

CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



The Credo of the Providence City Council is to be Industrious, to be Watchful and to Promote Peace. The bee, as a symbol of industry, is derived from the early colonial saying "Busy as a Bee"; the goose, as a symbol of watchfulness, is derived from the story of the goose whose cackling saved Rome; and the lamb, as a symbol of peace, is derived from the biblical use of the lamb as a symbol of peace.



IN CITY COUNCIL
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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 1 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, January 9, 2025, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RACHEL M. MILLER**

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 12.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO – 3.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, LAUREN GUTIERREZ, ASSISTANT CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI, DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR.

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO JOIN THE MEETING).

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCIL PRESIDENT RACHEL M. MILLER.**

"At this first meeting of the new year let's give thanks for all who are here, our health, our family, our friends, the city that we love. Let's use this year to release grudges, anger, complaints and pain because they're nothing but binding chains. Let's use this new year to renew our commitment to service, to one another, to our constituents and to hold clear in our mind our commitment to people, who anyone who is struggling in this great city of ours. Whether that be they do not have a house, whether they are cold tonight, people who have concerns of others future and we know the long list of what they may be. Let's renew our commitments to everyone in our city, including anyone who is in struggle, and thank you all."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILOR SUE R. ANDERBOIS 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. 24 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held December 2, 2024 and Journal of Proceedings No. 25 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 5, 2024.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3 and Move Approval, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Pichardo – 2.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1101 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 re-appointing **Dr. Alma Guerrero Bready, MD** of 86 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Providence Water Supply Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2029.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, 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 Chapter 2, Article XXII, Section 2-354 of the Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Akilah Phillip** of 161 Ford Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2025. (Ms. Phillip replaces Mr. Wood who has resigned).

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 and 5 and Receive, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT: RECEIVED

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 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 re-appointing **Bruce Bartel**, of 114 Jastram Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a civil engineer member of the **Building Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 1, 2030, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 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 re-appointing **Nelson Ferreira**, of 100 Mathewson Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Building Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 1, 2030, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 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 re-appointing **Kojo V. King** of 39 Fisk Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905 as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 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 re-appointing **Robert L. Ricci** of 100 Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 8-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **David Iglizzi, Esquire** of 1351 Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921, as the **Chief Judge of the Providence Housing Court**, for a term to expire on January 6, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. .

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 8-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Paul Ragosta, Esquire** of 15 Lotus Place, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as an **Associate Judge of the Providence Housing Court**, for a term to expire on January 6, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 6 through 11, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 6 through 11 to the Committee on Finance.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" Approved November 24, 2014, as Amended, to Change Certain Text in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, and to Amend the Base and Overlay Zoning Maps.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

COUNCILOR PICHARDO

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Approving Improvements to the Providence Water Supply Board Distribution System and Appurtenances thereto, including but not limited to the Cleaning, Relining, Repair and Replacement of Water Mains, Transmission Lines, Service Lines and Valves and Approving the Financing thereof by the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds and Notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000.00.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (2).

Agostini Construction, Inc.
(Public Property)

\$1,309,374.00

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 12 through 14, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 12 to the Committee on Ordinances and Refers items 13 and 14 to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution in Memory of Ruth "Diamond" Madsen.

WHEREAS, Ruth Madsen, affectionately known as "Diamond," was a devoted and passionate community advocate whose unwavering commitment to helping those in need left a lasting impact on all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Ruth devoted her life to serving those experiencing homelessness, ensuring their voices were heard and their needs addressed through her involvement with the Voices of Homelessness group and the Constituent Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Through her volunteer work at Matthewson Street Church, Ruth exemplified the true spirit of compassion and service, providing support and care for those in her community, even as she faced personal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was known for her empathy, resilience, and determination, consistently advocating for those without a voice and standing as a beacon of hope for the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Ruth's contributions to the community went far beyond her advocacy, as she inspired others through her authenticity, grace, and relentless pursuit of justice for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Ruth's passing on December 21, 2024, leaves a profound void in our community, yet her legacy of compassion, courage, and service will continue to guide and inspire us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council extends its deepest condolences to all who were touched by Ruth "Diamond" Madsen's light, and honors her memory by carrying forward her passion for justice, her advocacy for the homeless, and her commitment to uplifting those in need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Ruth's legacy will forever remain a part of the fabric of our community, and her work will continue to inspire and guide future efforts toward compassion and justice for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Ruth Madsen and to the Matthewson Street Church.

