

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 3 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, January 18, 2018, 7:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

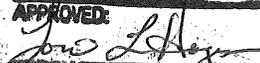
**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DAVID A. SALVATORE**

CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN APONTE,
COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA,
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JENNINGS,
COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, MATOS, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI,
PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN YURDIN – 14.**

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN ZURIER – 1.

**ALSO PRESENT: LORI L. HAGEN, CITY CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI,
FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, SECOND DEPUTY CITY
CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR**

**IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 01 2018**
APPROVED:  **CLERK**

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **REVEREND WESLEY WAGNAC**.

"Tonight the Council comes together to discuss the matters and the welfare of the residents of this state. As they gather here, I ask that You would consider to give them the wisdom so that everything that they decide would be for the good of the people that they are leading. I pray that the leadership would be strong and that they would actually know the direction that they are supposed to go so that all the residents might be able to prosper. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN CARMEN CASTILLO 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. 1 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held January 3, 2018 and Journal of Proceedings No. 2 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 8, 2018, are approved as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**.

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Igliazzi
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Salvatore, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jennings, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Yurdin – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Zurier – 1.

ELECTION OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE Calls for Nominations for the Office of Internal Auditor for the remaining term of 2015-2019.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI Nominates **GINA M. COSTA** and this Nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, MATOS, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN YURDIN AND ZURIER.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE Calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, MATOS, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN YURDIN AND ZURIER**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **GINA M. COSTA.**

The Clerk casts One Ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE, Thereupon declares **GINA M. COSTA** duly Elected as Internal Auditor for the remaining term of Four Years ending on the first Monday in January, 2019.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 1, 2018, 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 **Xaykham Khamsyvoravong** of 82 Hazard Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence Water Supply Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2022.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 9, 2018, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, and Section 2-14-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, he is this day designating **Providence City Forrester Douglas Still as Tree Warden.**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 9, 2018, 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 502.1 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 appointing **Shey Rivera**, Co-Director and Artistic Director of AS220 of 95 Mathewson Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Downcity Design Review Committee** for a term to expire on January 31, 2020. (Ms. Rivera will replace Mr. Baccari whose term has expired.)

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE Receives the Several Communications.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 4, 2018, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Aiyah Josiah-Faeduwor** of 422 Pine Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2019, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Josiah-Faeduwor will replace Mr. Songwe who has resigned.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 4, 2018, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Diagneris Garcia** of 16 Wallace Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2021, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 4, 2018, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Muyideen A. Ibiyemi** of 151 Ocean Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2021, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 4, 2018, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Mark Santow** of 203 Rochambeau Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2021, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE Refers the Several Communications to the Special Committee on School Department Oversight.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on School Department Oversight

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 9, 2018, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 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 **Delia Rodriguez-Masjoan** of 25 Devereux Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2021, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 10, 2018, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **Peter Mancini** of 104 Meridian Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2021, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Mancini will replace Mr. Peralta whose term has expired.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 9, 2018, 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 **Nicole Verdi** of 21 Lynde Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a general citizenry category member of the **City Plan Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2019, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Verdi will replace Ms. Taubin who has resigned.)

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

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

APPOINTMENT BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE

Communication from Council President Salvatore, dated January 11, 2018, Informing the City Clerk of his appointments to the Providence City Council Special Committee on School Department Oversight:

Councilman Samuel D. Zurier
Councilwoman Nirva LaFortune
Councilman Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr.
Councilman Bryan Principe
Councilman Wilbur W. Jennings, Jr.

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

RESULT: RECEIVED

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council January 8, 2018, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN APONTE

An Ordinance amending Chapter 18½, "Police," Section 2, "Providence External Review Authority (PERA)" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 1. Chapter 18 ½, Section 2 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 18½-2. - Providence External Review Authority (PERA).

