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**CITY OF PROVIDENCE -  
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL**

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No. 11 City Council Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 1, 2007, 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T)

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
PETER S. MANCINI**

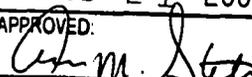
**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI, COUNCILMEN APONTE, DELUCA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LOMBARDI, NARDUCCI, SOLOMON, WOOD, and YURDIN - 11.

**ABSENT:** COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO and COUNCILMEN LUNA, TEJADA and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG - 4.

(SUBSEQUENTLY COUNCILMAN LUNA JOINS THE MEETING)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Anna M. Stetson, City Clerk, Deborah L. Santos Hudson, First Deputy City Clerk, Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk, Adrienne G. Southgate, Deputy City Solicitor and Vincent J. Berarducci, City Sergeant.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
FEB 21 2008  
APPROVED:  CLERK

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN NICHOLAS J. NARDUCCI, JR.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. SOLOMON** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

**COMMUNICATION FROM**

**MAYOR DAVID N. CICILLINE**

Communication filed with the City Clerk April 24, 2007, in accordance with Sections 406 and 803 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be Called on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.), in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

April 24, 2007

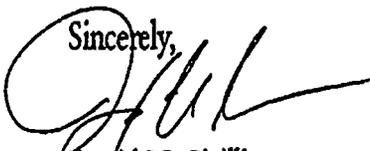
Anna M. Stetson  
Office of City Clerk  
Providence City Hall Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Stetson:

I am writing pursuant to Sections 406 and 803 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, to request a special meeting of the Providence City Council on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. That meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, and is for the purpose of consideration of the following:

- An ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of 2007 taxes, being based on one hundred percent (100%) of the 2007-2008 fiscal year tax collection.
- Budget message and Appropriation Ordinance setting forth detailed estimates for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.
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I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
David N. Cicilline  
Mayor  
Received

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

Warrant of the City Clerk to Vincent J. Berarducci, City Sergeant with Return Certification that he has notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting Called for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE  
PLANTATIONS THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, Sc.

APRIL 27, 2007

I, Vincent J. Beraducci, City Sergeant do hereby certify that I have notified each Member of the City Council of the Special Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall, Providence, in accordance with the subject warrant by delivering to each member a copy thereof.



4-27-07  
Date

**Received**

**COUNCILMAN LUNA JOINS THE MEETING.**

**AT EASE**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI** Declares the City Council to stand at Ease at 7:10 o'clock P.M. to Reconvene at the Call of the Chair and Appoints **MAJORITY LEADER HASSETT, DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER WOOD, COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. SOLOMON, COUNCILMAN NICHOLAS J. NARDUCCI, JR., and**

**COUNCILMAN SETH YURDIN** to escort **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR DAVID N. CICILLINE** to the Chamber of the City Council.

## RECONVENTION

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI**  
Reconvenes the City Council Meeting at  
7:35 o'clock P.M.

### MAYOR DAVID N. CICILLINE'S

### BUDGET ADDRESS

### FISCAL YEAR 2008

**May 1, 2007**

**Honorable Members of the Providence City Council, Honorable Members of the General Assembly, Members of my administration, Citizens of Providence,**

I am proud to join you in these chambers for my first budget address of the new term.

Those of you who were with me as we began the last term remember a very different time. It was a time of tremendous anxiety for our tax payers, but we came together, we developed a plan, and we stuck with it. The result has been nothing less than a complete transformation.

Our skyline has certainly changed some in the last four years, but that is nothing compared to our bottom line. From a financial perspective, Providence is a whole new city.

The new Providence is a city that holds the cost of government in check. The average increase in the cost of our city government since 2004 is less than that of the federal government, the state government, and less than the growth in the cost of eggs, apples and consumer goods as a whole,

the consumer price index.

The new Providence is a city that is financially strong. We have held a disciplined and steady course, and we are now half the way toward eliminating the structural gap we inherited. We have fully funded our cash reserves and have earned A's from all three Wall Street rating agencies.

The new Providence is a city with a growing tax base. Not only have the properties in the city become much more valuable, but properties from the current wave of development are beginning to move onto the tax rolls. \$75 million dollars in new taxable property will be added this year alone.

The new Providence is a city with more diversified revenue sources, with new mechanisms for capturing a fair share from our visitors and our tax-exempt institutions-leaning less and less on the property tax every year.

The new Providence is a city that innovates, delivering more and more value for every dollar that comes in. Using new models, new technology, new partnerships - and, most of all, a new attitude - we have vastly improved old services and created new ones with smart, leveraged investments.

The most important result of this is a government that works better and better - a government that can inspire faith and confidence again - a government that can be a force for positive change.

But there is another important result of this work. Along with all the indicators going up, there is one that's going down - and that is the property tax rate.

This year, the tax rate on every property in the city will go down, and it will go down significantly.

We should be proud of the fact that we in Providence city government do what the state and federal governments do not. When a resident gets a raise at work, income tax rates don't go down to offset the increase in income. But when home values went up three years ago, that is exactly what we did. We lowered the tax rate and that is exactly what will happen again this year. In addition, this budget will increase the veteran and senior exemptions.

At this stage in the state budget process we never know what revenues will be sent back to Providence or to what degree the state will allow us to capture new forms of revenue.

But because we are projecting an increase in the cost of government at 2.57% - less than the average increase in the consumer price index - and because the value of Providence real estate continues to grow at a rate that outpaces the nation - we *will* cut the tax rate. It is only a question of how much.

But let me make something very clear. Despite all of this hard work, Providence and every city and town across the state is

subject to a statewide tax system that is out of balance. Even though rates will go down, and even though home values will go up, and even though some residents will actually have a lower tax bill than last year, property taxes are still too high.

