

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.



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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 7 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RACHEL M. MILLER

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 13.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND TAYLOR – 2.

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN ALTHEA A. GRAVES**.

"Heavenly Father, we come before you this day and look for guidance, that we may do what the people of the City of Providence want us to do. We look for guidance that we can respect one another. We look for guidance that we can love each and every one on this earth. We look to you O' Lord to show us the way. We look to you O' Lord, for all of your grace and your mercy. We look to you for solutions to many of the problems that are plaguing the city and we give you thanks for all of the blessings that you have bestowed on this day. Thank you, Lord, for having placed me in care with all of these wonderful people. These people help me to keep my feet on the ground and to keep walking forward. I hope that I can do the same for them. Thank you, Lord, for all of your many blessings. In God's heavenly name I pray. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS 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. 6 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 7, 2024.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 15, 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 Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Dana Heng** of 1262 Westminster 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. Heng replaces Ms. Vobis whose term has expired).

RESULT: RECEIVED

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 15, 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 Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Macky McCleary** of 97 Loring Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence Public Building Authority** for a term to expire on July 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. McCleary replaces Mr. Pinales whose term has expired).

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Finance

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated March 14, 2024, Informing the City Clerk that pursuant to Resolution 2024-50, she is this day appointing the following members to the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council.

- P.J. Fox of 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 (Attorney General Representative)
- Juan Carter of 8 Lakeside Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904 (Community Representative)

RESULT: RECEIVED

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 6,
Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives item 4, Refer item 5 to the Committee on
Finance and Receive item 6.**

LAI D ON TABLE

**The Following Resolution was in City Council March 7, 2024 and Laid on the
Table:**

**COUNCILORS ROIAS, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY,
PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES AND
VARGAS**

Resolution Celebrating School Social Worker Week and Urging Protection of School
Social Worker Positions amid Fiscal Challenges.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence recognizes the indispensable role of school social workers in supporting the academic, social, and emotional well-being of students and families; and

WHEREAS, School social workers possess specialized skills in addressing various challenges hindering students' academic success, including but not limited to disability, poverty, discrimination, abuse, neglect, mental illness, homelessness, bullying, and familial stressors; and

WHEREAS, The demand for school social workers is higher than ever, particularly with the increasing prevalence of mental and behavioral health disorders among students, necessitating early identification and intervention strategies; and

WHEREAS, As school districts statewide grapple with the looming specter of budgetary reductions, the Providence Public Schools District (PPSD) finds itself similarly vulnerable with 18 school social worker positions within our district being slated for elimination in the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to consider the profound impact such cuts will have on the well-being and academic success of our children across the city if this measure is allowed to proceed; and

WHEREAS, School-based mental health programs are crucial for identifying and addressing mental health issues promptly, thereby improving educational outcomes and fostering a conducive learning environment; and

WHEREAS, School social workers, as licensed mental health professionals in educational settings, provide invaluable services such as assessment, interventions, counseling, family engagement, and community referrals; and

WHEREAS, Research underscores the positive impact of school mental health programs on educational outcomes, including reduced absences, lower dropout rates, fewer disciplinary incidents, and enhanced academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, School social workers serve as integral members of the education team, facilitating collaboration among schools, families, and communities to promote student success; and

WHEREAS, The observance of 'School Social Worker Week' during the week commencing March 3, 2024, serves as a fitting opportunity to honor and express gratitude to the dedicated school social workers across the City of Providence and the entire state, who tirelessly serve the needs of students and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence hereby acknowledges the invaluable contributions of school social workers and expresses heartfelt appreciation for their unwavering dedication to enhancing the lives of students and families throughout our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to NASW Rhode Island Chapter, Providence Public Schools District, Rhode Island Department of Education, and the Office of the Honorable Mayor Brett Smiley.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 7 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

ORDINANCE SECOND READING

The Following Ordinance was in City Council March 7, 2024, Read and Passed the First Time and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-192(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Sugar Rodriguez).