(a) *Established.* There is hereby created a Providence External Review Authority ("PERA" or "authority"). The authority shall create and implement community outreach programs, review policies and procedures of the Providence Police Department and review allegations of misconduct on the part of sworn officers of the city police department, including investigating the same, conducting hearings and making findings of fact with respect to those allegations. The authority by a majority of all its members shall appoint, subject to the approval of the city council, an executive director for a term of two (2) years, who shall be an attorney-at-law and/or has substantial experience with public administration. The executive director shall hire administrative and investigative staffs. Investigators hired shall be civilians who have appropriate prior experience or training. "Civilian," for the purpose of this section, is a person who is not now a sworn officer of a law enforcement agency.

(b) *Scope of authority.* The authority shall:

- (1) Create and implement community outreach programs;
- (2) Review police department policies and training procedures and make recommendations for change; and
- (3) Receive complaints that allege misconduct by a police officer or officers, including, but not limited to, the following:

Use of excessive force. "Excessive force" shall mean the use of greater physical force than reasonably necessary to repel an attacker or terminate resistance, it does not include force that is reasonably necessary to effect a lawful purpose.

Inappropriate language or conduct. "Inappropriate language or conduct" shall mean harsh, violent, profane, or derogatory verbal or nonverbal language or any action that demeans the dignity of an individual, including, but not limited to profanity, racial, ethnic, sexist or racial slurs.

Harassment. "Harassment" shall mean repeated, unwarranted verbal or physical annoyances, or abuse (whether physical or verbal) threats of demands.

Theft. "Theft" shall mean the taking or concealing of any item or thing of value without the consent of the rightful owner and with the intent to deprive the rightful owner of that item or thing.

Discrimination. Discrimination in the provision of police services or other discriminatory conduct on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual or gender orientation, disability, age, gender, or economic status.

- (4) Perform such other functions as authorized in Section 18 ½-3 of this Chapter, entitled the "Providence Community-Police Relations Act," in accordance with the provisions thereof.

(c) *Composition.* The authority shall be comprised of nine (9) members. Of the nine (9) members, one (1) shall be appointed by the mayor, and eight (8) shall be elected by a majority of the members of the city council. In order to establish staggered terms, upon enactment of this section, the mayoral appointee, and two (2) council appointees shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year (expiring December 31, 2018); three (3) council appointees shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years (expiring December 31, 2019); three (3) council appointees shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years (expiring December 31, 2020). Upon expiration of these initial terms each subsequent mayoral and council appointee shall serve for a term of three (3) years. All such three-year terms shall expire at the end of their respective third calendar year (December 31st) notwithstanding the actual date of appointment.

There shall be not more than two (2) former law enforcement officers appointed to the authority and not more than one (1) former law enforcement officer shall serve on any hearing panel. No person holding an elective office shall serve as an authority member. No person currently employed as a law enforcement officer nor any member of his or her immediate family may serve as authority members.

The authority shall elect one (1) member to serve as chairperson and one (1) member to serve as vice-chairperson each to serve for a term of two (2) years.

- (d) *Compensation.* Each member shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties, however, no member shall be compensated for services performed.
- (e) *Duties.*
 - (1) *Rulemaking notice and hearings.* The authority shall adopt rules governing its operation. All rules, and any amendments thereto, shall be promulgated after a public hearing, at which interested persons may present written and oral comments on the proposed rules. The authority shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the hearing, give notice of its intention to adopt rules by publishing a notice of its intention to promulgate or amend rules in a newspaper of general circulation and by making copies of the proposed rules/changes available to the public.
- (f) *Meetings.* All meetings of the authority, any subcommittees and hearing panels shall be held in accordance with applicable law governing open meetings.
- (g) *Removal.* Any member of the authority may be removed for incompetence, neglect of duty, misconduct or malfeasance by resolution of the city council. Any vacancy occasioned by resignation, death, or removal of a member shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term of appointment by the previously denominated appointing authority.
- (h) *Executive director.*
 - (1) The executive director shall have the discretion to actively monitor any internal police department investigation of any citizen complaint alleging misconduct as defined in subsection (b)(3).
 - (2) The executive director shall also have the discretion to monitor any internal investigation by the police department as to which the executive director believes it is in the city's best interest for PERA to be involved.
 - (3) Staff of the executive director shall be hired by the executive director and shall serve at the pleasure of the executive director.