The Rhode Island tax system relies far too heavily on the local property tax. Mayors say it. RIPEC says it. And council people and town managers across Rhode Island say it.

I guarantee you that in every budget conversation in every city and town this is *the* central issue as the cost of education rises and the state pays a lower and lower share of it.

It is a system that can't be sustained if Rhode Island is to grow and compete in a global economy. Just as we protect the interests of our residents through strict management of city finances, we owe it to them to advocate for a more balanced statewide tax system. It affects them just the same. Still the good news remains that despite a broader environment that seems to be trending in the opposite direction, Providence is growing stronger and healthier.

And before presenting some of the highlights of the Fiscal Year 2008 budget, I'd like to turn your attention to the screens in front of you for a slightly deeper look at some of the points I've just outlined about the condition of our finances.

The graph before you shows a comparison of the increase in the cost of city government compared to that of state government, federal government, and the New England urban consumer price index, which is the aggregate cost of consumer goods.

As we all know, it is a fact of life that the cost of living goes up over time. Things get more expensive, but we are holding those costs at a manageable level.

The structural gap is an indication of projected financial health. A growing structural deficit means that, based on spending trends, you predict growing shortfalls every year. A

declining structural deficit means the opposite - that projected revenue will equal or surpass projected spending.

A disciplined plan to eliminate the shortfall has been at the core of our long term financial strategy. We are reining in what were once runaway costs in health care, pensions, and debt service. I'm happy to report that we are right on track. With this budget, we are halfway toward completely erasing the city's structural gap.

In addition, we are taking a preemptive step to protect against structural shortfalls down the line with an allocation set aside to offset future retiree healthcare costs.

Another critical element of our long-term financial strategy has been to make the city less reliant on the property tax. We do this to place less of a burden on property owners, and because a more diversified revenue base means the city is better able to weather the ups and downs of any particular source.

As you can see, we have been very effective in creating new avenues for capturing fair revenue from other uses of city resources outside of the property tax.

As budget time takes hold, we can get trapped into the idea that the city budget and city government are the same thing - that government is just a machine for spending tax dollars. Size and cost are important measurements. But even more important is government's effectiveness -- how much value a tax payer is getting out of each dollar.

Value is something that can't be measured by a fiscal year budget alone.

Take the Providence After School Alliance, for instance. We now have more than a thousand middle school children with a safe, fun and educational place to go after school. But you barely see that in the budget.

The city pays a little. The city coordinates a little. But at least

10 dollars are leveraged for every one we invest thanks to the Wallace Foundation, Bank of America and other tremendous partners.

You also won't find in the budget what gets accomplished by the partnerships forged and fostered by our department of Arts, Culture & Tourism. That small appropriation mixed with effective people and tremendous working relationships with our great artists become Sound Session, First Works, Celebrate Providence, and so much more.

Nor will you find the value of good policy and the coordination involved in our efforts to increase affordable housing. The system of government, non-profit community development corporations, banks and others is complicated. But we've seen what happens when it's being run well. Last year alone, we set ambitious goals for housing production and surpassed those goals in several categories by more than double.

One final example. You won't find a line item in the budget for the lowest crime rate in 30 years. You'll see roughly the same number of salaries and vehicles and the same costs for uniforms as you always have, but you won't see how much more we're all getting out of those dollars.

Members of the City Council, you and I should indeed be proud of these accomplishments. We should be proud that our focus on innovation and effectiveness has yielded the benefits to residents that it has.

But, as I mentioned earlier, while we have control over our own operations, and we have control over our own tax rate, we do not have control over the larger system in which we operate.

We have a longstanding property tax crisis in Rhode Island. And what's worse, it is not accidental. It is intentional. It is state policy. It's been the policy of Rhode Island governors for 12 years.

Behind it is an ideology that has taken hold of our good

senses both here in Rhode Island and across the nation. It says that government itself is somehow fundamentally bad - that it's impossible to make it better so you'd should just make it smaller.

The policy that has been implemented here in Rhode Island might best be described as "freeze and squeeze." Freeze income tax, sales tax, corporate tax and fees and then put the squeeze on cities and towns with a reduced share of education costs and a cap on the local tax levy so that they will lower their property taxes.

It may sound reasonable enough, but there are two fatal problems with it. First, it places a higher proportional burden on working families. And second, it ignores the principle of return on investment.

The result is the opposite of its intended effect. It grows the budget without growing the economy.

The worst consequence of freeze and squeeze is that the property tax, as opposed to income taxes, generally hit working families hardest. The property tax is a flat tax. We all pay the same percentage of our home values whether we are struggling or wealthy.

For example, a senior couple with a retirement income of 35,000 dollars a year who own a home valued at \$250,000 pay about \$300 a month -- that's over 10% of their income in property taxes.

On the other hand, a wealthy working couple making \$200,000 a year and who own a \$500,000 home pay about \$700 a month, which is just 4% of their income.

The same is true for businesses. Think of a local bakery with a law office upstairs. They may have very different income levels but are assessed the same commercial property tax.

But if this policy's biggest casualty is working families, the second biggest casualty is its effect on investment spending.

In its most recent report, RIPEC gives a name to the budgeting philosophy that it recommends for the state. It is the same philosophy that has guided us in Providence and that is reflected in this budget. It is called "investment-based budgeting."

It means making critical, strategic investments that pay back over time and insure against annual shortfalls.

By design, freeze and squeeze cuts off those resources, but we end up paying multiples of that cost in the long term.

The slide before you shows something called the pavement deterioration curve. Those in the public infrastructure business are well schooled in this idea, but it's something that many in government need a lesson on.

It shows that for every dollar you don't invest in maintenance when pavement drops from excellent to fair condition, you will pay 8 to 10 times that much just a few years later when it drops to very poor condition.

