

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
RHODE ISLAND**



**CITY COUNCIL**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 9 City Council Special Meeting, Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 7:00 o'clock P.M.**

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**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
JOHN J. IGLIOZZI**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI,  
COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL,  
GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR KERWIN,  
COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, MATOS, COUNCILOR MILLER,  
COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND  
COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 13.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY AND COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI – 2.**

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

**IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 6 2021**

APPROVED:

 CLERK

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN SABINA MATOS**.

"I want to take this opportunity to ask God to give guidance to this City Council and my colleagues moving forward. Please help us and always keep in mind in remembering that the work that we are doing in here is the work that You have entrusted us to do in order to entrust the lives of the residents of the City of Providence. Please guide the officials moving forward and bless them and bless the City of Providence. Amen."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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## CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

### COMMUNICATION FROM

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT SABINA MATOS

Request filed with the City Clerk April 9, 2021, Requesting a Special Meeting to be called on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to join <https://providenceri-gov.zoom.us/j/94356898134> Or join by phone: Dial 1-646-876-9923 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 943 5689 8134 International numbers available <https://providenceri-gov.zoom.us/j/94356898134>

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI** Receives the foregoing Communication.

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>RECEIVED</b>
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## **WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

Warrant of the City Clerk, Shawn Selleck, Certifying that he has notified each member of the City Council of the Special Meeting to be called on the 13th day of April, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. via electronic mail, under the Governor's Executive Order Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to join <https://providenceri-gov.zoom.us/j/94356898134> Or join by phone: Dial 1-646-876-9923 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 943 5689 8134 International numbers available <https://providenceri-gov.zoom.us/j/94356898134>

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives the foregoing Warrant.**

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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## **RESIGNATION FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS**

Communication from Council President Sabina Matos, submitting her resignation as Council President of the Providence City Council, effective on April 13, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives the foregoing Communication.**

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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## ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI** Calls for Nominations for the Office of President of City Council for the Remaining Term of 2019-2023.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN** Nominates **COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI**, and this Nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI** Calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI**.

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI** Thereupon declares **COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI** duly elected as President of the City Council for the remaining term of Four Years ending on the first Monday in January, 2023.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ELECTION/NOMINATION APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Acting Council President Igliazzi, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilor Miller, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Anthony and Councilman Narducci – 2.

## **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI** Calls for Nominations for the Office of President Pro Tempore of City Council for the remaining Term of 2019-2023.

**COUNCILOR MILLER** Nominates **COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL**, and this Nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI** Calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILOR MILLER**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL**.

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI** Thereupon declares **COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL** duly elected as President Pro Tempore of the City Council for the remaining term of Four Years ending on the first Monday in January, 2023.

**AT EASE**

**RECONVENTION**

**PERSONAL EXPRESSION**

**COUNCILWOMAN MATOS** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"First of all I would like to congratulate Council President and President Pro Tempore for being elected today to these positions. You are going to be working really hard, the job is tough as many of you know, but I feel confident that the two of you can work together to unify our City Council. I want to thank the members of the City Council for allowing me to be the Council President. It has been an honor to serve in this role and I know that we have had differences in opinions, but at the end of the day all of us were trying to do what we believed was the right thing for the City of Providence, we just have to figure out what is the best decision. I know that all of you really have concerns about topics. I always know that what you are fighting for is what you believe to be the best decision for the residents of the City of Providence. It has been an honor to work with each one of you. I have learned so much from each one of you. Each one of you have a different personality and I have come to learn and understand each personality and appreciate your personality. All I can tell you is that moving forward, when you're having a discussion about any issues that you're passionate about please always remember that the other person is doing what they think is right and what they believe is the right decision. I have given a going away present to each one of you. I just gave it to Council President Iglizzo. I am a big

fan of this book and Councilman Luna was also a big fan of this book. When life gets crazy I go back to reading the book, so I gave you the short version so you don't have to read the whole thing. The first one is be impeccable with your work. The second one is don't take anything personally and that is the biggest one I think. The third one is don't make assumptions. In the business that we are in we tend to make a lot of assumptions so try not to do that and always do your best. I honestly just want to tell you I always tried to do my best with the information that I had available to me and with the conditions in which we are in. So, I hope that you take a look at it. I also like to read it once in a while when life is getting crazy and finally I just want to say to the staff of the Providence City Council thank you so much. Each one of you have been amazing to me through this journey from the beginning when I was trying to figure out what I was doing and the Clerk was wonderful from the beginning helping me every single step. It has been an honor and I hope that we get to work together in the near future gain. Thank you Mr. President."

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

"I would like to congratulate you, Council President Iglizzi. As you take the helm I extend my best wishes and look forward to working with you to advocate on behalf of the residents of the City of Providence. I would also like to congratulate Council President Pro Tempore Pedro Espinal as you step into your new role and I look forward to collaborating with you and further strengthen out respected communities. Under both of your leadership may the Council continue to strive for goals and have a positive and meaningful impact on the people of our great city. Lastly, I would like to thank and congratulate Lieutenant Governor Matos on being unanimously confirmed by the Senate today. We are so grateful for your tireless commitment and contributions to the City of Providence and we hope that you will continue to be a strong advocate and partner in your new role. Today is the start of a new chapter for the Council and I would like to thank you all for your leadership and service here in the City of Providence. We are so forever and grateful and thankful. Thank you Mr. President."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ELECTION/NOMINATION APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwoman Anthony and Councilman Narducci – 2.

## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, it is voted to adjourn congratulating our new Governor, our new President and our new Pro-Tempore at 7:23 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.**

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

**SHAWN SELLECK  
CITY CLERK**