- (i) *Budget.* The funding of executive director and all administrative staff and all other portions of PERA budget shall be administered as part of the city council budget.
- (j) *Bi-annual reports.* The authority shall submit to the mayor and the city council a report of its activities not fewer than two (2) times per year. The report shall include, among other topics, data and analysis of complaints and complaint trends and shall be open to the public. It shall further detail all of the authority's expenditures.
- (k) *Policy review.* Upon its own initiative or upon request of the mayor, a member of the city council or the executive director; the authority may initiate an examination of police policies, trends, or practices and issue recommendation for change.
- (l) *Outreach.* Authority shall conduct such outreach activities as necessary to inform the public of the authority and its practices. Any outreach shall be conducted with sensitivity to the diversity of languages and cultures present in the city.
- (m) *Complaint filing.* Any person, including, but not limited to:
 - (1) An alleged victim;
 - (2) A witness;
 - (3) A parent, legal guardian, or immediate family of a victim having personal knowledge of alleged misconduct of a city police officer may file a written complaint with the authority by submitting said complaint at a location designated by the authority. Additionally, upon probable cause, the authority may initiate its own investigation into the alleged misconduct of a police officer.
- (n) *Preliminary review.* Within thirty (30) days of the date on which the complaint is filed the executive director shall review such complaint and recommend to the authority:
 - (1) The complaint be dismissed;
 - (2) The complaint be forwarded to mediation or to the police department's division of internal investigations and inspections;
 - (3) The complaint be held in abeyance pending the outcome of any ongoing police department internal investigation; or
 - (4) The complaint be transmitted for full investigation.

The authority shall promulgate guidelines delineating those factors to be assessed in making such recommendation.

All complaints shall be kept on file without regard to subsequent action of the executive director and the authority and shall be available to the public; provided that the name of the complainant and/or respondent shall be kept confidential to the extent required by law.

- (o) *Dismissal.* Upon dismissal of a complaint the executive director shall file written reasons for the same.
- (p) *Mediation.* The authority shall provide an informal mediation process to resolve those complaints of a more minor nature.

- (q) *Investigation.* Upon determination that a full investigation is warranted, the complaint shall be transmitted to an authority investigator. An investigation shall be completed within one hundred twenty (120) days of the date that the complaint was filed. The executive director may upon request of the investigator, extend this deadline by not more than sixty (60) days. The application of this deadline may be held in abeyance during such time as the executive director determines that an investigation might impede or harm a related criminal investigation.
- (r) *Evidentiary hearings.* Upon completion of such investigation, the executive director, may request a dismissal from the authority and the chair shall hold a hearing for the proposed dismissal (and in such event the executive director shall file a written statement providing reasons for such proposed dismissal) or forward the same to full hearing. The authority shall randomly select a three (3) person panel from its members to consider the matter and the chairperson shall designate a foreperson of the panel. At such evidentiary hearing, the authority shall weigh and consider all reliable and credible evidence. The panel shall make all reasonable efforts to complete evidentiary hearings and render a written decision within sixty (60) days of the completion of the investigation. In those instances in which the complainant is otherwise unrepresented by counsel, the authority legal counsel shall present evidence to the panel on behalf of the complainant. The police officer may be represented by counsel and union representatives, may present evidence and conduct cross-examination of witnesses.
- (s) *Subpoena power.* At the request of legal counsel for either party, the executive director shall compel the presence of witnesses and/or documents at evidentiary hearings by applying to the city council for the issuance of subpoenas and where appropriate may seek that the city council request the appropriate court sanctions against anyone who fails to comply with any subpoena so issued.
- (t) *Cooperation.* All municipal board, bureaus, commissions, department and employees shall respond promptly to any and all lawful requests for municipal information sought for such evidentiary hearings, and for access to data and records for the purpose of enabling the authority to carry out its responsibilities under this chapter. The failure of any official or employee to respond to lawful requests for such information and data shall be deemed an act of misconduct.
- (u) *Findings of fact and determination.* Within thirty (30) days of the completion of an evidentiary hearing, the hearing panel shall issue a written report containing findings of fact; a determination of whether or not the complaint has been sustained by a preponderance of the evidence; if applicable the level of violation described in the disciplinary matrix developed by PERA and the chief of police, and a recommendation of discipline. When a complaint is sustained, the findings of fact and the determination shall be submitted to the chief of police. The chief shall impose discipline based upon the level of violation as found in the disciplinary matrix to be promulgated by the authority in accordance with subsection (e)(1). The chief of police shall, also provide the authority, the city council, and the mayor with a written explanation of the reason(s) for his/her disciplinary decision. The hearing panel report and the police chief's explanation for