Ladies and gentlemen, what's true for pavement is also true for police cars and parks equipment and rec centers. And yes, it is also true for school buildings. That is a cost we know all too well.

This same dynamic also applies to economic development. When we miss an opportunity for a smart, strategic investment now, we miss an opportunity for economic growth later. It's like a technology company cutting out its research and development budget to make a little more profit. It looks good in the annual report this year, but how are they going to come up with new products to keep up with the competition in future years?

The most egregious example of this problem as a result of our state economic policy is with education funding. Because of freeze and squeeze and because Rhode Island has been unable to develop a funding formula, we have been in a perpetual school funding crisis.

As you know, I have tried to ring the alarm bell for several years now that Rhode Island critically under-funds its schools, despite the increased effort of Providence and other cities and towns.

Other mayors and I led the push to find some objective measure to get to the bottom of that claim. Now, thanks to that effort, you no longer have to take my word for it.

We now have two expert studies, one from the General Assembly and another from a consortium assembled by RIPEC, that show how seriously we've been under-funding our schools.

Budgets are always hard, and these investments would have required some sacrifice, but think of the different competitive and financial shape our state would be in today if we had begun making these kinds of investments ten years ago. We would have the best educated workforce in the country, and in all likelihood, we'd already be seeing our statewide tax base expand to absorb the cost of this investment.

One thing is for certain. If the proposals from either of these two studies were enacted this year, and the state paid its fair share, property tax payers in Providence and all across the state would be receiving big tax rebates.

Members of the City Council, the policy that we have successfully followed in Providence takes a very different approach, and we are not about to abandon it.

The budget before you tonight is a practical, investment-based budget. It is a budget that is part of a long-term, strategic approach. And it is a budget that seeks to carry out the duties of city government as effectively as possible.

That is why, even though we have a statewide system that is out of balance and even though the budget environment is again difficult this year, I will not pass the buck to future

generations by abandoning critical investments.

Clearly, it would be better if these investments were made under a more balanced statewide tax system, but the cost of not making them is unacceptable under any system.

Members of the City Council, when we gathered together for our inaugural, I pledged to you and to every resident and business that I would lead a citywide commitment to our youth. I intend to keep that commitment.

We are seeing progress with improvement in NECAP scores that outpace the state. We have the great school comeback story of our time with Hope High School, which just received full accreditation and has literally written the new manual on Rhode Island high school reform.

This budget reflects this city's strong endorsement of *Realizing the Dream* and the direction that Dr. Evans is taking the Providence Schools. It also reflects our strong endorsement of Dr. Evans' plan to fully restore arts and music programs into the school curriculum.

I also remain resolved as ever that we must set as aggressive a pace as possible for school reconstruction. This is reflected in the budget as an increase in debt service.

Within weeks, we will begin a discussion about schools that will be in the first phase of this historic effort. I acknowledge that this will not come without sacrifice at the local and state levels, but it is an absolutely critical piece of the local, state, and national strategy to build a competitive economy. We also certainly recognize the importance of assuring our partners in the General Assembly that each dollar will be spent as wisely as possible.

This work could not be more urgent than it is now. Now would be the worst time for the state to take a step back from its commitment to school construction. Every child has a right to go to school in a 21<sup>st</sup>-century learning environment.

We will continue to invest robustly in our Police Department. Not only has this department achieved the lowest crime rate in 30 years, but it is doing so in a time when federal funding is drying up and the national crime rate is shooting up. This budget includes an academy for a new class of recruits. It is vital that they have the resources they need to continue their vigilance.

To date, we have raised \$7 million dollars in foundation and corporate funds to create a citywide after school program in just three years. In order to attract more investment to build and sustain P ASA for the long term, the city must itself begin to make significant investments in after school. This year the city will make its largest commitment ever with \$250,000 in this year's budget.

Every few weeks now, we host delegations of visitors who are studying PASA as a national model for how to run after-school as a citywide partnership. But more importantly, there are the thousand families and counting who can finish their workdays without anxiety. Their children are playing tennis, exploring the Bay, and learning about forensic science under the supervision of caring adults.

Members of the City Council, as I mentioned before, the strides that we have made to restore Providence to financial health would not have been possible without fundamentally rethinking our practices. Without focusing on value, innovation, and efficiency, we would be in the same position we were in at the beginning of the last term. That is our duty to tax payers. For the same reasons, we have asked our partners to do likewise.

Recognizing the difficult financial facts, many of our partners have worked closely with the city to forge new relationships that ask less of Providence tax payers while capturing value from their relationship with the city in other ways. The Roger Williams Park Zoo and the Providence Plan are great examples of organizations that restructured their relationships with the city and are thriving.

We have not yet achieved this kind of success with the Providence Public Library. As you know, the PPL is a private non-profit institution created by philanthropists for the benefit of the city and state. The city, on behalf of the taxpayers, has become the PPL's biggest donor over the course of a century. The state is the second largest donor. Unfortunately, PPL's fundraising efforts have declined and fallen fall short of their full potential.

While a public-private partnership has been a force for energetic revitalization of many institutions in recent years, it has not had that effect with the Library. That is regrettable because we need a thriving public-private partnership more than ever. Representatives from the city and the Library have been working hard to revive it for the 21st century and we remain hopeful.

In the spirit of doing our part to build a 21st century relationship, the City will increase by 10% our support of the Providence Public Library to 3.3 million dollars. The City and library are also discussing possibilities for in-kind contributions like co-location and fuel purchasing.

This budget will continue my administration's policy of making important investments into neighborhood quality of life.

We will continue to repair and reconstruct our roads on a systematic basis. The order of work is dictated not by politics but by a formula that accounts for road condition and number of travelers.

