

CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 22 City Council Special Meeting, Friday, July 31, 2020, 4:15 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SABINA MATOS

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN MILLER, RYAN AND COUNCILMAN SALVATORE – 10.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, LAFORTUNE, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI AND TAYLOR – 5.

ALSO PRESENT: SHAWN SELLECK, CITY CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL JOINS THE MEETING.)

**IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 03 2020**

APPROVED:

Shawn Selleck **CLERK**
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INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

SOLICITOR'S STATEMENT ON REMOTE MEETINGS

Pursuant to Executive Order of Governor Raimondo of the State of Rhode Island it is permissible for us to hold this meeting via teleconference.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNICATION FROM

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SABINA MATOS

Request filed with the City Clerk July 29, 2020, Requesting a Special Meeting of the City Council to be called on the 31st day of July, 2020 at 4:15 o'clock P.M. Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to join.
<https://zoom.us/j/94280339380> Or join by phone: Dial 1-646-876- 9923 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 942 8033 9380 International numbers available:
<https://zoom.us/u/advJIXsaG4>.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Warrant of the City Clerk to David Tassoni, City Sergeant with Return Certification that he has notified each member of the City Council of the Special Meeting called for the 31st day of July, 2020 at 4:15 o'clock P.M. Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to join. <https://zoom.us/j/94280339380> Or join by phone: Dial 1-646-876- 9923 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 942 8033 9380 International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/advJIXsaG4>.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Warrant.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS

Resolution Memorializing the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing the City of Providence, with approval of qualified electors, to issue not to exceed \$140,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Notes and other Evidences of Indebtedness to Finance the Construction, Renovation, Improvement, Alteration, Repair, Landscaping, Furnishing and Equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the City, subject to approval of State Housing Aid at a reimbursement rate or State Share Ratio of not less than 75% at the time of issuance and provided that the authorization shall be reduced by the amount of certain grants received from state bond proceeds, from the Rhode Island Department of Education or from the Rhode Island School Building Authority.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Providence endorses and supports the issuance of general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the city (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, In order to undertake and complete the Projects, there would be a need to issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$140,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence hereby memorializes the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing the City, with the approval of the qualified electors, to issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty Million Dollars (\$140,000,000) for the above purposes, subject to approval of state housing aid at a reimbursement rate or state share ratio of not less than 75% at the time of issuance and provided that the authorization shall be reduced by the amount of certain grants received from State of Rhode Island ("State") bond proceeds, from the Rhode Island Department of Education or from the Rhode Island School Building Authority.

BE IT FURTHERRESOLVED, That the City Solicitor, working with Bond Counsel for the City of Providence, ensure that the appropriate legislation in substantially the form attached hereto is submitted in a timely manner to the Rhode Island General Assembly to ensure that all requirements are met to ensure consideration of this question by the electors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution is an affirmative action of the City Council of the City of Providence toward the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State. This resolution constitutes the City's declaration of official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.150(2), to reimburse the City for certain capital expenditures for the Projects paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this resolution but prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed \$140,000,000 and shall be reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (b) the date the Projects are placed in service or abandoned, but in no event later than three (3) years after the date the expenditure is paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Amend the header by adding after the word Providence insert "with approval of qualified electors", Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCILWOMAN Ryan Moves Passage of the Resolution, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Miller, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved. As Amended:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

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

One Providence Youth Summer Employment Program (Office of Economic Opportunity)	\$498,131.73
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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(a) of the Code of Ordinances.

One Providence Youth Summer Employment Program (Office of Economic Opportunity)	\$498.131.73
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Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS

Resolution Authorizing the transfer of certain funds for school building construction from the Capital Assets Fund to the General Fund.

WHEREAS, The fiscal year 2020 general fund budget included proceeds from the sale of the Flynn School of \$917,499.53 to assist with budgeted debt service payments in the same amount and is permissible pursuant to Section 808 of the Providence Home Rule Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That \$917,499.53 shall be transferred from Fund 856 to Fund 101, pursuant to Section 808 of the Providence Home Rule Charter, allowing for the payment of debt service.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to ask the Clerk to read items 4 and 5 into the record and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, by the following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Miller, Ryan and Councilman Salvatore – 11.
ABSENT:	Councilwomen Kerwin, LaFortune, Councilmen Narducci and Taylor – 4.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn at 4:24 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**



**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**