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the language of Section 17-192(f) of the Code of Ordinances which provides that the application to accomplish such [accidental disability] retirement must be filed within eighteen (18) months of the date of the accident,” the Retirement Board of the City of Providence, may consider and act upon the accidental disability retirement application of Sugar Rodriguez, even though more than eighteen (18) months have passed since the date of the accident which is the averred proximate cause of the above-named applicant for a disability retirement allowance.

SECTION 2. Said application shall be subject to and considered in accordance with all other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards and practices relating to accidental disability retirement applications.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 8 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2018-49, No. 464, "An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for Steeple Street, LLC."

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 9, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 9 to the Committee on Finance.

**COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS,
PETERSON AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," to amend to add Article XXI "Weight Limits."

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 10, Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote and Refer to the Committee on City Property, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED1X/REFERRED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Councilman Goncalves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez and Councilwoman Vargas – 11.
ABSTAIN:	Councilwoman Anthony and Councilman Vargas – 2.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Espinal and Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained and Referred.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON,
COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN
VARGAS**

Resolution Honoring Chief Judge John J. Lombardi.

WHEREAS, Chief Judge John J. Lombardi has served the residents of District 8 in Federal Hill, as State Representative since first being elected in November 2012; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Lombardi is an alumnus of Mount Pleasant High School, Rhode Island College and Suffolk University Law School; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as a legislator, Chief Judge Lombardi was appointed as Associate Judge of the Providence Municipal Court in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Lombardi was named the Chief Judge of the Providence Municipal Court in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Prior to being elected as State Representative and his appointment to the bench, Chief Judge Lombardi honorably served on the Providence City Council for more than 26 years; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Providence City Council, he served as Council President for 8 years, ultimately culminating in serving for one year as acting Mayor of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Lombardi is also the former President of the Federal Hill House and Zuccolo Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, His multifaceted career as a legislator, judge, and community leader underscore his commitment to improving the lives of our residents; and

WHEREAS, From championing critical issues at the State House, to his judicial appointment as Chief Judge of the Providence Municipal Court, John J. Lombardi's impact on the City of Providence is profound and far reaching; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Lombardi is being honored this year at the city's St. Joseph's Day Celebration for his dedicated service to the City of Providence for over three decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the contributions of Chief Judge Lombardi as former member of the Providence City Council, Rhode Island State Representative and Chief Judge of the Providence Municipal Court, and acknowledge his profound impact on the residents of the City of Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Chief Judge John J. Lombardi, as a token of our respect and gratitude for his service to the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 11 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON,
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7841 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2735, An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Licenses.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Supporting legislation in the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island exempting the real property located on Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 487 (79 Ives Street) to consider, and or allow, a Class B liquor license at said premises.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7373 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2202, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Weapons.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, GRAVES AND
COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024
H-7217, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Assault Weapons.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES

Resolution Requesting a Ceremonial Designation along South Main Street as Fox Point
Cape Verdean Heritage Way.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024
H-7981, An Act Relating to Towns and Cities - Zoning Ordinances.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON AND
COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024
H-7977, A House Resolution Creating a Special Legislative Commission to study the
ability of the Rhode Island Educational System to offer degree or certificate programs
within the state to provide a supply and pipeline of Planners, Planning Technicians, and
Planning Staff.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-8000 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2752, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Reduced Housing Rent Pilot Program.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 12 through 19, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 12 through 15 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs, Refers item 16 to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning and Refers items 17 through 19 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.

COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Recognizing Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic autoimmune disease of the central nervous system, affecting over 1 million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, MS is a disease that causes damage to the central nervous system and is characterized by unpredictable symptoms such as fatigue, numbness, weakness, cognitive impairments such as optic neuritis, and mobility challenges which often lead to significant disability; and

WHEREAS, MS Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to raise public awareness about the impact of MS on individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness can promote understanding, support, and access to resources for those living with MS, as well as advancements in research, treatment, and quality of life initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The month of March has been designated as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month to coincide with the changing seasons, symbolizing hope and renewal for those affected by MS; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has the 2nd highest prevalence of MS across the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recognizes the importance of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month and pledges its support in raising awareness, advocating for improved care and services for individuals living with MS, and supporting efforts to find a cure for this debilitating disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council encourages its members and the community at large to participate in MS awareness activities, initiatives, and events throughout the month of March; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council extends its gratitude to individuals like Providence Police Officer Michael Matracia, organizations like the MS Dream Center of Rhode Island, and healthcare professionals such as Dr. Jonathan Cahill of Lifespan, who are dedicated to supporting and empowering those affected by MS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council reaffirms its commitment to promoting awareness, understanding, and support for the MS community.

COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Recognizing Women's History Month.

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is celebrated annually in March to honor the contributions, achievements, and struggles of women throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to reflect on the pioneering women who have broken barriers, shattered stereotypes, and fought for gender equality, justice, and human rights in various fields, including politics, science, education, arts, and social activism; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month serves as a reminder of the resilience, strength, and diversity of women's experiences, highlighting the intersectionality of race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, and other identities that shape women's lives and perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month encourages education, awareness, and dialogue about women's contributions to society, inspiring future generations to pursue their dreams, challenge inequality, and advocate for positive change; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month honors the countless unsung heroines whose names may not be recorded in history books, but whose impact is felt in communities around the world, from grassroots movements to global initiatives; and

WHEREAS, This body, composed predominantly of women, representing diverse trades, professions, and life experiences, including mothers and non-mothers alike, spans a broad spectrum of ages and backgrounds, yet shares a unified commitment to the advancement and prosperity of our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recognizes and celebrates Women's History Month, reaffirming its commitment to gender equality, women's empowerment, and the advancement of women's rights in all spheres of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council encourages individuals, organizations, and institutions to commemorate Women's History Month through events, programs, and activities that honor the achievements and contributions of women, amplify women's voices, and promote gender equity and inclusivity.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 20 and 21 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7726, An Act Relating to Education - Health and Safety of Pupils.

COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS

Resolution in Support of House Resolution 2024 H-7774, Joint Resolution making an Appropriation of \$78,000,000.00 to the Rhode Island Transit Authority (RIPTA).

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 22 and 23, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 22 and 23 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.

**COUNCILWOMEN RYAN, PETERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER,
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS,
COUNCILORS PICHARDO, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Honoring the Life of Thomas C. Boyle.

WHEREAS, It is with heavy hearts that the City Council acknowledges the passing of former Providence City Councilman Thomas C. Boyle, a revered member of our community and proud resident of the 5th Ward, who departed from this world on Friday, March 8th, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, dedication, and service; and

WHEREAS, Born in Providence to Russell J. and M. Rita (Barry) Boyle, Thomas, affectionately known as Tom, was a proud product of our city's rich heritage, growing up in the Smith Hill neighborhood and graduating from LaSalle Academy and Providence College before furthering his education at The New England Institute of Anatomy and Mortuary Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Tom's professional journey began at Russell J. Boyle & Son Funeral Homes, where he devoted over 50 years of his life to providing solace and support to grieving families with his unwavering kindness and compassionate care, a testament to his deep sense of duty and privilege in serving others; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his professional accomplishments, Tom was a devoted husband to Helen M. "Tender" (Reilly) Boyle for 46 years, a loving father to Sean R. Boyle, Kathryn M. Magaldi, and Edward T. Boyle, a cherished grandfather to Thomas and Reilly Magaldi and Eleanor Boyle, a beloved brother to Janet Welch, and a dear friend to many, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Tom's commitment to service extended beyond his professional and familial duties, as evidenced by his time serving on the Providence City Council and the Board of Licenses, as well as his active participation in community organizations and his unwavering support for causes close to his heart, including his alma mater, Providence College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence hereby honors the life and legacy of former City Councilman Thomas C. Boyle, recognizing his immeasurable contributions to our community, his steadfast dedication to serving others, and his profound impact on the lives of countless individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Boyle family as a token of our deepest sympathies and utmost respect for Thomas C. Boyle, with our gratitude for sharing him with our community and our profound condolences on their loss.