We will continue to invest in a graffiti squad that has already made a major impact across the city, with 814,000 square feet of graffiti that's been abated just since last May. Also, stepped up law enforcement and a reward system is getting results.

We will continue to plant street trees in record numbers - about eleven-hundred last year alone. They beautify our city, reduce pollution and are worth every penny.

One final investment I want to highlight is not just for the future of Providence, but for the future of our world. It will benefit our children, grandchildren, and every generation thereafter.

With this budget, residents of Providence will be more accountable to our fellow human beings for our carbon emissions. It includes the purchase of renewable energy credits to offset greenhouse gas production caused by city government.

But this is only the beginning. Providence has joined the preeminent international organization of local governments for sustainability. We are mapping out a plan to meet the city's ambitious goals to reduce harmful pollutants, starting with a full inventory of our greenhouse gas emissions.

We can no longer wait for action at the federal level. Local governments will have to take the lead, and we don't have a day to lose.

As I pointed out earlier, it has been critical to our fiscal health to successfully identify appropriate new sources of revenue that capture fair compensation for use of city services. This budget reflects the continuation of that practice.

We are working with members of our General Assembly delegation to enact legislation that will create an economic win-win-win relationship between municipalities, the state, and tax-exempt institutions. It creates an incentive for cities to encourage growth in this sector of our economy by using new income tax dollars to reimburse local communities when property is taken off the tax rolls.

Next, we are seeking to end the statewide practice of forcing municipalities to pay rent to their local water systems for fire hydrants. This amounts to a subsidy by property tax payers to tax-exempt customers, which make

up some of our city's biggest water consumers.

Further, we are asking the General Assembly to establish a franchise fee. Rhode Island is the last state in the union without a franchise fee on cable. Forty nine states have it because they recognize that the use of public infrastructure by cable companies comes at a cost that should be fairly reimbursed.

Finally, we are working with members of the Providence delegation to ensure that Rhode Island joins the ranks of other states that don't think it's fair for tax payers to subsidize large organizations by maintaining their alarm systems.

These are reasonable reforms that would require little in the way of administration and bring more balance to the system of taxes and fees in Rhode Island.

And as we make these critical investments, we will, of course, continue to place the same urgency on our standing imperative to innovate and reform government to capture new value and efficiency.

We are in extremely productive discussions with our teacher's union to ensure that students are at the center of our teachers contract while honoring the teaching profession and respecting the constraints of taxpayers.

We are exploring opportunities for possible new efficiencies by merging certain city and school department functions like human resources and purchasing. My Chief of Administration and Superintendent Evans are in the process of beginning this feasibility study already.

We are leveraging the talents of experts in the private and non-profit sectors to help the city tackle pressing problems and prevent future ones. These working groups are looking at new approaches to addressing poverty. They are working on a new transit system. And they are looking at our own tax policy to see how it can be more effective and fair.

But the most urgent and pressing area in need of reform is our pension system. Implementing critical changes to our pension system is the most important single initiative our government can take this year.

I congratulate Finance Chair John Iglizzi, with the support of Council President Mancini, Majority Leader Hassett, and Ordinance Chair Solomon, for placing this issue front and center before this body. And I want to take the opportunity to remind you all how much rigorous discussion and thinking went in to the recommendations formed by the Pension Study Committee that were announced last year. I urge you to continue to use those as a framework during your deliberations.

As we continue to operate in a challenging financial climate, this is one area where we can very clearly capture savings while providing a secure retirement for our valued employees. I hope you will agree that the time to act on fundamental pension reform is now.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I know I've packed a lot of information in the last 20 minutes. But that is only because the process of creating a budget, of following a financial strategy, of managing large city departments, and of building a culture of innovation is a vast and complicated undertaking.

All too often critics of government claim that the solutions to our big challenges are one critical fix away. That if we could make that one structural change or implement that perfect model program, we'd be just fine.

Well, there's usually at least a grain of truth to be gleaned from criticism, and we should always pursue all thoughtful suggestions. But even the best and smartest policy ideas are only as good as the effort that goes into implementing them. And the most important work will always be in the nuts and bolts of delivering core services.

In other words, our mothers were right: There is no substitute for hard work.

Financial success is a thousand decisions made by hundreds of people every day. It is not just about changing a practice. It is about changing a culture.

Financially, we are a new city in 2007, and that is why.

I want to close by thanking the employees of the City of Providence, the supervisors, and the department heads.

It is a privilege to work in government. It is a privilege to work for our fellow residents. Our public safety officials, teachers, laborers, and employees from every department have a renewed sense of that privilege and they are living up to our high standards.

I thank them and I thank you for joining me here tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR**

**REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

**HIS HONOR, MAYOR DAVID N. CICILLINE**

**PRESENTS**

**BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION  
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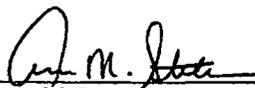
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**COUNCILMAN HASSETT Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Refers the Several Ordinances to the Committee on Finance.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN HASSETT**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN WOOD**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:40 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.), to meet again **THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)**

  
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Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk

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**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
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**ROLL CALL**

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**APPROVED:**

*Anna M. Stetson* CLERK

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### APPROVAL OF RECORD

Journal of Proceedings No. 33 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 15, 2005; Journal of Proceedings No. 34 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held December 19, 2005; Journal of Proceedings No. 35 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held December 21, 2005 and Journal of Proceedings No. 26 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held November 2, 2006 and Posted on April 18, 2007 on that Bulletin Board located on the Ground Level of City Hall, are approved, as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN HASSETT**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN WOOD**.

### APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication dated April 17, 2007, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that in accordance with Article III, Sec. 3.03-3.06(a) and 3.08(a) he hereby, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Providence, appoints Mr. Pich Chhouen of 283 Althea Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the Public Sector of the Board of Directors of the Providence Community Action Program, Inc., for a term to expire in April 2009. (Mr. Chhouen will replace Councilman Terrence M. Hassett who has resigned)

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Receives the foregoing Communication.

Communication dated April 17, 2007, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that in accordance with Article III, Sec. 3.03-3.06(a) and 3.08(a) he hereby, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Providence, re-appoints Mr. Paul MacDonald, President, Providence Central Federated Council, AFL-CIO, 278 Silver Spring Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the Public Sector of the Board of Directors of the Providence Community Action Program, Inc., for a term to expire in April 2009.

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Receives the foregoing Communication.

Communication dated April 17, 2007, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 8-17 of the Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing Mr. Angel Tavares of 29 Elmcroft Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the Providence Housing Court for a term to expire on the First Monday in January 2010, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Tavares will replace Judge Roberto Gonzalez whose term has expired)

Communication dated April 26, 2007, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 100 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing Mr. Michael R. Egan of 100 Fountain Street, Unit 3B, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the Zoning Board of Review for a term to expire in January 2010, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Egan

will be replacing Anthony Michael Catauro who has resigned)

### COUNCILMAN HASSETT Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the forgoing matters.

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Refers the Several Communications to the Committee on Finance.

## ORDINANCES SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were City Council April 19, 2007, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance Relating to Community Notification of Sexual Offenders, As Amended.

I. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall follow the procedures set forth herein regarding Sex Offender Community Notification.

II. In accordance with the requirements set forth in Rhode Island General Laws 11-37.1-1 et seq., and the Sexual Offender Community Notification guidelines established by Rhode Island Parole Board, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall establish a sexual offender community notification plan for the City of Providence including, but not limited the following provisions:

(A) On a monthly basis, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall obtain from the Sex Offender Community Notification Unit of the Rhode Island Parole Board a copy of all Notices of Level I, Level II and Level III Offenders who will be residing in the City of Providence and jurisdictions that abut Providence neighborhoods, including, but not limited to the cities of Cranston, East Providence, and Pawtucket and the towns of Johnston and North Providence.

(B) On a monthly basis, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall obtain any current offender Fact Sheets from the primary law enforcement agency in the municipalities of the cities of Cranston, East Providence, and Pawtucket and the towns of Johnston and North Providence.

(C) Upon the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department obtaining information that a Level II or Level III offender will be residing in the City of Providence and/or jurisdictions that abut Providence neighborhoods, as listed in (A) the Commissioner of Public

Safety or the Providence Police Department may notify the following organizations, as outlined in the Rhode Island Parole Board's Sexual Offender Notification Guidelines, including, but not limited to:

1. Educational Institutions including nursery schools, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary schools, middle schools, and secondary schools.
2. Post-Secondary Public and Private Educational Institutions.
3. Day Care Establishments.
4. Home Day Care Providers.
5. Additional establishments and organizations, including, but not limited to:
  - a. *Sports Leagues*
  - b. *Religious Personnel and Organizations*
  - c. *Boy and Girl Scouts Groups*
  - d. *Boys and Girls Clubs*
  - e. *Community Centers*
  - f. *Recreation Centers*
  - g. *All Volunteer and Community Organizations*
  - h. *Mall and Department Stores*
  - i. *Local Merchant Associations*
  - j. *Sports Facilities*
  - k. *Entertainment Facilities*
  - l. *Public Meeting Facilities*
  - m. *Libraries*

(D) Upon the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department obtaining information that a Level III offender will be residing in the City of Providence and/or jurisdictions that abut Providence neighborhoods, as listed in (A) the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall follow the notification requirements according to Rhode Island Parole Board's Sexual Offender Notification Guidelines, which includes notification of the institutions listed in Section C (5) (a-m). Additionally, the Department may notify community members and residents in the identified city neighborhood through, but not limited to, the following:

1. Distribution of fliers in the neighborhood where the offender will be residing and Providence neighborhoods that abut the area where the offender will be residing.
2. News releases.

3. Advertisements in local newspapers.

(E) The Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall establish and maintain a Sex Offender Community notification bulletin board(s) for the purpose of public viewing. Such bulletin board(s) may be located at the Providence Police Department headquarters; Providence Community Police substations; Providence Recreation Centers; Providence School Department; and Providence City Hall. Additionally, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department may establish and maintain a virtual bulletin board on the internet, located on the Providence Police Department website and/or the City of Providence website.

**III. This ordinance will take effect upon passage.**

**Read and Passed the Second Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN HASSETT, seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI, COUNCILMEN DELUCA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LOMBARDI, NARDUCCI, SOLOMON, WOOD and COUNCILMAN YURDIN – 10.**

**NAYES: NONE.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN LUNA, TEJADA and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG – 5.**

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

An Ordinance Amending the City of Providence Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 1994-52, Approved December 27, 1994, As Amended.

**Section 1. Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan of the City of Providence, Ordinance 1994-52, approved December 27, 1994, as amended, is hereby further amended by consolidating all amendments made to the plan since May 2, 2002, incorporating them into the plan, and renaming the document "Providence 2000: The Comprehensive Plan - Five Year Update ". The following three amendments, attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into the renamed plan:**

1. Map Change for Manton Avenue, approved April 7, 2004 (Ord. 200413).
2. Map Change for South Angell Street, approved February 10, 2006 (Ord. 2006-15), and amended March 7, 2007 (Ord. 2007-19).

- 3. Text Change for Historic Waterfront Structures; approved April 17, 2006 (Ord.2006-21).

