

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. 2 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, January 18, 2024, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RACHEL M. MILLER

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 15.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, DONNA M. PELIGIAN, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILOR SUE R. ANDERBOIS**.

"In lieu of a prayer, I wanted to read a quote recognizing that this is Martin Luther King, Jr. week and we celebrated his birth this past Monday. I wanted to read an excerpt from his speech I've been to the Mountain Top. All we say to America is, "Be true to what you said on paper." If I lived in China or even Russia, or any totalitarian country, maybe I could understand some of these illegal injunctions. Maybe I could understand the denial of certain basic First Amendment privileges, because they hadn't committed themselves to that over there. But somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly. Somewhere I read of the freedom of speech. Somewhere I read of the freedom of press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for right. I just wanted us to think about that and take that to heart as we do our work here in the chamber and in our communities, the things we've committed to in our Charter and our State Constitution and in our U.S. Constitution, the rights we have all committed to as elected officials and really hold them dear in hearts as we go about our work. So, thank you all."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 1 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 4, 2024.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 2, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1006 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **John Arzoomanian** of 111 Peeptoad Road, North Scituate, Rhode Island 02857, to the position of **Acting Director of the Department of Public Property**.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 5, 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 **Karen Harris** of 19 Boxwood Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02910, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2026.

RESULT: RECEIVED

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1009 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Chapter 27, Article 17, Sections 1703 and 1714 of the Zoning Ordinance and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Anthia Maniotes** of 209 8th Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Zoning Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2029, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 12, 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).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 12, 2024, 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 **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, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 12, 2024, 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 appointing **Tiana Ochoa** of 63 Stella Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Ochoa replaces Ms. Rodriquez-Masjoan whose term expires on January 31, 2024).

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated January 12, 2024, Informing the City Clerk of her appointment of **Sean Raymond** of 2 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, to the **North Main Street Task Force**. (Rhode Island Department of Transportation)

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 10, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Receives 4 and 5, items 6 through 9 Refer to the Committee on Finance and Receive item 10.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMEN GONCALVES AND VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 180 GMC, LLC.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 "Licensing" of The Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article XVIII "Short-Term Lenders".

COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 "Housing", Article III, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, (By Request):

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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.
(Department of Public Works)

\$8,872,775.00

Resolution of the City Council hereby approving the Proposal of the Mayor dated January 8, 2024 requesting that the Providence Public Building Authority use its best efforts to finance the acquisition, design, construction, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, equipping and improvement of projects included in the first two years of the City's Capital Improvement Plan for the Fiscal Years 2024-2028, including design and feasibility, engineering or other studies which may be necessary in connection with such projects and any other acts necessary or incidental thereto and to issue Bonds in an amount not to exceed One Hundred and Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$135,000,000) plus original issue premium, to provide funding for the projects; and that the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sell and convey Project properties to the Authority and to negotiate and lease the Projects so conveyed from the Authority and to transfer such additional property to the Authority as shall be necessary to provide adequate security for the bonds or notes.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 11 through 16, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 11 to the Committee on Finance, items 12 and 13 Refer to Committee on Ordinances and items 14 through 16 Refer to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER

Resolution Authorizing the City Council President to engage June Rose at a cost of no more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), to provide organizational and political support as it relates to the operations of the Providence City Council.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 17 and Withdraw, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS

Resolution Honoring Dr. Bennie Fleming for her 100th Birthday on November 19, 2023.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 18, substitute and Lay on the Table, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	LAID ON TABLE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

**COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,
COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Requesting that the Rhode Island General Assembly Grant Tax Exemption Status to the Providence Preservation Society's property located at 24 Meeting Street.

