

CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 23 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, September 19, 2019, 7:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SABINA MATOS

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND TAYLOR – 13.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN YURDIN – 1.

ALSO PRESENT: SHAWN SELLECK, CITY CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI, DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR, LAW DEPARTMENT

IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 17 2019

APPROVED:

Shawn Selleck

CLERK

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN JAMES E. TAYLOR**.

"Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart Your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank You for being our source of guidance today. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN HELEN 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 22 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held September 5, 2019, are approved as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglizzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 30, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **James Scott** of 1246 Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a second alternate member of the **Zoning Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2022, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated September 9, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Miguel Quezada** of 24 Corliss Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02940, as a member of the **City Plan Commission** for a term to end January 31, 2021, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Quezada replaces Mr. Opton-Himmel who has resigned.)

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Communications to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council September 5, 2019, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2018-12, No. 260, Entitled: "An Ordinance in Amendment of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Chapter 15, by Adding Section 15-7", Effective April 16, 2018.

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is hereby amended by repealing Section 15-17 (Ordinance Chapter 2018-12, No. 260) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-85, No. 338, Approved July 9, 2019, As Amended.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees, and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-86, No. 339, Approved July 9, 2019, As Amended.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

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

International Business Technologies (Police Department)	\$18,900.00
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COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Ordinances and Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN CORREIA

Resolution Establishing a Special Commission for the Study of a Progressive Tiered Property Tax Structure

WHEREAS, The City of Providence complies with the property revaluation schedule as set forth in Rhode Island General Laws § 44-5-11.5, which provides for a full revaluation every nine years, and a statistical revaluation every three years; and

WHEREAS, The accurate and timely valuation of property is crucial to ensuring equitable and predictable assessment of local taxes, but the particular standards and procedures for revaluations vary broadly across different jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Dramatic shifts in the real estate market during the past ten years have caused greater fluctuations in property valuations throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, The current revaluation schedule and process impacts the various neighborhoods differently, at times resulting in significant and unaffordable tax increases and burdens for property owners in those neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, A review of the state law, and the entire revaluation process, is necessary in order to mitigate dramatic property tax increases from one revaluation cycle to the next, and provide greater stability for homeowners and residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish a Special Commission for the Study of a Progressive Tiered Property Tax Structure, the purpose of which shall be to study and make recommendations regarding the property tax tiered system, and to make recommendations regarding appropriate changes to City procedures and State law, including study and analysis of the overall revaluation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Special Commission on Property Revaluation shall:

- 1) consist of not more than nine members, as appointed by the Council President; and
- 2) shall issue a report of recommendations to the City Council within 120 days of the date appointments are made to the commission.

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

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglioizzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI

Resolution Requesting the City Internal Auditor Conduct and Audit of all Street Paving Projects related to 2017 Providence Public Buildings Authority \$45,000,000.00 Bond.

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI

Resolution Requesting that Mayor Elorza and the Department of Public Works provide a project progress report and fiduciary updates related to the Providence Public Buildings Authority \$45,000,000.00 bond issuance and sidewalk improvements.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman**

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2018-67, Effective November 8, 2018.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Seventy Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty Six Thousand Eighty Two Dollars (\$78,946,082), for the support of the Providence Water Supply Board for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Five Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$572,841), for the Water Supply Board Property Tax Refund Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Five Million Six Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$5,667,270), for the Water Supply Board Capital Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Forty Two Million Five Hundred Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$42,561,811), for the Water Supply Board Infrastructure Replacement Program Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$1,766,711), for the Water Supply Board Equipment Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Four Million Six Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$4,679,671), for the Water Supply Board Insurance Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Five Million Five Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Nine Dollars (\$5,568,809), for the Water Supply Board Chemical and Sludge Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$399,590), for the Water Supply Board Western Cranston Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Six Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$633,903), for the Water Supply Board Revenue Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Five Million Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$5,877,886), for the Water Supply Board Water Quality Protection Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Nine Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$989,979), for the Water Supply Board Lead Service Replacement Fund for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Two Million Seventy Six Thousand Twelve Dollars (\$2,076,012), for the Water Supply Board Meter Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2018-68, Effective November 8, 2018.

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

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

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 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

Captona Partners Solar II, LLC (Public Property)	\$3,800,000.00
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RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

Captona Partners Solar II, LLC (Public Property)	\$3,800,000.00
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COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matter and Moves Passage of the Resolution and Refer Back to Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

“As most of you are probably are aware by now or maybe you’re not, but Senator Goodwin is pretty sick. So, what I would ask is that we as colleagues of Senator Goodwin pray for her as she goes through some tough times right now. She is suffering pretty bad with cancer and it came on pretty unexpectedly. I know firsthand from dealing with Senator Goodwin way before I was even an elected official anytime we needed her in Providence she was always there for us. As a matter of fact just recently she called me up and yelled at me. I said what’s the matter? She said well the September Fest is two Saturdays from and I haven’t gotten a phone call from you about bikes or a check. I said to be totally honest with you I didn’t feel it was proper to bother her and I can’t really say what she said to me, but what she said really hit the heart because she is going through what she is going through and she is still worried about our community and the kids in our community and the families. I wish the Senator the best of luck.”

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

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated August 13, 2019, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Julian Drix** of 93 Calla Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the **Providence Harbor Commission** for a term to expire on December 31, 2021, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Drix replaces Ms. Shekarchi who has resigned.)

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matter and Moves to Receive and Approve the foregoing Communication, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES
COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR

An Ordinance Amending Article XII of Chapter 21 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, Entitled: "Tax Exemption for certain property owned by the Providence Redevelopment Agency".

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

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliozi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from John J. Garrahy, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, requesting to change the zoning districts for the properties located at 24 Eighth Street and 29 Ninth Street, located on Assessor's Plat 91, Lots 151 and 632 from R-2 to C-2, provided the uses permitted on said property shall be restricted to either one family dwellings, two-family dwellings, three family dwellings or multi-family dwellings.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

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:

Jack O'Rourke, Sodexo, in recognition of his continuous commitment and contributions to the City of Providence.

Jorge Cardenas, Sodexo, in recognition of his continuous commitment and contributions to the City of Providence.

Duva's Gas Station, in recognition of the celebration of their 70th Anniversary.

Children's Friend, in recognition of the celebration of their Ribbon cutting Ceremony on Friday, September 6, 2019.

United Community Martial Arts, in recognition of the celebration of their Grand Opening on Thursday, September 5, 2019.

Jireh Market, in recognition of the celebration of their Grand Opening on Saturday, September 7, 2018.

Lori Lazzareschi, in recognition of the celebration of her retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Marie E. Speaks, in recognition of the celebration of her 84th Birthday on September 20, 2019.

Edicto Rodriguez, Dexter Mini Market, in recognition of the celebration of the Grand Opening at 331 Dexter Street.

Martha Siddique, in recognition of the celebration of her Birthday on September 2, 2019.

Christy Clausen, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Jo-Ann L. Schofield, Mentor RI, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Joe Lazzerini, President of Pride, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Cliff Wood, The Providence Foundation, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Kennedy Arias, Providence Sports Leadership, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Dina DeAngelis, Providence School Dept., in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Silvia Acevado, Day One, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Anthony Hubbard, YouthBuild Providence, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Wanda Laracuenta, Nonviolence Institute, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Beth Bixby, Family Services, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Terry Moran, McLaughlin & Moran, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Brother Michael Reis, Family Services, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Cedric P. Huntley, The Met School, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2019 Providence Police Community Award.

Hernandad Por Nicaragua of Rhode Island, in recognition of the celebration of their 198th Anniversary of Nicaragua Independence.

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

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglizzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"I just wanted to talk about and its unfortunately a subject that of course is quite sad for the City of Providence, our School Department. I wanted to talk about a story that occurred just recently. You know, I remember Acting Superintendent Gallo coming to the council here and I know there was issues swirling around the Hopkins Report. One of the issues was about this idea about cell phones. Its sounds trivial, but it's actually so symptomatic of the whole system and it's kind of interesting. I asked her just one question which was, is there a cell phone policy and she said yes there is, but it's not working. I said ok, so what's the next step and she said we're going to poll the students and the students are going to decide what the cell phone policy is. Now, why I find that odd was the students have already decided what the cell phone policy is and they are going to use it when they want to. They are going to use it during class and they are not going to pay any attention to anybody who mentions about using cell phones during class. Now, I am sure some of you folks feel that maybe the kids should use it all the time during class, I don't. Actually, this summer DelSesto Middle School was struck by lighting and the lighting went into the power plant and destroyed its ability for electricity or heat. Ok, so the next step is they also have an outdoor generator. So, the original HVAC system gets struck by lightning, a month and a half, two months ago and the School Department is scrambling around trying to figure out what to do. They have the temporary generator, the temporary generator goes on the fritz. So, then the School Department then hires a mobile generator. So, come this Monday morning there is no power at DelSesto again. So, I go visit the school. The school is pitch black. The shades are all drawn down, the kids are at their desks and they have their cell phones and they're working. No one's teaching and nothing is happening. So, first I said to the principal, it's a beautiful sunny day, so why don't you at least open the shades. She said we can't open the shades they're broken. Okay, so let's get this straight. There is no electricity, there is no HVAC system, the shades don't work and the kids are sitting in the dark on their cell phones. So, they are scrambling for a generator and they're trying to conduct school, of course there is no school being conducted. What I think is shocking, is that their next step is to bus all the kids across town and have them sit in some gymnasium in another school. So, that was their plan. Well, does that make any sense? How do these parents of these 800 students going to know where their kids are, where they're going and where they are for the day. I am sure by their cell phones. So, I said it's a beautiful day, make it a field day. Open up the gym, they are clearly not going to teach any courses so have it at DelSesto, they have this big massive green space. So, luckily that's what they did. The reason why I'm telling this story is, is that you heard all summer long we're going to be ready. We do the report, the reports not really truthful, the report is embellishing. That's really not happening. Our schools are much better. Every school would be functioning, the lights would be on, the kids would be learning and the teachers would be teaching. Well folks, I know we're all hoping the State can solve this problem and I understand we're looking and unfortunately, we're turning over the keys to this, but folks, it's still our responsibility and we still have to be vigilant. I don't think we just allow and just let the state do what they think. We have to participate and I know a lot of you are. We have to be vigilant for our constituents because if it's happening in my ward it's happening in your ward and if it can happen in my ward, it can happen in your ward. It's important that our kids in the Providence School system have a clean, safe, fully functioning classroom space that works for them and for the teachers and they have to get it done sooner than later. Just a point, it's so disheartening to see that happen and the fact that they just seem to be leaderless and they are just all over the

place. Now, back to how it all began. If we believe the answer is to concede all authority to have the children decide school policy then we have failed. We need to have them participate, but they shouldn't dictate. We need to show leadership, we need to have the adults in the room be able to teach our children in giving the parameters to grow and learn, but the idea that the students are going to dictate school policy is a problem. So, it's all connected and it's not fixed. We need to be vigilant as a body and I just want my council colleagues to continue their effort which I know they're all doing and to keep focusing on trying to hopefully turning the school system around and make it a better place. Thank you."

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:

Shirley Ardell Tilson

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

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Iglioizzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Yurdin – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**MATTER NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

On Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to allow the introduction of the following Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "Harbor and Port," Amending Section 11-1.1, "Harbor Moorings and Anchorages".

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matter, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:21 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**



**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**

