

CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



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



IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 17 2024

APPROVED
Sina J. Mastrosianini
CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 20 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, October 3, 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 HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 14.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES – 1.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI, DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **DEACON JAIRON GABRIEL OLMOS RIVERA, SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH.**

"In the name of the Father, of the Son, of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Invoke the presence of the Almighty God, father of love and mercy. We thank you Lord Jesus Christ for this beautiful day and for the vocation, work and dedication of our public officials in our wonderful City of Providence. A testament to the love and dedication to this city. Almighty God, bless those who hold office in the government of the City of Providence. We pray that they may do the work in the spirit of wisdom, kindness and justice guided by the divine wisdom in every decision they make. God Bless you and God Bless our City of Providence."

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.

ELECTION

Election of One (1) Member to the Historic District Commission

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER calls for Nominations for the Office of One Councilmanic Member to the Historic District Commission for a term 2024-2027.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Nominates **COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**, and this nomination is seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**.

The Clerk casts one ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER thereupon declares **COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES** duly elected as a Member of the Historic District Commission for the ensuing term ending on the first Monday in January, 2027.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 19 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held September 19, 2024.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 4 and Move Approval, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated September 20, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) and Section 1005 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980 and Public Law of 1980, as amended, Chapter 84, he is this day re-appointing **Jenna Lafayette** of 348 Grotto Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Recreational Advisory Board** for a term to expire on September 30, 2027.

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

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| RESULT: | RECEIVED |
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ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council September 19, 2024, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2015-20, No. 356, having taken effect on July 6, 2015, Entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Exemption and Stabilization Plan for 32 Custom House Street.

Section 1. City Ordinance Number 356, effective July 6, 2015, is hereby required.

Section 2. This ordinance shall apply retroactively to Fiscal Year 2025 and be applicable as of July 1, 2024.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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

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, shall be to change Articles 12 and 14 relating to compassion centers.

SECTION 1: 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, is hereby further amended as follows:

Table 12-1 USE MATRIX

| Use | R-1A | R-1 | R-2 | R-3 | R-4 | RP | C-1 | C-2 | C-3 | D-1 | W-2 | W-3 | M-1 | M-2 | M-MU | I-1 | I-2 | P-S | O-S | C-D | Use Standard | |
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| Cannabis Retailer | | | | | | | | <u>S</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>P</u> | | | <u>P</u> | <u>P</u> | | | | | | | | Sec. 1202. JJ |
| Social Equity/Workers' Cooperative Licensed Cannabis Retailer | | | | | | | | <u>P</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>P</u> | | | <u>P</u> | <u>P</u> | | | | | | | | Sec. 1202 KK. |
| Compassion Center/Cultivation-Center Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator | | | | | | | | | S | | | | P | | | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.EE |

1202 PRINCIPAL USE STANDARDS

EE. ~~Compassion-Center/Cultivation-Center~~ Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator

1. No more than the square footage for which the applicant is licensed shall be permitted for the use. The Zoning Board of Review may, in its discretion, limit the use to less square footage than that for which the applicant is licensed.
2. Any square footage in the property not devoted to the use must be segregated from the facility by a wall or similar structure.
3. The applicant must submit evidence of the following:
 - a) That it has obtained a license or registration to cultivate, acquire and/or dispense in the State of Rhode Island, subject to zoning approval and final inspection of the property by the licensing/registering entity.
 - b) All measures undertaken to contain noise and odors shall demonstrate that it has taken all reasonable measures to contain noise and odors.
 - c) The security plan(s) for the property and the facility.
 - d) Staffing numbers for all hours of each day.
 - e) The number of vehicles that will access the facility on a daily or weekly basis.
4. A ~~Compassion-Center or Cultivation-Center~~ Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator may not be located within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the property line of another ~~Compassion-Center or Cultivation-Center~~ Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator.
5. A ~~Compassion-Center or Cultivation-Center~~ Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator may not be located within 1,000 feet from the property line of a preexisting public or private school.
6. Setbacks under this section shall be measured from the nearest property line of the ~~Compassion-Center or Cultivation-Center~~ Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator using a direct line to the nearest property line of the school, other ~~Compassion-Center or Cultivation-Center~~ Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator.
7. All Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivators operating within the City of Providence shall be required to prominently display signage outlining city and state cannabis consumption laws, in compliance with all regulations put forth by the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission. This signage must be visible at all customer entry points and within all sales areas. The signage shall include, but not be limited to, the prohibition of smoking or vaporizing cannabis in public spaces such as parks, sidewalks, and other areas where smoking is prohibited, in accordance with the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act, and all applicable city ordinances. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$100 for the first offense. If the establishment remains non-compliant, each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of \$250 per offense.
- 6.8. Prior to the issuance of a permit for a Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator, the applicant shall submit notice to the City Clerk that such a facility is proposed at a particular location. The City Clerk shall send such notice to the council person of the ward in which the facility is proposed. The applicant shall simultaneously send such notice by first-class mail to owners of real property within 200 feet of the subject property and shall send to the City Clerk an affidavit that such notice has been mailed. A permit to establish the use shall not be issued for at least two weeks following the submission and mailing of such notice.

