repairs the damage they have caused to all of Providence's streets including the significant damage seen along Admiral Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests the General Assembly and the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission to consider legislation and promulgate regulations that would divert revenue derived from any rate increase to capital projects in municipalities where the utility company has failed to repair municipal infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution will be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of Public Works, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the President of the Rhode Island Senate, National Grid, and all utility companies who operate within the City of Providence.

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

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,
COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE
AND MILLER**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the U.S. House of Representatives of H.R. 6422, National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2020.

WHEREAS, There is widely acknowledged a shortfall in infrastructure spending in the United States, which was further highlighted by the Army Corps of Engineers 2017 Report Card grade of D+ and a call for \$4.6 trillion in infrastructure spending to repair the nation's existing infrastructure. At least \$2.1 trillion is unfunded, and the remainder is inadequately funded; and

WHEREAS, The United States Chamber of Commerce reports that there is a current shortfall in infrastructure spending of approximately \$3.7 trillion; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Rhode Island's 2020 grade for infrastructure was C-; Bridges were graded D-, Drinking water C+, Energy C+, Ports C, Roads, D and Wastewater C; and

WHEREAS, Citing a state by state analysis conducted by First Street Foundation and Columbia University, Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) recently published and Op-Ed stating that Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island have lost \$403 million in coastal property value due to sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, Governor Raimondo has prioritized investment in roads and bridges to improve safety and reliability; and

WHEREAS, A new National Infrastructure Bank (NIB) could partner with the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank and work in conjunction with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation RhodeWorks program to provide necessary funding for the state's roads, bridges, water systems and other major infrastructure projects throughout our local communities; and

WHEREAS, A new National Infrastructure Bank could directly aid in fostering an economic recovery and build the infrastructure projects our city, state and nation have neglected, while spurring massive economic growth; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 6422-National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2020 has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives, which proposes the creation of a National Infrastructure Bank, which will be capitalized at \$500 billion and invest 3-4 trillion with no new federal appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby endorse and urge Congress to pass House Bill H.R.6422 the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to each member of Rhode Island's congressional delegation, the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and to the President of the United States.

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE Moves to Amend the Whereas clause in number eight by deleting "which could be capitalized at \$3-4 trillion with no new federal appropriation" and inserting "which would be capitalized at \$500 billion and invest \$3-4 trillion with no new federal appropriation", Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves Passage of the Resolution, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

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

**COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,
COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE
AND MILLER**

Resolution Establishing the Special Committee on Sustainable Pensions.

WHEREAS, In 2012, the Providence City Council and Mayor Angel Taveras' administration worked in collaboration to eliminate a \$110 million structural deficit the City was facing; and

WHEREAS, The City likely would have fallen into bankruptcy if the City Council had not enacted a \$170 million package of pension fund savings in 2013, easing pressures on Providence's budget; and

WHEREAS, There have been minimal attempts to achieve pension savings since enactment of the 2013 pension reform changes; and

WHEREAS, The City changed actuaries since the 2013 reforms, and learned that the previous actuary had overstated the funded ratio and understated the unfunded pension liability; and

WHEREAS, Providence's pension system provides for neither retirement security nor financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS, As of July 1, 2018, the Employees' Retirement System of the City of Providence was funded at 26.67%, well below the 60% threshold the State classifies as being in "critical" condition; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Providence City Council released the 'Report of the Pension Working Group' which included options for the City's administration and City Council to consider; and

WHEREAS, As of June 30, 2018, the City's actuary, Segal Consulting, calculated the unfunded liability for the pension fund to exceed \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, According to the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation, the unfunded liability is amortized through June 30, 2040 and as of July 1, 2020, there are 20 years remaining on this schedule and amortization payments are calculated to increase 3.5% per year (beginning in fiscal 2021); and

WHEREAS, The City's Fiscal 2021 budget is \$413 million (state aid not included); and the budgeted pension payment is \$90.4 million, representing 21.8 percent of the City's municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, Recent decisions from the Rhode Island Supreme Court will increase the City's pension obligations to current retirees by millions of dollars, while foreclosing certain tools for future pension reforms; and