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall not become effective for the purposes of guiding state agency actions until it is approved by the State of Rhode Island pursuant to Section 45-22.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

**Read and Passed the Second Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN HASSETT, seconded by COUNCILMAN WOOD, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**AYES: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI, COUNCILMEN DELUCA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LOMBARDI, NARDUCCI, SOLOMON, WOOD and COUNCILMAN YURDIN – 10.**

**NAYES: NONE.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN LUNA, TEJADA and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG – 5.**

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI, COUNCILMEN APONTE, DELUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LOMBARDI, LUNA, NARDUCCI, SOLOMON, TEJADA, WOOD, COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG and COUNCILMAN YURDIN:**

**Resolution Celebrating Municipal Clerks Week, April 29, 2007 through May 5, 2007.**

**WHEREAS,** The office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

**WHEREAS,** The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

**WHEREAS,** Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

**WHEREAS,** The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

**WHEREAS,** Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, province, county and international professional organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Members of the Providence City Council do recognize the week of April 29, 2007 through May 5, 2007, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Anna M. Stetson and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN HASSETT, seconded by COUNCILMAN DELUCA.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI, COUNCILMEN APONTE, DELUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LOMBARDI, LUNA, NARDUCCI, SOLOMON, TEJADA, WOOD and COUNCILMAN YURDIN:**

**Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilwoman Balbina A. Young on May 12, 2007.**

**RESOLVED,** That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilwoman Balbina A. Young on May 12, 2007.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN HASSETT, seconded by COUNCILMAN WOOD.**

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI, COUNCILMEN APONTE, DELUCA, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LOMBARDI, LUNA, NARDUCCI, TEJADA, WOOD, COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG and COUNCILMAN YURDIN:**

Resolution Extending Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilman Michael A. Solomon on May 15, 2007.

**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Councilman Michael A. Solomon on May 15, 2007.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN HASSETT, seconded by COUNCILMAN WOOD.**

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI (By Request):**

Resolution Endorsing and Supporting the Town of Portsmouth's Resolution relative to the Coalition of Communities Improving Rhode Island.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on State Legislation.**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Burleigh Street, from Branch Avenue to Winchester Street, to be designated as a "One-Way" Street.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.**

**COUNCILMAN JACKSON:**

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to abate the taxes on Assessor's Plat 73, Lot 578 (1085 North Main Street) and that the property be declared tax exempt.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.**

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI and COUNCILMAN DELUCA:**

Resolution Extending Sincere Congratulations to Judge Stephen J. Fortunato, Jr., on his retirement from Superior Court.

**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Congratulations to Judge Stephen J. Fortunato, Jr., on his retirement from Superior Court.

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN HASSETT, seconded by COUNCILMAN WOOD.**

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Requesting the corner of Knight Street and Penn Street be named the "John R. DiCarlo Memorial Square".

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

**COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "Handicap" Sign in front of 44 Opper Street.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "No Parking" Sign on the corner of Greeley Street and Opper Street, to be placed on the right hand side of Greeley Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the replacement of the missing street sign on Christopher Street at its intersection with Windmill Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a "No Parking to Corner" Sign at the corner of Marisa Lane and Nellie Street.

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of three "No Parking" Signs along the right hand side of Marisa Lane.

**COUNCILMAN HASSETT Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Public Works.**

Resolution Requesting the Chief Electrical Inspector to cause the upgrade of street lighting to 27,500 lumen on various streets located within the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward.

**RESOLVED, That the Chief Electrical Inspector is requested to cause the upgrade of street lighting to 27,500 lumen on various streets located within the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward.**

Monticello Street – Pole Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4

Russo Street – Pole Nos. 1 & 2

Hawkins Street – Pole Nos. 27 & 28

**Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN HASSETT, seconded by COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI. The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN SOLOMON (By Request):**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of "Four-Way Stop" Signs at the intersection of Standish Avenue and Manomet Street.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.**

**COUNCILMAN LUNA JOINS THE MEETING.**

### **PERSONAL EXPRESSION**

**COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI Requests the Privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:**

"Sergeant, would you be kind enough to escort my nephew, Michael Narducci to the podium please. At this time I just want to present to everybody my nephew Michael which I'm very proud, well not just this moment but for eleven years anyway. My nephew is an eleven year old young man that does not care to swim at all. He doesn't even like to take baths but he does like to fish at derby's and competitions with his father and his uncles from Connecticut. Fortunately enough for my nephew Michael, a seven year old girl's life

was saved when she fell into the pond unnoticeable to her parents. My nephew jumped in and grabbed the girl to her safety. Michael on this day we have a citation to present to you and is says: City of Providence, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Official Citation. Be it hereby known to all that the City Council of Providence hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to Michael Paul Narducci, Jr., in recognition of your bravery on April 21, 2007 during a fishing derby in Glastonbury, Connecticut when you saved a seven year old, Hana-Hana's family obviously didn't want her last name used from drowning after she fell off the dock. It was a very heroic act for an eleven year old who does not like to swim. We also put that in the citation Michael. The members of the City Council extend their very best wishes on this memorial occasion and express the hope for continued fortune. Given this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2007 at City Hall, Providence, Rhode Island. By Council President Peter S. Mancini and sponsored by Councilman Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr. Michael congratulations you did a great job."

**COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPHINE DIRUZZO, Chairwoman**

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

An Ordinance Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Budget for Year 33 and Authorizing the Department of Planning and Development to submit the CDBG, Home, ADDI, ESG and HOPWA Budget and Application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Read and Passed the First Time, on Motion of COUNCILMAN HASSETT, seconded by COUNCILMAN WOOD, by the Following Roll Call Vote:**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI, COUNCILMEN DELUCA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, LOMBARDI, LUNA, NARDUCCI, SOLOMON, WOOD and COUNCILMAN YURDIN – 11.**

**NAYES: NONE.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO, COUNCILMAN TEJADA and COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG – 4.**

**The Motion For Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Donald L. Barkley, Jr., Class "B" Retired Pension Representative, City of Providence Pension System, dated April 25, 2007, submitting his resignation from the Retirement Board of the Employees' Retirement System, effective 4:00 o'clock P.M., May 10, 2007.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI** Receives the foregoing Communication.