his/her decision shall be available to the public provided that the name of the complainant and/or respondent shall be kept.

- (v) *Notice to parties.* The authority shall notify the complainant(s) and police officer(s) in a timely fashion of the status or disposition of the complaint.
- (w) *Period of limitation.* No complaint filed more than one (1) year subsequent to the events complained of therein shall be timely.
- (x) If any provision of this section, or its application to any person or circumstances, is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the remaining provisions of this section and the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances, other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected by the invalidity.

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

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [13 TO 1]
MOVER:	Councilman Igliazzi
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Salvatore, Councilman Aponte, Councilwomen Castillo, Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jennings, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Yurdin – 13.
NAYS:	Councilman Correia – 1.
ABSENT:	Councilman Zurier – 1

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE, (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.

FirstWorks \$75,000.00
(Art, Culture & Tourism)

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.

Waste Management of RI \$6,500,000.00
(Department of Public Works)

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

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE

Resolution Requesting an update on the city's progress implementing the recommendations of the 2014 TSA Compliance Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Tax stabilization agreements (TSAs) are a powerful economic development tool to spur jobs, development and tax revenue to the City; and

WHEREAS, Proper oversight and monitoring by City departments is crucial to ensuring that the provisions of TSAs are complied with and the people of Providence receive the full public benefits outlined in TSAs; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 2014, the City Council Special Committee on Ways and Means examined and reviewed the City's TSAs and tax policies; and

WHEREAS, This review included testimony from many experts, stakeholders and City leaders, including the Director of Economic Development, the Director of Finance, the Internal Auditor, and the Director of Planning and Development; and

WHEREAS, Based on the findings of that review, the Tax Stabilization Policy and Recommendations Report made a number of important recommendations for improving the effectiveness of and compliance with the provisions of the City's TSAs; and

WHEREAS, On December 4th, 2014, the Providence City Council passed resolutions #2014-552, #2014-553, and #2014-554 directing the administration and City departments to implement and comply with the recommendations of the aforementioned report; and

WHEREAS, The resolutions included such vital recommendations as requiring annual reports on TSAs, ensuring that information about TSAs and TSA applications is available to the public on the City website, holding compliance meetings with applicants prior to the approval of TSAs, as well as streamlining processes to improve communication between departments monitoring and ensuring compliance with TSAs; and

WHEREAS, Despite the passage of these resolutions more than three years ago, a recent review of the City's TSAs conducted by the Office of the Internal Auditor found there continues to be "widespread noncompliance" with annual reporting requirements, that there is "no easy or transparent way" for members of the public to learn about TSAs in place, that compliance meetings are often delayed until after TSAs have been approved, and that the departments that monitor TSAs do not receive notifications when a new TSA is passed, causing there to be "no proactive compliance efforts made by the City because the responsible departments are not aware that the new TSA exists"; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Providence has an obligation to the people of Providence to ensure that TSAs are properly monitored and that directives of Council resolutions are followed by City departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby respectfully request that the Finance Director provide the City Council with an update on the City's progress implementing the recommendations set forth in resolutions #2014-552, #2014-553, and #2014-554 by February 28th, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Finance Director, the City Solicitor, and the Mayor.

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

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Iglizzi
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Salvatore, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Jennings, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Yurdin – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Zurier – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN APONTE

Resolution Establishing the Special Commission on The Preservation of City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE Refers the Resolution to the Committee on City Property.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on City Property

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,
COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN
CORREIA, HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JENNINGS, COUNCILWOMEN
LAFORTUNE, MATOS, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE,
COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN YURDIN AND ZURIER**

Resolution Establishing The Special Committee to Study Homelessness.

WHEREAS, According to the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless, as of 2014, there are more than 4,000 homeless Rhode Islanders, including nearly 1,000 children; and

WHEREAS, From 2007 to 2012, the number Rhode Islanders experiencing homelessness grew by 24%; and

WHEREAS, While the levels of homelessness in our state have decreased since 2012's near record high, homelessness continues to be a serious issue in our community; and

WHEREAS, According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), 39% of people experiencing homelessness nationwide are female, 21% are children, and another 10% are between the ages of 18 and 24; and

WHEREAS, While African-Americans are just 13% of the U.S. population, more than 40% of homeless people in the U.S. are African-American; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2017 AHAR, the number of unsheltered homeless in America increased 9.4% from 2016 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, Homeless women are particularly vulnerable to violence and victimization, with one study conducted by the National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women finding that 92% of homeless mothers had experienced severe physical and/or sexual violence and that 13% of homeless women reported having been raped in the last 12 months; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the National Coalition for the Homeless released a report on hate crimes committed against homeless people which found that, over a 17-year period, at least 1,657 people were victims of violence perpetrated for the sole reason that they were homeless, including 428 who lost their lives as a result of those attacks; and

WHEREAS, As public servants and the elected representatives of the people of Providence, the City Council has a moral obligation to help those who are homeless and to enact policies that will reduce the level of homelessness in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby establishes the Special Committee to Study Homelessness to study, review, and make recommendations for the laws, policies, and procedures to help those who are homeless and to reduce the number of people in Providence who experience homelessness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That,

- 1) The committee shall be composed of the following members:
 - Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris, Chair
 - Councilman Nicholas Narducci, Jr., Vice-Chair
 - Councilwoman Carmen Castillo
 - Councilwoman Nirva LaFortune
 - Councilman Samuel Zurier
- 2) The committee shall issue a report with findings and recommendations to the full City Council by November 1st, 2018.

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

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Igliazzi
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Salvatore, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jennings, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Yurdin – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Zurier – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES COUNCILMAN TERRENCE M. HASSETT, Chairman

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE, COUNCILMAN YURDIN

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 16, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Section 57, "Unlawful Employment Practices."

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance", Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for 37 South Angell Street (Assessor's Plat 15, Lot 327) from R-3 to C-2 .

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

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Igliazzi
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Salvatore, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jennings, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Yurdin – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Zurier – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

Petition from Jamie Oschefski, 7 Malony Lane, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842, requesting a Zoning Change on Assessor's Plat 122, Lot 1, for the property located on 1075 Smith Street from R1 to C-1.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI Moves to Deny the foregoing Petition, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

RESULT:	DENIED [13 TO 0]
MOVER:	Councilman Igliazzi
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Salvatore, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jennings, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Yurdin – 13.
ABSTAIN:	Councilman Principe – 1.
ABSENT:	Councilman Zurier – 1.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Ashley Schomer
Guce Ly Heng
Corey Simpson p.p.a. Nyasia Simpson
(Peter M. Iascone, Esquire)
David M. Rios
(John S. Coughlin, Esquire)
Thomas Ayers & Linda Ann Wing
(Heather M. Spellman, Esquire)
Ginette Calat
(Ryan T. Allen, Esquire)
Claims Management Resources
a/s/o Extenet

Julio Ninagraciano
(Miguel R. Hernandez, Esquire)
Arely Melchor
(Vincent A. DeCesare, Esquire)
Alfredo Delacruz
CRAIG/is Ltd.
a/s/o Old Dominion Insurance
Company/Brandy Lee & Robert Brown
Nicole Gaskin
Julius Dover
(Amy H. Goins, Esquire)
Edward L. Eacueo

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Lawrence J. Mancini, Finance Director, dated December 29, 2017, submitting the revenue and expenditure 5-Year Budget Projections for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2023.

Communication from Lori L. Hagen, City Clerk, dated January 12, 2018, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of October 1, 2017 to and including December 31, 2017, in a total amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Eight (\$1,958.00) Dollars.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE Receives the Several Communications.

RESULT: RECEIVED

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"I know some of you know and some of you might not know, but Councilman Zurier went in for another eye operation. He is doing pretty good. I just want to mention it to everybody and we can keep him in our prayers. Thank you."

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE 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:

Sojourner House, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2017 Mary Byron Celebrating Solutions Award for their LGBTQ advocacy and community education program.

John Garnetto, in recognition of his participation as a volunteer at ONE Neighborhood Builders' 2nd Annual Cooking for the Community Event on November 19, 2017.

Delesha Gill-Wills, in recognition of her participation as a volunteer at ONE Neighborhood Builders' 2nd Annual Cooking for the Community Event on November 19, 2017.

Gilbert Satnarain, in recognition of his participation as a volunteer at ONE Neighborhood Builders' 2nd Annual Cooking for the Community Event on November 19, 2017.

Elijah Stephenson, in recognition of his participation as a volunteer at ONE Neighborhood Builders' 2nd Annual Cooking for the Community Event on November 19, 2017.

Louise Narducci, in recognition of the celebration of her 60th Birthday, born on October 29, 1957.

Shirley Narducci, in recognition of the celebration of her 80th Birthday, born on December 20, 1937.

Dr. Noorly Germain, Hope and Change for Haiti, in recognition of the continuous effort for the progression of the Haitian Community in Rhode Island and the dedication and programmatic work towards ensuring a sustainable future for Haitians here and in Haiti.

Dr. Kapedjanie (Kappy) Bois, Haitian American Partnership for Positive Change (HAPPA-RI), in recognition of the continuous effort for the progression of the Haitian Community in Rhode Island and the dedication and programmatic work towards ensuring a sustainable future for Haitians here and in Haiti.

Bernard Georges, New Bridges for Haitian Success, in recognition of the continuous effort for the progression of the Haitian Community in Rhode Island and the dedication and programmatic work towards ensuring a sustainable future for Haitians here and in Haiti.

Linda Callei-Fraioli, in recognition of the celebration of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

The Addison Family, in recognition of Councilman Phillip Addison Jr. posthumously receiving the 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Pilar McCloud, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Mary C. Jones, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Fame Award.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Igliazzi
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Salvatore, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jennings, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Yurdin – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Zurier – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI Moves to enter Gina Costa's resume in the official record as Exhibit A to the appropriate item on the agenda, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT SALVATORE AND MEMBERS OF THE CIT
COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Sympathy to the families of the following:

Doris M. DelRicci

Frank R. Benell Jr.

Joseph V. DeGiulio Sr.

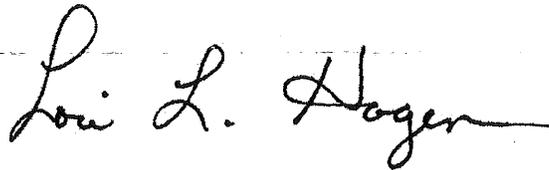
Severally Read and Collectively Passed by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Igliazzi
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Ryan
AYES:	Council President Salvatore, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Jennings, Councilwomen LaFortune, Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Yurdin – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Zurier – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Philip A. "Sharkey" Almagno at 7:25 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori L. Hagen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

**LORI L. HAGEN
CITY CLERK**