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

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO

Resolution Authorizing the conveyance of the Parcel located on Assessor's Plat 112, Lot 403 (518 Hartford Avenue) to the PRA for the purpose of redevelopment thereof and for economic development and increased tax revenue.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on City Property

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 25, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 25 to the Committee on City Property.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted:

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCIL
PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN
GRAVES, HARRIS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 "Revenue and Finance", of the Providence Code of Ordinances, to add Article XVIII, "Tax Amnesty Period."

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 26 and Pass for the
First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Councilman Goncalves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
ABSTAIN:	Councilwoman Ryan – 1.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Espinal and Taylor – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally
Approved:**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

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

Waste Management of Rhode Island, Inc.	\$9,542,385.00
(Department of Public Works)	

RESOLVED, That that Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Option Year Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Waste Management of Rhode Island, Inc.	\$9,542,385.00
(Department of Public Works)	

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award to amend the cap of Sidewalk Road & Drainage Construction (Blanket Contract 2022) with various vendors, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2).

Various Vendors	\$3,964,874.00
(Department of Public Works)	

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award to amend the cap of Sidewalk Road & Drainage Construction (Blanket Contract 2022) with various vendors, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2).

Various Vendors	\$3,964,874.00
(Department of Public Works)	

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 27 and 28, Pass on a Roll Call Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT OF RHODE ISLAND
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)**

\$9,542,385.00

RESULT: PASSED [9 TO 2]
MOVER: Councilman Goncalves
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 9.
NAYS: Councilwoman Peterson and Councilor Roias – 2.
ABSTAIN: Councilman Goncalves – 1.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal and Taylor – 3.

**VARIOUS VENDORS
(DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)**

\$3,964,875.00

RESULT: PASSED [11 TO 0]
MOVER: Councilman Goncalves
SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris
AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
ABSTAIN: Councilman Goncalves - 1.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal and Taylor – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS
COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES, Chairman

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally
Approved:**

Certificates from City Assessor (No. 66N, 67O and 67P), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended.

Certificates from City Assessor (No. 68Q and 68R), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, As Amended.

Certificates from City Assessor (No. 69S), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, As Amended.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 29 through 31 and
Pass on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Goncalves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal and Taylor – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Andrew M. Teitz, Esquire, AICP, Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd., 2 Williams Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting certain easements related to the construction of the Integrated Life Science Building (ILSB) - Brown University.

Petition from Andrew M. Teitz, Esquire, AICP, Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd., 2 Williams Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting to abandon portions of Richmond Street and Elm Street.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Public Works

Petition from John J. Garrahy, Esquire, John J. Garrahy Law, LLC, 2088 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905 on behalf of Homes R Us, LLC, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 42, Lot 458 (30 Buffalo Court), from R-3 to R-4.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Wilfredo Rodriguez
(Marasco & Nesselbush, LLP)
Marlon Diaz
Israel Briggs
Vanessa Gonzalez
Patrick Campeau
Aria Dimeo
Margaret Cambra
Menwon Clifton Manuso
ISG Insurance
a/s/o GEICO
a/s/o Amy Beres
Nabil Elrassamni

Niza Balon
Cristina Sotelo
Steven Pike
Marisa Mota
Deborah Coakley
Kelly Sheehan
Israel Briggs
Evelina Betances
Alison Hand Reeder
Samuel Raheb
Steven Simonelli
Omar Catlin
Franklin Cruz Merchan

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Report from Major Henry Remolina, Providence Police Department, dated March 1, 2024, submitting the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Flock 30-Day Report from January 31, 2024 through March 1, 2024.