WHEREAS, The recent Supreme Court decisions only increase the likelihood that future increasing pension obligations will crowd out vital City services and may lead to a future municipal bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, The challenge of addressing the City's pension crisis will require the joint efforts of the Mayoral administration and the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Providence City Council hereby establishes the Special Committee on Sustainable Pensions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. The Providence City Council President shall appoint five members of the City Council to the Special Committee on Sustainable Pensions.
 2. The Special Committee will be allocated a budget of \$25,000 to engage an actuarial consultant to support its work.
 3. The Special Committee will solicit feedback from stakeholders concerning the scope of the issue, its consequences and available tools to address it.
 4. The Committee shall explore and calculate pension savings methods with an actuarial consultant including but not limited to:
 - a. Pension plan benefit structure changes.
 - b. Leveraging and monetizing public property to reduce the pension fund's liability.
 - c. Joining the State Municipal Employees' System of Rhode Island.
 5. The Committee shall issue a report with findings, recommendations, and actuarial savings to the full City Council by May 1, 2021.
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**COUNCILMEN TAYLOR, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN MILLER,
COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS,
COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL,
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN
KERWIN AND LAFORTUNE**

Resolution Requesting an inventory of all city owned real estate including current valuations for every parcel.

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant fiscal challenges for municipalities throughout Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, It is critical for the City to have a complete and detailed assessment of all of its current assets and liabilities in order to help guide the coming financial decision making; and

WHEREAS, An inventory of all City owned real estate, including valuations and a brief description on the current and proposed future use for each parcel, will significantly assist the Finance Committee and the City Council as a whole in their decision making surrounding the FY21 budget; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2-101 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, the Department of Public Property has jurisdiction over all public lands, buildings or other structures owned by and under control of the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that the Department of Public Property provide an inventory of all city owned real estate that includes current valuations as well as a brief description of both the current and proposed future use for each parcel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Property shall furnish said inventory to the Office of the Internal Auditor within two weeks of passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Department of Public Property.

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

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Mashapaug Street to be established as a "One-Way" Street from Huntington Avenue to Vineyard Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Public Works |

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILWOMAN MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

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.

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

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

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMEN MILLER, HARRIS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI AND COUNCILWOMAN RYAN

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 Official Zoning Map for Plat 32, Lot 314 (1192 Westminster Street), from R-P to C-2.

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 68, Lot 852, (otherwise known as 40 Candace Street), from R-3 to C-2.

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 43, Lots 504, 505 and 539, located at 759 Potters Avenue, from R-3 to C-1.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 41 through 43 into the record and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

CONTINUED MATTER

The Following Ordinance was in City Council July 16, 2020, Read and Continued and is Returned for Passage the First Time:

COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE

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 amend Article 16, Section 1604, entitled "Illumination Standards" and Article 20, Section 2005, entitled "Nonconforming Signs".

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Continue the foregoing Ordinances at the request of the petitioner, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Peter Natowich, BETA Group, Inc., 701 George Washington Highway, Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865, requesting a permanent easement on the northeasterly side of Save the Bay Drive, Lot 364, for the installation of a utility pole.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Petition to the Committee on Public Works.

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| RESULT: REFERRED |
| TO: Committee on Public Works |

Petition from Nicholas J. Hemond, Esquire, Darrow, Everett, LLP, One Turks Head Place, Suite 1200, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 65, Lot 384 (109 Canton Street), from R-3 to C-1.

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

RESULT: REFERRED

TO: Committee on Ordinances

Petition from John O. Mancini, Esquire, ManciniCarter, 56 Pine Street, Third Floor, The Hanley Building, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, dated July 24, 2020, on behalf of DNC Acquisitions, LLC, requesting a text change to amend Article 4, Residential Districts, Table 4-1, Entitled: "Residential District Dimensional Standards".

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

RESULT: REFERRED

TO: Committee on Ordinances

Petition from John J. Garrahy Law, LLC 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, dated August 24, 2020, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 2, Lot 15 (50 Ashburton Street), from M-1 to M-MU-75.

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

RESULT: REFERRED

TO: Committee on Ordinances

Petition from Bret W. Jedele, Chace Ruttenberg & Freedman, LLP, dated August 27, 2020, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 23, Lots 27-35, 743 and 883 (16-42 Somerset Street), from R-3 to C-2.