WHEREAS, The Providence Preservation Society (PPS) is a non-profit organization that was established in 1956 with a mission to “support and advocate for historic preservation, thoughtful design, and people-centered planning in Providence”; and

WHEREAS, Unlike many preservation organizations of the time, PPS operated with the understanding that the work of preservation is not defined by the fight to protect singular examples of architecture, but to engage communities in planning and zoning policy; and

WHEREAS, Their work to preserve the historic fabric of our city has contributed mightily to defining Providence’s unique cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, PPS has evolved into a unique civic and community resource with a distinguished history of grassroots advocacy, visionary education and training programs, and scholarship on and about the city, and

WHEREAS, The work of PPS goes beyond protecting the legacies we have inherited from the past but also toward considering how those legacies should be defined for the future; and

WHEREAS, “The Old Brick School House” of 24 Meeting Street was built in 1769 and serves as PPS’s main address and is an exemplary example of modern preservation, as it is the oldest school building still in existence in Rhode Island and one of the earliest surviving brick school houses in the country; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence benefits immensely from having an organization like PPS that possesses the considerable knowledge and variety of skills required by successful preservation; and

WHEREAS, Their mission as a not for profit organization aligns them with similar not for profit organizations that receive property tax exemption status; and

WHEREAS, Granting them this status for their property at 24 Meeting Street will help them continue their valuable work in and for the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council is formally requesting that the Rhode Island General Assembly grant tax exemption to the Providence Preservation Society for their property located at 24 Meeting Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, the members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley, and the Providence Preservation Society.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY AND GRAVES

Resolution Condemning the Demolition of Angell Street Historic Homes in Providence and Urging the Preservation of Historic Housing Stock.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is home to a rich array of historic properties that reflect its diverse and long history; and

WHEREAS, Historic homes are not only architectural treasures but also serve as tangible connections to Providence's past, fostering a sense of beauty, continuity and identity; and

WHEREAS, The recent demolition of three historic homes on Angell Street in Providence's College Hill: 217 Angell, built in 1839, 211 Angell, built in 1895 and 209 Angell, built in 1857 has caused considerable public outcry and concern for the future of our city's heritage; and

WHEREAS, With no future plans in place, the loss of these historic structures represents an irreplaceable loss to the City of Providence architectural and cultural legacy; and

WHEREAS, The preservation of historic homes is essential to maintaining the unique character of neighborhoods in Providence, contributing to the quality of life and community pride; and

WHEREAS, Growth, density and sustainable development can still be achieved while also integrating historic preservation into city planning, thereby balancing growth with the protection of our historic vibrancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council of Providence hereby condemns the recent demolition of historic homes in the city and recognizes the detrimental impact such actions have on the preservation of our historic vibrancy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the city's Planning Department, Department of Inspections and Standards and Historic District Commission to strengthen and enforce regulations pertaining to the preservation of historic structures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council increased collaboration between city officials, property owners, developers, and preservation organizations such as the Providence Preservation Society to protect historic properties at risk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council that this resolution be distributed to the Office of Mayor Smiley, the Department of Inspections and Standards, the Providence Preservation Society and any other relevant city departments, local preservation organizations, and community groups, to affirm our commitment to preserving Providence's historic housing stock.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 19 and 20 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution in Support of additional funding of \$110 Million for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.

WHEREAS, public transportation is a critical component of the infrastructure in Rhode Island, offering essential services to residents and contributing to Rhode Island's economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) has been a cornerstone in providing affordable transportation options, yet has faced challenges due to lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, a well-funded and robust public transit system is vital for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, thus aligning with Rhode Island's Act on Climate goals; and

WHEREAS, the necessary funding of \$110 million for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority would be allocated as follows:

- \$40 million to maintain existing bus services, preventing a fiscal cliff and ensuring continuous operation.
- \$24 million to enhance the training and recruitment of bus operators, offering competitive wages and benefits that reflect the cost of living in Rhode Island.
- \$46 million annually to implement the Transit Master Plan, expanding transit services across Rhode Island, a strategic move towards meeting the state's legally mandated Act on Climate goals; and

WHEREAS, the investment in the transit system is not merely a transportation issue but a matter of social and economic equity, connecting communities, facilitating access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other important services; particularly for young people, those already struggling from low wages, seniors, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database, Rhode Island ranked among the lowest in 2021 per capita state funding for transit, approximately \$19 per person, which is significantly less compared to neighboring states like Connecticut (\$68) and Delaware (\$101); and

WHEREAS, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 resulted in a drastic reduction in fare revenues, leading to financial instability within transit agencies nationwide, including RIPTA, despite temporary federal emergency relief funding; and

WHEREAS, RIPTA is projected to face a severe fiscal shortfall of \$33 million in 2024, escalating to over \$40 million in the coming years, with no federal solutions forthcoming, necessitating immediate state-level intervention; and

WHEREAS, RIPTA's operating expenses are expected to rise due to inflation, compounded by a decrease in gas tax revenue as a result of the increasing adoption of electric vehicles, potentially leading to a widening budget gap; and

WHEREAS, RIPTA is also confronting a significant challenge in workforce sustainability, with approximately 125 of its 400 bus operators eligible for retirement next year, and recruitment efforts being hindered by non-competitive wages in comparison to rising living costs and inflation; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) recent wage increase for bus drivers to \$30 per hour, which resulted in a tripling of new applications, exemplifies the importance of competitive compensation in attracting essential transit workforce; and

WHEREAS, countless organizations including the Providence Streets Coalition, Rhode Island Transit Riders, Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition, Progreso Latino, SEIU, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 618, AFL-CIO, PVD Bike Collective, Carpenters Union 330, Conservation Law Foundation, Providence Student Union, Community Libraries of Providence, Providence Preservation Society, Groundwork, Providence Bike Collective, RICosh, West Broadway Neighborhood Association, Washington Park Neighborhood Association, South Elmwood Neighborhood Association, Climate Action Rhode Island, and elected officials including Senators Kallman, DiMario, Rep Morales and more have been advocating for saving RIPTA; and

WHEREAS, an expanded and improved public transit system fosters a healthy, vibrant local economy, fostering community development and enhancing the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Providence City Council, in solidarity with these organizations and the countless residents of Providence who rely on RIPTA, hereby requests Governor McKee and the state legislature fully fund the necessary \$110 million for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority in the annual 2025 state budget for the fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution serves as a commitment to the citizens of Providence and Rhode Island, acknowledging the essential role of public transit in their daily lives and the collective responsibility to ensure RIPTA's effectiveness and sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution appeals for the necessary funding to save and enhance RIPTA, recognizing that buses are more than mere transportation - they are lifelines that bind the community and fuel the state of Rhode Island's progress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to the office of Governor Dan McKee, the office of Rhode Island Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi, the office of Rhode Island State Senate President Dominick J. Ruggiero, and the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 21, substitute and amend the heading to read "Rhode Island Public Transit Authority", and Pass on a Voice Vote, As Amended.

RESULT:	PASSED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

COUNCILMEN TAYLOR, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Renaming Bucklin Street Splash Pad to the Mary Ross Splash Pad in Honor of her remarkable service and leadership to the West End Community.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 22 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

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 Approved:

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)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Hurd Chevrolet
(Department of Public Works) \$121,906.00

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Hurd Chevrolet
(Department of Public Works) \$121,906.00

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 23, Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 2, 2023, 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 **Melissa Hughes** of 137 Elton Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Hughes replaces Mr. Santow who has resigned and whose term expires on January 31, 2024.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 2, 2023, 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 **Anjel Newmann** of 86 Metropolitan Road, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Newmann replaces Ms. Roberts-Santana whose term expires on January 31, 2024.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 2, 2023, 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 **Michael Nina** of 70 Stamford Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Nina replaces Mr. Ibiyemi whose term expires on January 31, 2022.)

RESULT: RECEIVE AND APPROVE

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the of items 24 through 26 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Julissa Arce, Esquire, Conley Law Associates, 123 Dyer Street, Suite 2B, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 on behalf of Boysie Fortez, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 1000 (702 Potters Avenue), Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 412 (706 Potters Avenue), and Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 411 (710 Potters Avenue), from R-3 to M-MU-75.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injures and Damages, viz:

Claudia M. Vargas
John Chiaraviglio
 p.p.a. Hudson Alexander Chiaraviglio
Robert Royce
 (Stephen R. Archambault, Esquire)
Emmanuel Akinbo
 (John C. Manni, Esquire)
Zoila Alonzo
 (Charles J. Vucci, Esquire)
Leonela Falcon
Ty Shon Forbes
Courtney L. Smith
Barbara Cottam-Garrahay
Neil Beranbaum

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Tina L. Mastroianni, City Clerk, dated January 4, 2024, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of October 1, 2023 to and including December 31, 2023, in a total amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$2,415.00).