Communication from Councilman Luis A. Aponte, dated April 26, 2007, Informing the City Clerk that he is this day appointing Gladys Gould of 835 Eddy Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the Providence External Review Authority (PERA).

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI** Receives the foregoing Communication.

### FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Anthony and Corrine A. Spaziano, 16 Mystery Farm Road, Cranston, RI 02921, requesting to abandon a portion of Stanhope Street.

Petition from Anthony J. Bucci, Jr., Esquire, 155 South Main Street, Suite 405, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting to abandon a portion of the public highway known as Bradford Street.

Petition from Anthony J. Bucci, Jr., Esquire, 155 South Main Street, Suite 405, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a permanent, perpetual right, privilege and "air rights" easement for the location of the proposed condominium in the air space over Federal Street.

**COUNCILMAN HASSETT** Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI** Refers the Several Petitions to the Committee on Public Works.

Petition from Joseph M. Lusi, 124 West Park Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, requesting the dismissal of a Department of Inspection and Standards lien on Assessor's Plat 67, Lot 154 (117 West Park Street).

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI** Refers the Petition to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

*Michael T. Anderson and Alice B. Readyhough*  
(*Richard M. Bianculli, Jr., Esquire*)

*Elaine Williams*

*Carol M. Leonard*

*Albert Montgomery*

*Michael F. Spirito*

*Anna Cabral p.p.a. Randy Cabral*

(*Rui P. Alves, Esquire*)

*Anna Cabral p.p.a. Brenda Cabral*

(*Rui P. Alves, Esquire*)

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

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI** 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:

**Senator Kenneth D. McClintock** (President of the Senate in Puerto Rico), in recognition of honoring our citizens with your memorable visit to the City of Providence.

**Luis Quirindongo Ruiz** (Cultural Assessor of the Government of Free State Associated in Puerto Rico), in recognition of honoring our citizens with your memorable visit to the City of Providence.

**Eliezer Velasquez** (Superintendent of the Capitol), in recognition of honoring our citizens with your memorable visit to the City of Providence.

**Abdul-Nuri Mahmoud** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Basketball Division II North Champions 15-1.

**Justin Tabis** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Basketball Division II North Champions 15-1.

**Victor Kashouh** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Basketball Division II North Champions 15-1.

**Kate Pearson** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Division III State Girls Swim Team Champions.

**Melissa Fajardo** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Division III State Girls Swim Team Champions.

**Allegra Purro** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Division III State Girls Swim Team Champions.

**Maria Maidana** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Division III State Girls Swim Team Champions.

**Andrea Sepulveda** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Division III State Girls Swim Team Champions.

**Kelin Song** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Division III State Girls Swim Team Champions.

**Michael Lauro** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the All American 2007 Indoor National Track and Field Championships 25 pound weight throw.

**Matt D'Elia** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Alex Hernandez** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Michael Lauro** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Patrick Onye** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Edwin Jean Louis** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Nicholas LaFond** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Roy McFarlane** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Herman Sossa** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Jose Garcia** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Stivel Hernandez** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Gian Razzino** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Garrett Vayapheth** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Kendel Joseph** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Israel DeLacruz** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Michael Taylor** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Gabre Winters** (Classical High School), in recognition of being the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Indoor Track and Field Class C State Champions and Boys Freshman State Runners up.

**Alexander J. Varone**, in recognition of attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout and recognizing his long and dedicated loyalty to the principles of Scouting, service to the community and his development of leadership abilities.

**Julio Cesar Valentin**, President of the House of Representatives, in recognition of honoring us with his memorable visit to the City of Providence.

**Michelle Gil Velez**, In Charge of Protocol, in recognition of honoring us with her memorable visit to the City of Providence.

**Michelle Garcia**, Assistant to the President, in recognition of honoring us with her memorable visit to the City of Providence.

**Patricia Portela**, Director of Public Relations, in recognition of honoring us with her memorable visit to the City of Providence.

**The Honorable Stephen J. Fortunato, Jr.**, in recognition of his retirement from the Rhode Island Supreme Court, February 1, 2007.

**John and Julia Rollins**, in recognition of the celebration of their marriage, forty-five years of wedded bliss, April 28,

1962 - April 28, 2007.

**Andrea Beverly**, Central High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Donzel Mangum**, Central High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Janite Cadet**, Classical High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Stanley Carmichael**, Classical High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Michelle Chevelier**, Cooley Health, Science and Technology Academy, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Jeree Holloway**, Hope-Arts Academy, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Christopher Morales**, Hope-Arts Academy, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Lauren Smith**, Hope-Leadership Academy, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Winston Smith**, Hope-Leadership Academy, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Annelina De La Rosa**, Hope-Technology Academy, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Louis Ferreras**, Hope-Technology Academy, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Houa Lee**, Providence Academy of International Studies, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Quincy Bee**, Providence Academy of International Studies, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Carlene Fonseca**, Central Falls High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**William Ruiz**, Central Falls High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Elba Monteiro**, Shea High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Abdalah Mohammed**, Shea High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Maritza Rivera**, Tolman High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for her perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank her for being an outstanding youth in her school and in her community.

**Bruno Costa**, Tolman High School, in recognition of being nominated for the "Jackie Robinson MVP Award" for his perseverance, courage and integrity in academics, athletics and community service. We would like to thank him for being an outstanding youth in his school and in his community.