**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR
ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN
HARRIS, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND
COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Supporting Amazon Workers In Their Unionization Efforts.

WHEREAS, The workers of Amazon have reported exhausting and perilous working conditions, producing profound strain, severe injury, persistent anguish, and even death, all for pay and benefits incommensurate with their labor; and

WHEREAS, Amazon, a multinational corporation presently valued at \$2 trillion, has notably and publicly failed to negotiate in good faith and in a timely manner with those workers that have already organized and had their unions recognized; and

WHEREAS, The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, a union comprised of 1.3 million workers across a variety of professions but primarily transportation, organized 10,000 of those Amazon workers to strike between December 19, 2024 and December 24, 2024 due to the failure of Amazon to meet the negotiation deadline of December 15th; and

WHEREAS, Amazon workers employed at a distribution center in Johnston, Rhode Island are presently joining together in solidarity to protest the conditions found in their workplace; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid workers are seeking to join Teamsters Local 251, a local chapter of the Teamsters which has begun picketing the Amazon facility in Johnston alongside its efforts to organize those workers; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the importance of employee unionization in the furtherance of the conditions, pay, benefits, and dignity befitting labor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council stands in solidarity with Amazon workers currently working to unionize their workplace and urges Amazon to negotiate in good faith and to recognize the union voluntarily.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, to Teamsters Local 251 Secretary Treasurer & Principal Officer Matthew Taibi, to Teamsters Local 251 President Paul Santos, to Amazon President and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Jassy, to Amazon Senior Vice President for global public policy and general counsel David Zapolsky, to the Amazon Board of Directors, and to the management team at the Amazon facility in Johnston.

**COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN
HARRIS, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Demanding Governor McKee Declare Homelessness a State of Emergency for Public Health.

WHEREAS, Over the past four years, the number of unhoused residents in Rhode Island has continued to rise at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, Recent data shows a staggering 35% increase in homelessness in Rhode Island from 2023 to 2024, compared to an 18% increase nationwide, ranking the State sixth in the nation for rising rates of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island can no longer ignore the public health emergency posed by homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Experiencing homelessness, particularly for more than six months, significantly increases the risk of morbidity and mortality, as unhoused individuals are more likely to report poor mental and physical health, engage in high-risk behaviors such as intravenous drug use, and suffer from severe comorbidities, including heart disease and respiratory illness, directly endangering their health; and

WHEREAS, The State has not only stood idle while unhoused individuals face these grave public health challenges, but it has also shown indifference to the worsening crisis as the prevalence of homelessness continues to climb; and

WHEREAS, A glaring example of this indifference is the delay in rolling out ECHO Village, a temporary pallet shelter village proposed four years ago but repeatedly stalled due to the State's lack of preparedness and urgency; and

WHEREAS, Under RIGL § 30-15-9, the Governor of Rhode Island has the authority to declare a public health emergency, a critical step to address the harm caused by homelessness; and

WHEREAS, As freezing temperatures persist, it is morally indefensible for the Governor to neglect recognizing homelessness as a public health emergency, as there is no case of homelessness that is not an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Providence City Council demands that Governor McKee immediately declare a state of emergency to prevent, intervene, and support the recovery of those experiencing homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of Governor Daniel J. McKee and Mayor Brett Smiley.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Dispense with the Reading of items 15 through 17 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

Resolution in Memory of Ruth "Diamond" Madsen.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony – 1.

Resolution Supporting Amazon Workers In Their Unionization Efforts.

RESULT: PASSED
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Ryan – 1
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony – 1.

Resolution Demanding Governor McKee Declare Homelessness a State of Emergency for Public Health.