Communication from Jayleen Salcedo, dated January 8, 2024, submitting her resignation from the Juvenile Hearing Board.

Report from Major Henry Remolina, Providence Police Department, dated December 30, 2023, submitting the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Flock 30-Day Report from November 30, 2023 through December 29, 2023.

Report from 220 Blackstone Street, LLC, c/o The Apsen Group, Inc., 100 Riverpark Drive, North Reading MA 01864, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2023.

Report from 95 Chestnut, One Turks Head Place, Suite 203, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2023.

Report from Chestnut Commons, One Turks Head Place, Suite 203, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2023.

Report from 8th Investment, LLC, 9 Wayland Square, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2023.

Report from Mark Van Noppen, Manager, RCG Armory Park View, LLC, 334 Broadway, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, submitting updates on the Tax Stabilization Agreement (the TSA) that covers 31 and 45 Parade Street in Providence, Rhode Island, per Ordinance 73 from 2021, along with TSA Annual Report.

RESULT: RECEIVED

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 27 through 36, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 27 to the Committee on Ordinances, Refers item 28 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receive item 29 through 36.

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:

Stephanie Hague, in recognition of being honored as a Guiding Light at the Congregation Beth Sholom Celebration Gala.

Brauna Doige, in recognition of being honored as a Guiding Light at the Congregation Beth Sholom Celebration Gala.

Captain Michael Sullivan, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Executive Director Oscar Paz, Newcomer Academy, in recognition of your commitment and dedication as a Providence Public School Department employee for over 29 years and for your distinguished service as Executive of Newcomer Academy.

Deputy Chief of Police Kevin Lanni, Providence Police Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 27 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Abigail G. Bunch, Rhode Island College, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Alyssa A. Correia, University of Rhode Island, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Rodney Wilson, Rhode Island College, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Phanuel A. Okouta, University of Rhode Island, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Sydney N. Vaughn, Brown University, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Na’Vellah Njie, St. John’s University, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Imani M. Dukes, University of Rhode Island, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Alyssa S. Pierre, Providence College, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Isaac G. Gbaba, University of Rhode Island, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Derrick A. Pennix, Brown University, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Magdalene H. Karmo, Rhode Island College, in recognition of being a recipient of the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship at the 40th Annual Scholarship Breakfast.

Gladys Barrera-Velasquez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Juliet Benitez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Erickson Comas Hernandez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Leonardo Contreras Rodriguez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Lesly Cordones, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Alberto De Leon, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Jalen Dennis, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Anthony Fix, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Hiromi Flores, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Ethan Fratecilli-Flores, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Crystal Garrido, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Yanasia Gonzalez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Thalia Guardarrama, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Rahelin Guzman, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Jeremy Herrera Santos, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Yune Jackson, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Ailyn Mendoza, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Beatrice (Beatriz) Ortega, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Roselyn Pantoja Ramirez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Hector Peguero Hernandez, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Jordan Quiles, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Anthony Quinones, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Irvin Rosales Garcia, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Ericka Saquic, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Lessis Silverio, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Michelle St. Onge Moscosco, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Amelia Susana, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

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Dustin Trejo, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023-2024 Rhode Island Latino Dollars for Scholars Scholarship at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

The Honorable David Cicilline, CEO, The Rhode Island Foundation, in recognition of your collaboration and support of Latino Scholars for Dollars and their mission throughout the years.

Jason Hernandez, Vice-President of Community Outreach Coastal1, in recognition of your collaboration and support of Latino Scholars for Dollars and their mission throughout the years.

Grace Gonzales, Director of Marketing Outreach, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island, in recognition of your collaboration and support of Latino Scholars for Dollars and their mission throughout the years.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 37 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

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:

Joan V. Buchanan

Eduvigis Monsanto Dominguez

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 38 and Pass on a
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Reverend Leslie Papp, Sr. and Irene A. Lazzareschi at 6:29 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xh9l9np_q-o&t=618s*

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