**Riana Good**, in recognition of her contribution to the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence in protecting families against lead poison.

**Kim Hooks**, Sackett Street Basketball Association, in recognition of coaching the ten and under basketball team, her leadership ability and volunteering her time at the Sackett Street Recreation Center.

**Althea Latimer**, Sackett Street Basketball Association, in recognition of coaching the ten and under basketball team, her leadership ability and volunteering her time at the Sackett Street Recreation Center.

**Deon Sutton**, Sackett Street Basketball Association, in recognition of coaching the eleven and twelve years old basketball team, his leadership ability and volunteering his time at the Sackett Street Recreation Center.

**Neville Beckford, Jr.**, Sackett Street Basketball Association, in recognition of coaching the thirteen and fourteen years old basketball team, his leadership ability and volunteering his time at the Sackett Street Recreation Center.

**Keith Rolle**, Sackett Street Basketball Association, in recognition of coaching the thirteen and fourteen years old basketball team, his leadership ability and volunteering his time at the Sackett Street Recreation Center.

**Netrice Thompson**, Sackett Street Basketball Association, in recognition of coaching the girls basketball team, her leadership ability and volunteering her time at the Sackett Street Recreation Center.

**Roosevelt "Bells" Benton**, in recognition of his support, contribution and influence he has demonstrated to the youth at the Sackett Street Recreation Center and the community.

**Alex Bethiaume**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Carmen Alicea**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Alison Lee**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Linda Long**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Yatta Johnson**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Natalie Medina**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Sol Nazario**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Matu Smith**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Sasha Torres**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Lovetee Gaye**, in recognition of successfully completing the "Dare to be You" Program at the Urban League of Rhode Island.

**Gerardo Transportation**, in recognition of their support and contribution to our organization Providence Hispanic Softball Alliance (PHSA) in our first spring tournament per funds for the Little League of Roberto Clemente.

**T&T Construction**, in recognition of their support and contribution to our organization Providence Hispanic Softball Alliance (PHSA) in our first spring tournament per funds for the Little League of Roberto Clemente.

**Mi Sueño Disco Restaurant**, in recognition of their support and contribution to our organization Providence Hispanic Softball Alliance (PHSA) in our first spring tournament per funds for the Little League of Roberto Clemente.

**Zoilo Garcia, Poder 1110**, in recognition of their support and contribution to our organization Providence Hispanic Softball Alliance (PHSA) in our first spring tournament per funds for the Little League of Roberto Clemente.

**Samuel Batista**, in recognition of their support and contribution to our organization Providence Hispanic Softball Alliance (PHSA) in our first spring tournament per funds for the Little League of Roberto Clemente.

**Eduardo Marines**, in recognition of their support and contribution to our organization Providence Hispanic Softball Alliance (PHSA) in our first spring tournament per funds for the Little League of Roberto Clemente.

**Nardo Ramos, Quisqueya Liquors**, in recognition of their contribution and unconditional support to the Providence Community through Providence Hispanic Softball Alliance (PHSA) in our first year of constitution.

**Joe Teixeira**, in recognition of their contribution and unconditional support to the Providence Community through Providence Hispanic Softball Alliance (PHSA) in our first year of constitution.

**Michael J. Narducci, Jr.**, in recognition of his bravery on April 21, 2007 during a fishing derby in Glastonbury, CT. when he saved seven year old, Hana, from drowning after she fell off the dock. It was a very heroic act for an eleven year old who does not like to swim.

**Freddie Jordan, Jr.**, Age 12, Windmill Street Elementary School, in recognition of winning the **Read 180 All-Star Award**. His academic achievements have made him one of only nine winners in the country.

**Breanna Laflamme**, Age 11, Windmill Street Elementary School, in recognition of being nominated for the **Read 180 All-Star Award**. She has achieved a remarkable gain of 355 Scholastic Reading Inventory points in one year.

**Judy A. Bums**, Windmill Street Elementary School, in recognition of her ability in knowing the potential of her students and taking the time to submit their names and achievements for the **Read 180 All-Star Award**.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN HASSETT**, seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN WOOD**.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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#### PERSONAL EXPRESSION

**COUNCILMAN SOLOMON** Requests the Privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"Tonight we have with us a very special guest in our company. Most recently with her beauty and her brains she has put Rhode Island on the national map. I would like to welcome Miss Rhode Island, USA and first runner-up in the Miss USA Pageant, Ms. Danielle Lacourse. At this time I would like to bring Danielle up and present her with a citation. It reads Be it hereby known to all that the City Council of Providence hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to Danielle Lacourse, Miss Rhode Island USA 2007. In recognition of being named first runner-up Miss USA 2007. The members of the City Council extend their very best wishes on this memorial occasion and express the hope for continued good fortune. Given this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007 at City Hall, Providence, Rhode Island. By Council President Peter S. Mancini and sponsored by Councilman Michael A. Solomon."

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANCINI 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.

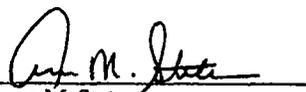
*Eva-Ann (Johnson) Geoppo*  
*Joseph Spremulli*  
*Victor P. Fagnoli*  
*Lawrence A. Labbadia*  
*Loreto Marzilli*  
*Cheryl A. LeClair*  
*Joseph G.lannelli*  
*Thomas I. Sant*  
*Dennis M. Palumbo*  
*Beatrice I. Vittorioso*  
*Mary L. Fiore*  
*Frank T. Aceto*  
*Sofia "Gina" G. Costabile*

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN HASSETT**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN WOOD**.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN HASSETT**, seconded by **COUNCILMAN WOOD**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:25 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.), to meet again **MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007** at 6:00 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.)

  
Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk