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CITY COUNCIL

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No. 36 City Council Special Meeting, Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 5:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 10.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 5.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, ACTING CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, CLAIRE E. GIRARD, CLERK LIAISON, HUASCAR BEATO, CITY SERGEANT AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI, DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE JOINS THE MEETING)

INVOCATION

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

"I would just ask Lord, that you keep an eye on the new councilmembers coming into these chambers, and more so the leadership and the councilmembers leaving these chambers. I ask Lord, that you watch over every elected official whether they be new or returning to their seats throughout the whole country. I just hope that some of these elected officials remember the promises that they had made especially to our families that really need the promises kept for the low income housing, for affordable housing and for healthcare. Everybody knows the situation we're in Lord, but let's see if they can take the bull by the horns and run with it. Lord, again I ask that you bless us all especially with the upcoming holidays and upon the new year. Thank you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL 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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN J. IGLIOZZI

Request filed with the Acting City Clerk November 4, 2022, Requesting a Special Meeting to be called on the 9th day of November, 2022 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the Acting City Clerk to Huascar D. Beato, City Sergeant with Return Certification that he has notified each member of the City Council of the Special Meeting called for the 9th day of November, 2022 at 5:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI Moves to Waive the Reading of items 1 and 2, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Receives items 1 and 2.

RESULT: RECEIVED

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council October 25, 2022, Read and Passed the First Time, As Amended and Referred to the Committee on Finance and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, LAFORTUNE, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILORS MILLER, SALVATORE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance Adopting the COVID-19 Equities Program Budget for the period of January 6, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

Section 1 - The \$10 million budget for January 6, 2022 - December 31, 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding under the category entitled, "COVID-19 Equities Program" is adopted as follows:

Recognition of Harm	
Reimagining Building & Sites	\$ 400,000
Equity Building	
Homeownership & Financial Literacy	\$ 1,000,000
Capacity Investments in Community Organizations	\$ 500,000
Earn & Learn Workforce Training	\$ 1,000,000
Small Business Acceleration	\$ 1,500,000
Expansion of Youth Internship Program	\$ 250,000
United Way COVID-19 Equity Fund	\$ 1,750,000
Creation & Development of Media	
Invest In Media Firms	\$ 250,000
Expand Operational Capacity	\$ 1,000,000
Preserve, Safeguard & Promote Cultural Programs	\$ 200,000
Creation Of Survivors & Descendants of Urban Renewal Fund	
Establish A Fund Dedicated To Urban Renewal Impacts	\$ 200,000
Develop Grant Program To Assist Urban Renewal Impacted Neighborhoods	\$ 200,000
Expansion Of Cultural Engagement & Educational Opportunities	
Creation of K-12 “A Matter of Truth” Curriculum	\$ 50,000
Advancing Public Education Campaigns	\$ 50,000
Funding To Establish History School	\$ 50,000
Creation Of Artist In Residence Fund	\$ 100,000
K-12 Curriculum Grounded In Rhode Island & New England History	\$ 100,000
Creation Of Resident Scholarship Fund	\$ 500,000
Creation of Fund For Home-Based Day Care Providers	\$ 250,000
Invest In District Wide Coordinator For Educational Enrichment	\$ 100,000
Movement Towards A More Equitable Healthcare System	
Expansion of Mental & Behavioral Support Programs	\$ 150,000
Collaborate With Neighborhood Providers Including Barbershops	\$ 250,000
Accelerate The Evolution of AAAG Into Policy Institute Model	
Creation of Policy & Research Center	\$ 150,000
TOTAL	\$10,000,000

Section 2 - This budget is informed by the Providence Municipal Reparations Commission charged with the task of developing and recommending appropriate policies and programs that can directly address documented socio-economic disparities that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission recommended that the City of Providence and external partners implement an 11-Point Investment Plan that advances reparations, defined as “closing the present-day racial wealth and equity gap.”

Section 3- All funding the above categories will use the four eligibility categories recommended by the Commission for reparations investments that would most accurately reflect the City of Providence’s unique history and also respond to the residents in the present day with the most measurable need which are Indigenous People, African Heritage People, Qualified Census Tracts and Neighborhoods and Residents Facing Poverty.

Section 4 - The Mayor’s Administration and the City Council are partnering with the United Way through the establishment of the United Way COVID-19 Equity Fund for the purpose of attracting additional investment from outside partners in order to expand the amount of resources available to carry out the mission of the COVID-19 Equities Program as outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of this budget. Any and all proposed expenditures from the United Way COVID-19 Equity Fund shall require authorization by resolution of the Providence City Council following a public hearing in order to receive community feedback on the proposed expenditure. The Mayor’s Administration and the City’s ARPA Consultant shall be responsible for monitoring and ensuring compliance with all ARPA regulations for all expenditures through the COVID-19 Equity Fund, as well as all programing contained in this budget. All programs contained in this budget, as well as future expenditures from the COVID-19 Equity Fund shall align with the recommendations noted in the City of Providence Reparations Commission Report.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3 and Pass for the Second Time, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [10 TO 1]
MOVER:	Councilman Narducci
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Iglizzi, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Vargas – 10.
NAYS:	Councilman Narducci – 1.
ABSENT:	Councilman Correia, Councilors Kerwin, Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, (By Request):

Ordinance 1996-1 No. 1, Establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for the Providence Place Mall and Establishing Community Reinvestment Payments for the City of Providence to be Paid by Providence Place Group, As Amended.

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Exemption Agreement for ProvPort, Inc.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Ordinance No. 2019-55, No. 541, Approved December 13, 2019, "An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for E2000 Realty, LLC, located on Assessor's Plat 113, Lots 232, 233, 234 and 235 (541 Hartford Avenue)".

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Resolution Authorizing a lease extension and bond indenture for ProvPort, Inc.

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 7, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refers items 4 through 7 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

**MOTION TO SUSPEND RULE 16(B) OF THE RULES
OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO TAKE MATTERS
NOT APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI Moves to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to take Matters Not Appearing on the Printed Docket, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for Seventy One Richmond, LLC.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI, (By Request):

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Providence declaring results of Protest Proceedings and Authorizing the Establishment of the Providence Tourism Improvement District (PTID).

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI Moves to Waive the Reading of items 8 and 9, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT IGLIOZZI Refer items 8 and 9 to the Committee on Finance.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn at 5:10 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina L. Mastroianni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**TINA L. MASTROIANNI
ACTING CITY CLERK**

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