RESULT: PASSED
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Ryan – 1.
RECUSED: Councilwoman Peterson – 1.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"First, I just want to thank all the members of the public for being here today, obviously a lot of attention is on Councilor Roias and myself tonight, but the actions that we took this week would not have been able to be accomplished without the help of dozens and dozens of members of our community here in Providence. I just wanted to take a quick moment to recognize everyone, if you have contributed in any way by spending time donating, contributing food, please stand up because you guys are the ones that deserve the recognition for the courageous actions that we are taking this week. So, please stand up if you have somehow been involved supporting".

COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Agreement by and among the Town of Foster and the Providence Water Supply Board, an enterprise fund of the City of Providence, The Providence Public Buildings Authority and the City of Providence, relative to the Tax Agreement for the Town of Foster.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 18, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 18 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

**COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR
ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS,
PETERSON AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Congratulating Atlantic Mills Commercial Tenants Union.

WHEREAS, On December 21, 2024, a supermajority of tenants at Atlantic Mills made history by voting to establish the Atlantic Mills Commercial Tenants Union, the first commercial tenants' union in Rhode Island and a significant milestone in tenant advocacy within the state; and

WHEREAS, The tenants of Atlantic Mills, an iconic Providence landmark built in 1852 and central to the economic, cultural, and artistic life of the Olneyville neighborhood, have taken a bold and proactive step to safeguard their livelihoods and businesses amid a potential sale of the property; and

WHEREAS, The union has articulated clear demands to the current owner, The Howard & Eleanor Brynes Trust, including securing a 99-year lease, implementing immediate rent stabilization, and enacting an eviction moratorium starting December 21, 2024, until a fair collective bargaining agreement is reached; and

WHEREAS, This historic union reflects the deep cultural and community significance of Atlantic Mills, a space that has long been a vibrant hub for artists, small business owners, community organizations, and faith-based groups, and must be preserved as an inclusive and affordable space for all; and

WHEREAS, The formation of the Atlantic Mills Commercial Tenants Union underscores the importance of tenant unions in amplifying the voices of renters and addressing issues such as rising rents, displacement, and gentrification, which threaten to erode the social and economic fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Mills embodies Providence's rich industrial heritage and ongoing creative spirit, hosting diverse tenants that contribute to the city's identity as the "Creative Capital"; and

WHEREAS, By uniting to form a tenants' union, the tenants of Atlantic Mills have demonstrated remarkable leadership and solidarity, setting an inspiring precedent for tenant advocacy across Providence and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council congratulates the tenants of Atlantic Mills on this groundbreaking achievement, stands in solidarity with the Atlantic Mills Commercial Tenants Union, and affirms its commitment to supporting their efforts to ensure this historic and vital neighborhood center continues to thrive under community-focused stewardship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to the Atlantic Mills Commercial Tenants Union, the Howard & Eleanor Brynes Trust, the Olneyville Neighborhood Association, and the Director of the City of Providence Planning Department.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 19 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Roias – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILORS PICHARDO AND SANCHEZ

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 21, “Revenue and Finance”, Article II, “Division of Purchase Orders” Section 21-27, “Competitive Bidding” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 30 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT: READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Roias – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 381 Wickenden Street.

COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 241 Pocasset Avenue.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 21 and 22, substitute and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 381 Wickenden Street.

RESULT: READ/PASSED (AS AMENDED) 1X [12 TO 1]
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
NAYES: Councilor Sanchez – 1.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Roias – 2.

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 241 Pocasset Avenue.

RESULT: READ/PASSED (AS AMENDED) 1X [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Espinal
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Roias – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time, as Amended, is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 161 Gano Street.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 23 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Roias – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO

Resolution Granting a Tax Abatement for Joseph Caffey Apartments, 16 Somerset Street.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 24 and Pass on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Sanchez, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Roias – 2