Communication from Gina M. Costa, Internal Auditor, dated March 15, 2024, submitting the Forensic Investigation completed by Clifton, Larson Allen, LLP, in accordance with Resolution 2023-55.

Communication from Mark Van Noppen, Manager, RCG Armory Park View, LLC, 334 Broadway, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, dated December 28, 2023, submitting the updates on the Tax Stabilization Agreement (the TSA) that covers 31 and 45 Parade Street in Providence, Rhode Island, along with the TSA Annual Report.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 32 through 38, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 32 and 33 to the Committee on Public Works, Refers item 34 to the Committee on Ordinances, Refers item 35 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives items 36 through 38.

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:

Mary Pastina, in recognition of the celebration of your 100th Birthday on April 7, 2024.

ALPHAS, in recognition of your commitment and dedication to revitalizing and strengthening neighborhoods, and for your mission to uplift, empower and emphasize the importance of community, with a focus specifically designed to empower Black and Hispanic boys and young men in Providence through your mentoring program, fostering a culture of non-violence and leadership both in and outside of school.

Eric and Elizabeth Garcia, in recognition of the celebration of your wedding on March 1, 2024. Congratulations!

Senator Tiara Mack, in recognition of being the guest speaker at the 2024 International Women's Day Event.

Wheels on Meals, in recognition of the celebration of your Kickoff Event. Congratulations!

India Restaurant, in recognition of the celebration of 30 Years of serving in the Providence community, working directly with Brown University student (Surya Khatri 24'), the restaurant has not only promoted South Asian culture and cuisine but also fostered meaningful collaborations that enrich both academia and the local community, through its dedication to diversity and representation India Restaurant has become an integral part of the vibrant fabric that makes the City of Providence.

Alexandrea M. Gonzalez, in recognition of your outstanding commitment to empowering women and families in your Community and for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership having touched by many lives. Your commitment to making Women's History is invaluable.

Dr. Deana Waite, in recognition of your outstanding commitment to empowering women and families in your Community and for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership having touched by many lives. Your commitment to making Women's History is invaluable.

Charon Rose, in recognition of your outstanding commitment to empowering women and families in your Community and for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership having touched by many lives. Your commitment to making Women's History is invaluable.

Kishia Wilson, in recognition of your outstanding commitment to empowering women and families in your Community and for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership having touched by many lives. Your commitment to making Women’s History is invaluable.

Natanja Craig Oquendo, in recognition of your outstanding commitment to empowering women and families in your Community and for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership having touched by many lives. Your commitment to making Women’s History is invaluable.

Crystal Hall, in recognition of your outstanding commitment to empowering women and families in your Community and for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership having touched by many lives. Your commitment to making Women’s History is invaluable.

Lisa Fortenberry, in recognition of your outstanding commitment to empowering women and families in your Community and for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership having touched by many lives. Your commitment to making Women’s History is invaluable.

Dan McGowan, 2024 St. Patrick’s Day Grand Marshall, in recognition of being selected Grand Marshal for the 2024 Providence St. Patrick’s Day Parade Celebrations and for your participation at the 2024 St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on Friday, March 15, 2024 at Providence City Hall.

James Reilly, Keynote Speaker, 2024 St. Patrick’s Day Deputy Grand Marshall, in recognition of being selected Grand Marshal for the 2024 Providence St. Patrick’s Day Parade Celebrations and for your participation at the 2024 St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on Friday, March 15, 2024 at Providence City Hall.

Providence St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee, in recognition of your participation at the 2024 St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on Friday, March 15, 2024 at Providence City Hall.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 39 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Goncalves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal and Taylor – 3.

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:

Francisco Remigio "Don Chucho"

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 40 and Pass on a
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Goncalves
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal and Taylor – 3.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER

Resolution Establishing a Ceremonial Designation along Pequot Street as Angelo's Way.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Luis Javier Duran at 7:13 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



**TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK**

*This meeting was live streamed and the recording is available on our
YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFI66iX7b60>*

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