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

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Ordinances |

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Gina M. Costa, Internal Auditor, Dated August 27, 2020, submitting the General Recording Fees and the required 10% dedication to document preservation and technology upgrades.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Communication to the Committee on Finance.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

Communication from Natalie Lopes, Director, First Source Providence, submitting the First Source Report April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 (Quarter 4 - FY2020).

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

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| RESULT: | RECEIVED |
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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:

Casa Azul Taqueria in recognition of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 890 Allens Avenue.
El Ninja Restaurant in recognition of the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1007
Broad Street.

Eva Hereford in recognition of the celebration of her 91st Birthday.

Billy Kepner, Deputy Chief of Staff, in recognition of his commitment and dedication in
organizing family-friendly events for the community at Joseph V. "Bucky" Conley Stadium and
for the role he played on this special day.

Michael Solomon, Former City Council President, in recognition of his commitment to the Mt.
Pleasant Neighborhood and laying the groundwork for the improvements for the Conley
Stadium.

Peter Brock, President, North East New England Patriots Alumni Association, in recognition of
being honored at the celebration of the rededication of Conley Stadium.

Emo DiNitto, Former Quarter Back for the Providence Steam Rollers, in recognition of being
honored at the celebration of the rededication of Conley Stadium.

Chris Coleman, in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the students at Mt. Pleasant
High School and making the rededication of Conley Stadium a reality.

The Conley Family, Serena, Joseph, Kathleen and James, in recognition of their sharing in the
rededication of the Joseph V. "Bucky" Conley Stadium, named in honor of their wonderful
father who served his community and was an advocate for sports in the City of Providence,
Andre Tippet, Former NE Patriot and NFL Hall of Fame Inductee, in recognition of being
honored at the celebration of the rededication of Conley Stadium.

Honorable Robert Palazzo, in recognition of his commitment and dedication in organizing family-friendly events for the community at Joseph V. “Bucky” Conley Stadium and for the role he played on this special day.

Cecelia “Dottie” (Alves) Ramos, ‘Alves Way’, in recognition of the Alves family legacy of contribution to the Fox Point Historic Tockwotton Park Cape Verdean Neighborhood, Rhode Island’s first community of voluntary African Immigrants.

Alice (Alves) Andrade, ‘Alves Way’, in recognition of the Alves family legacy of contribution to the Fox Point Historic Tockwotton Park Cape Verdean Neighborhood, Rhode Island’s first community of voluntary African Immigrants.

John “Johnnie” Britto, in recognition of the Britto family contribution to the Fox Point Historic Tockwotton Park Cape Verdean Neighborhood, Rhode Island’s first community of voluntary African Immigrants.

Deacon Charles “Charlie” Andrade and Patricia “Pat” (Oliviera) Andrade in recognition of the Andrade and Oliviera family contribution to the Fox Point Historic Tockwotton Park Cape Verdean Neighborhood, Rhode Island’s first community of voluntary African Immigrants.

Domingos Lopes, in recognition of the Lopes family contribution to the Fox Point Historic Tockwotton Park Cape Verdean Neighborhood, Rhode Island’s first community of voluntary African Immigrants.

Pasito Kids, Learning Center, in recognition of the Grand Opening at 599 Broad Street.
Nah'laya Brown, in recognition of the celebration of her Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Yolianny Diaz, in recognition of the celebration of her Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Aisha Kamara, in recognition of the celebration of her Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Kian Lara, in recognition of the celebration of her Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Kenneth Mc Daniel, in recognition of the celebration of his Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Vashawn Richards, in recognition of the celebration of his Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Gabriele uero-Peguero, in recognition of the celebration of his Kindergarten Graduation from Roger Williams Day Care Center.

Karen Morel, RN, in recognition of the celebration of her Graduation from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Nursing.

Dr. Michael C. Gillespie, in recognition of the celebration of his 70th Birthday and for excellently serving the students of Classical High School from 1972-1976.

Linda and Thomas Connolly, in recognition of the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, married on August 29, 1970.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN,
Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| 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 Igliozi, 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
Sympathy to the families of the following:

Dr. John N. Bergeron

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of
COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| 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 Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 14. |
| ABSENT: | Councilman Narducci – 1. |

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 in memory of Bernard E. "Ted" Gannon, Sr. and Rosario "Joe" Zappala at 7:20 o'clock P.M., to meet again
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shawn Selleck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**