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Michael Leonard 24-322	(Pacia & Pacia, LLP) 24-337
Donna Walsh 24-323	Anne Marie McKenna 24-338
Erik Derby 24-324	Lourdes Fevrier 24-339
Lynette Kapsinow 24-325	Whitney T. Hawkins 24-340
Susan Smith	Progressive Direct Insurance Company
(Marasco & Nesselbush, LLP) 24-	a/s/o Maureen Vieira 24-341
326	Lititia Hall
Keri Cyr	(Fay Law Associates, Inc.) 24-342
(Rob Levine & Associates) 24-327	Stephanie Hunt 24-343
Felix Perez	Kasandra McKenzie 24-344
(Rob Levine & Associates) 24-328	Sherrie Guay
Theresa Zagnoli	(Rosa Law) 24-345
(Mark B. Morse, LLC) 24-329	Ronaldo Garcia-Frias
Carlos Rios Ramirez	(Rosa Law) 24-346
(Bottaro Law Firm, LLC) 24-330	Angelique Ruzzo 24-347
Michael Taylor	Nasreen Akhter
(Pacia & Pacia, LLP) 24-331	(Heather M. Bonnet-Hebert, Esquire)
Jessica Matta	24-348
(Pacia & Pacia, LLP) 24-332	Jeferson Rocha 24-349
Marilyn C. Carroll 24-333	Aracelis Mercado
Cindy Phillips 24-334	(Robert V. Russo, Esq.) 24-350
Angelique Washington 24-335	Utica National Insurance Group,
Maria N. DeSenna 24-336	a/s/o Falvey Linen Supply, Inc.
Jessica Matta	24-351

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Neal Kaplan, dated November 22, 2024, submitting his resignation as a member of the Historic District Commission.

Communication from Elizabeth Ochs, dated December 5, 2024, submitting her resignation as a member of the Providence Juvenile Hearing Board.

Communication from Fidelino Vargas, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-24-51, for the property located at 133 Waldo Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907.

Communication from Kevin Foley, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-24-52, for the property located at 14 Cargill Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

Communication from Michael Frumm, Providence Innovation District Phase 1 Owner, LLC, submitting the Annual Progress Report required by Section 9.1 of the Tax Stabilization Agreement between the City of Providence and Providence Innovation District Phase 1 Owner, LLC (the "TSA").

Report from Ricky Caruolo, General Manager, Providence Water, dated November 26, 2024, submitting Providence Water Supply Board's Application to the Public Utilities Commission for General Rate Schedule Changes.

Report from Peter Mahoney, Executive Vice-President, John M. Corcoran & Co. LLC, 100 Grandview Road, Suite 205, Braintree MA, 02184, dated December 2, 2024, submitting the Tax Stabilization Agreement Annual Report - Station Row Apartments, (Plat 4, Lot 262), formerly known as The Commons at Providence Station, required by Section 9.1 of the Tax Stabilization Agreement between the City of Providence and 262 LLC (Book 11560, Page 211) as assigned to the Capital Cove Development, LLC.

Report from 261, LLC (Ground Lessee), 40 Westminster Street, 9th Floor, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from Power 250, LLC, 108 Endean Drive, East Walpole, Massachusetts 02032, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from 345 Harris, Inc., 4 Fox Place, Floor 2, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from 530 Broadway, LLC, 334 Carpenter Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from Federal Hill Partners, LLC, 334 Carpenter Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from 8 Hewitt Street, LLC, 334 Carpenter Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from Washington Street Holdco, LLC, 334 Carpenter Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from 1290 Westminster, LLC, 334 Carpenter Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from TPG 100 Sabin Hotel, LLC d/b/a Residence Inn Downtown Providence, 1140 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from RP Providence, LLC d/b/a Renaissance Providence Hotel, 1140 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, submitting Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from 8th Investment, LLC, 9 Wayland Square, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from 78 Fountain Street BAC, LLC, 71 Third Avenue, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from Wide Plank, LLC, Eric R. Army, 11 Aleppo Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from EM 28 Providence, L.P., Five Radnor Corporate Center 100 Matsonford Road, Suite 250, Radnor, Pennsylvania, 19087, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

Report from Fili Investment, LLC, 225 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

RESULT: RECEIVED

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 25 through 47, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 25 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives items 26 through 47.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER 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:

Providence Streets Coalition, in recognition of the celebration of PVD Streets 5th Anniversary on December 4, 2024!

Marcus Mitchell, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2024 AARP Rhode Island Andrus Award for Community Service.

Helen Baskerville Dukes, in recognition of being the recipient of Archie Johnson MUSEOFRI "Black Culture & Pride" Award from the Muse Foundation.

Congressman Gabriel Felix Kofi Amo, in recognition of being the Keynote Speaker at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Linda A'Vant Deishinni, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Service Award in Public Service at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Shawndell Burney Speaks, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Service in Diversity Award at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Shane A. Lee, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Service in Leadership Award at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Oluwatoyin Omisore, in recognition of being the recipient of the Young Professional Award at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Joyce K. Jonah, in recognition of being the recipient of the Oasis International & African Community Leadership Forum President Circle Award at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Revive Therapeutic Services, in recognition of being the recipient of the OI Professional Achievement Award at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Weber*Renew, Overdose Prevention Center and Drop-In Center, in recognition of the celebration of your Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on December 10, 2024.

Thomas Verdi, Director of the Rhode Island Department, in recognition of being honored at the 126th Annual Meeting of the Providence Building, Sanitary, & Educational Association for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to the youth of Wiggin Village.

Captain Kenneth D. Jones, Rhode Island State Police, in recognition of being honored at the 126th Annual Meeting of the Providence Building, Sanitary, & Educational Association for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to the youth of Wiggin Village.

Wendy Johnson, Executive Director of the Providence Human Relation Commission, in recognition of being honored at the 126th Annual Meeting of the Providence Building, Sanitary, & Educational Association for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to the youth of Wiggin Village.

Dr. Javier Montañez, Superintendent Providence Public Schools, in recognition of being honored at the 126th Annual Meeting of the Providence Building, Sanitary, & Educational Association for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to the youth of Wiggin Village.

Linda A'Vant-Deishinni, Director of the St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, in recognition of being honored at the 126th Annual Meeting of the Providence Building, Sanitary, & Educational Association for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to the youth of Wiggin Village.

Kevin Lanni, Court Administrator Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal, in recognition of being honored at the 126th Annual Meeting of the Providence Building, Sanitary, & Educational Association for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to the youth of Wiggin Village.

Community Leader Albert Carrington, Posthumously, in recognition of being honored at the 126th Annual Meeting of the Providence Building, Sanitary, & Educational Association for your dedication, leadership, and commitment to the youth of Wiggin Village.

Corey Jones, Region 1, in recognition of being elected as a Providence Public School Board Member! Congratulations!

Heidi Silverio, Region 3, in recognition of being elected as a Providence Public School Board Member! Congratulations!

Mireya Mendoza, Region 4, in recognition of being elected as a Providence Public School Board Member! Congratulations!

Ty'Relle Stephens, Region 5, in recognition of being elected as a Providence Public School Board Member! Congratulations!

Fatia Alabede, in recognition of being the recipient of a scholarship at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Wujuudat Balogun, in recognition of being the recipient of a scholarship at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Teslimah Lawal, in recognition of being the recipient of a scholarship at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Emeka Ezeama, in recognition of being the recipient of a scholarship at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Raquel Coronel, in recognition of being the recipient of a scholarship at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Jean Lorisen, in recognition of being the recipient of a scholarship at the 2024 Oasis International African Center of Rhode Island Annual Gala.

Benjamin Belisle, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Domenic Centraccio, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Raymond Cheek, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Anthony Cinquegrana, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Cassandra Cote, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Ivan Desousa, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Odanis Fernandez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Nolan Heiden, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Anthony McCauley, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Ryan Morton, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Stenio Pereira, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

James Ponzio, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Benjamin Putnam, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Giovanni Rodriguez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Earvin Wanjohi, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Patrick Young, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department's 55th Training Academy.

Juliana Espinal, in recognition of the celebration of your 17th Birthday. And for your leadership and activism. Your compassion, commitment and dedication are a true testament of your love for your community.

Villa Sandoval Family, in recognition of your participation in the Ward 7 Christmas Tree Lighting.

Rachel Colaiace, Seasonal Projects Supervisor Providence Parks Department, in recognition of the celebration of your passion, commitment and dedication by connecting parks resources with youth and adults in Ward 9. Your proactive leadership demonstrates are a steward of our community.

Al Giuliano, Environmental Supervisor, Department of Public Works, in recognition of your service and commitment to improving the quality of life for Providence and Ward 9. Your proactive leadership demonstrates are a steward of our community.

Sal Solomon, Highway Superintendent, Department of Public Works, in recognition of your service and commitment to improving the quality of life for Providence and Ward 9. Your proactive leadership demonstrates are a steward of our community.

David Mambro, Sewer Superintendent, Department of Public Works, in recognition of your service and commitment to improving the quality of life for Providence and Ward 9. Your proactive leadership demonstrates are a steward of our community.

Lieutenant Carlos Sical, Commander, Providence Police Department, in recognition of your continuous service, vigilance and leadership while keeping our neighborhoods safe. Your personal attention to details and familiarity with Ward 9 residents is truly valued.

Reynaldo Batista, Environmental Inspector, Department of Public Works, in recognition of your service and commitment to improving the quality of life for Providence and Ward 9. Your Proactive leadership demonstrates are a steward of our community.

Fire Prevention Lieutenant Ramon Pacheco, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement on December 20, 2024, after 24 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Fire Lieutenant Timothy S. Printer, Ladder Company 7 Group "D", Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement on December 31, 2024 after 38 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Battalion Chief Joseph G. Dillon, Battalion 2 Group "C", Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement on December 30, 2024, after 38 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Battalion Chief Bradley J. Wagoner, Providence Fire Department, in celebration of your retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Battalion Chief Robert A. Lyman, Battalion 3 Group "A", Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement on December 30th, 2024, after 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Firefighter Paul J. O'Rorke, Ladder Company 3 Group "D", Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement on December 31, 2024, after 24 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Fire Captain Anthony Toro "Drill Master", Division of Training, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement on December 31st, 2024, after 37 ½ years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Patrolman 1st Class Albert Deschamps, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement on December 31st, 2024, after 22 years of dedicated service.

Dennis Brunelle, in recognition of your unwavering dedication to the Providence Firefighters Canteen, supporting First Responders during emergencies with compassion and care. Your selfless service exemplifies community spirit, ensuring the well-being of those who protect us, and make a lasting impact on the City of Providence.

Dionne Montgomery, in recognition of your exceptional leadership and your unwavering dedication to empowering youth in our community. Your vision, guidance, and commitment have inspired positive change, fostering opportunities for young people to thrive and building a stronger, more connected Providence for future generations.

Martha Villar in recognition of the celebration of your birthday on December 17, 2024. Happy Birthday!

Julia Norma Rodriguez, in recognition of the celebration of your birthday on December 17, 2024. Happy Birthday!

Tulum, Authentic Mexican Restaurant, in recognition of the celebration of your Soft Opening on December 19, 2024.

Leheydy Frias, in recognition of your commitment and dedication as a member of the Juvenile Hearing Board. Thank you for your invaluable service and for making a difference in the lives of the youth of the City of Providence!

Elizabeth Ochs, in recognition of your commitment and dedication as a member of the Juvenile Hearing Board. Thank you for your invaluable service and for making a difference in the lives of the youth of the City of Providence!

Kimberly McMahan, Chief Clerk, Department of Treasury, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement on January 7, 2025, after 22 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Ronald Alexander Crosson & Sonia Edelmira Saavedra Salguero, in recognition of the celebration of your marriage on December 27, 2024.

Green Goods, Erica Bridge, Owner, in recognition of the celebration of your Grand Opening at 1017 Smith Street on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 48 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Sanchez, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Roias – 2

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER 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:

Ruth Madsen

Ronald Desiderato Sr.

Anthony V Sauro Sr.

Alexandra Sanchez

Carol Jame McKiernan

Phyllis Perry

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 49 and Pass on a
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Sanchez, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony and Councilor Roias – 2

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory Ruth “Diamond” Madsen, Luis Martinez, Jimmy Carter, Courtney King, Joseph Andrade and Steven Andrade at 6:36 o’clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 at 6:00 o’clock P.M.**



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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