JJ. Cannabis Retailer

1. No more than the square footage for which the applicant is licensed shall be permitted for the use. The Zoning Board of Review may, in its discretion, limit the use to less square footage than that for which the applicant is licensed.
2. Any square footage in the property not devoted to the use must be segregated from the facility by a wall or similar structure.
3. The applicant must submit evidence of the following:
 - a) That it has obtained a license or registration to cultivate, acquire and/or dispense in the State of Rhode Island, subject to zoning approval and final inspection of the property by the licensing/registering entity.
 - b) All measures undertaken to contain noise and odors shall demonstrate that it has taken all reasonable measures to contain noise and odors.
 - c) The security plan(s) for the property and the facility.
 - d) Staffing numbers for all hours of each day.
4. A Cannabis Retailer may not be located within 500 feet from the property line of a preexisting public or private school.
5. Setbacks under this section shall be measured from the nearest property line of the Cannabis Retailer using a direct line to the nearest property line of the school, other Cannabis Retailer.
6. All Cannabis Retailers operating within the City of Providence shall be required to prominently display signage outlining city and state cannabis consumption laws, in compliance with all regulations put forth by the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission. This signage must be visible at all customer entry points and within all sales areas. The signage shall include, but not be limited to, the prohibition of smoking or vaporizing cannabis in public spaces such as parks, sidewalks, and other areas where smoking is prohibited, in accordance with the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act, and all applicable city ordinances. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$100 for the first offense. If the establishment remains non-compliant, each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of \$250 per offense.
7. Prior to the issuance of a permit for a Cannabis Retailer, the applicant shall submit notice to the City Clerk that such a facility is proposed at a particular location. The City Clerk shall send such notice to the council person of the ward in which the facility is proposed. The applicant shall simultaneously send such notice by first-class mail to owners of real property within 200 feet of the subject property and shall send to the City Clerk an affidavit that such notice has been mailed. A permit to establish the use shall not be issued for at least two weeks following the submission and mailing of such notice.

KK. Social Equity/Workers' Cooperative Licensed Cannabis Retailer

1. No more than the square footage for which the applicant is licensed shall be permitted for the use. The Zoning Board of Review may, in its discretion, limit the use to less square footage than that for which the applicant is licensed.
2. Any square footage in the property not devoted to the use must be segregated from the facility by a wall or similar structure.
3. The applicant must submit evidence of the following:
 - a) That it has obtained a license or registration to cultivate, acquire and/or dispense in the State of Rhode Island, subject to zoning approval and final inspection of the property by the licensing/registering entity.
 - b) That it has been recognized and licensed as a Social Equity applicant or a Workers' Cooperative pursuant to ~~R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-3(42)~~ and ~~R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-3(39)~~ chapter 28.11 of title 21 of the General Laws.
 - c) All measures undertaken to contain noise and odors shall demonstrate that it has taken all reasonable measures to contain noise and odors.
 - d) The security plan(s) for the property and the facility.

- e) Staffing numbers for all hours of each day.
4. A Social Equity/Workers' Cooperative Cannabis Retailer may not be located within 500 feet from the property line of a preexisting public or private school.
 5. Setbacks under this section shall be measured from the nearest property line of the Cannabis Retailer using a direct line to the nearest property line of the school, other Cannabis Retailer.
 6. All Social Equity/Worker's Cooperative Licensed Cannabis Retailers operating within the City of Providence shall be required to prominently display signage outlining city and state cannabis consumption laws, in compliance with all regulations put forth by the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission. This signage must be visible at all customer entry points and within all sales areas. The signage shall include, but not be limited to, the prohibition of smoking or vaporizing cannabis in public spaces such as parks, sidewalks, and other areas where smoking is prohibited, in accordance with the Rhode Island Cannabis Act, the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act, and all applicable city ordinances. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$100 for the first offense. If the establishment remains non-compliant, each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of \$250 per offense.
 - 5.7. Prior to the issuance of a permit for a Social Equity/Workers' Cooperative Licensed Cannabis Retailer, the applicant shall submit notice to the City Clerk that such a facility is proposed at a particular location. The City Clerk shall send such notice to the council person of the ward in which the facility is proposed. The applicant shall simultaneously send such notice by first-class mail to owners of real property within 200 feet of the subject property and shall send to the City Clerk an affidavit that such notice has been mailed. A permit to establish the use shall not be issued for at least two weeks following the submission and mailing of such notice.

1204 USE DEFINITIONS

~~**Compassion Center/Cultivation Center.** A facility operated by an organization or business that is registered/licensed in the state to acquire and dispense medical cannabis, paraphernalia, or related supplies and educational materials to registered-qualifying patients and/or registered/licensed by the state to perform the necessary activities to provide only registered medical cannabis dispensing organizations with usable medical cannabis.~~

Cannabis Establishment. or "marijuana establishment" means a cannabis cultivator, independent testing laboratory, cannabis product manufacturer, cannabis retailer, hybrid cannabis retailer or any other type of state registered/licensed cannabis-related business.

Cannabis Cultivator. marijuana cultivator" means an entity state registered/licensed to cultivate, process and package cannabis, to deliver cannabis to cannabis establishments and to transfer cannabis to other cannabis establishments, but not to consumers.

Cannabis Retailer. or "marijuana retailer" means an entity state registered/licensed pursuant to ~~§ 21-28.11-10.2~~ chapter 28.11 of title 21 of the General Laws to purchase and deliver cannabis and cannabis products from cannabis establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer cannabis and cannabis products to cannabis establishments and to consumers.

Hybrid Cannabis Retailer. or "hybrid compassion center" means a compassion center licensed by the state pursuant to chapter 28.6 of title 21 of the general laws that is in good standing with the department of business regulation and that ~~has paid the fee pursuant to § 21-28.11-10~~ and has been authorized to sell non-medical or adult use cannabis to consumers pursuant to chapter 28.11 of title 21 of the General Laws.

Social Equity/Workers' Cooperative Licensed Cannabis Retailer. Means a cannabis retailer that is a state registered and licensed Social Equity applicant or a Workers' Cooperative as defined and pursuant to ~~R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-3(42) and R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.11-3(39)~~ chapter 28.11 of title 21 of the General Laws.

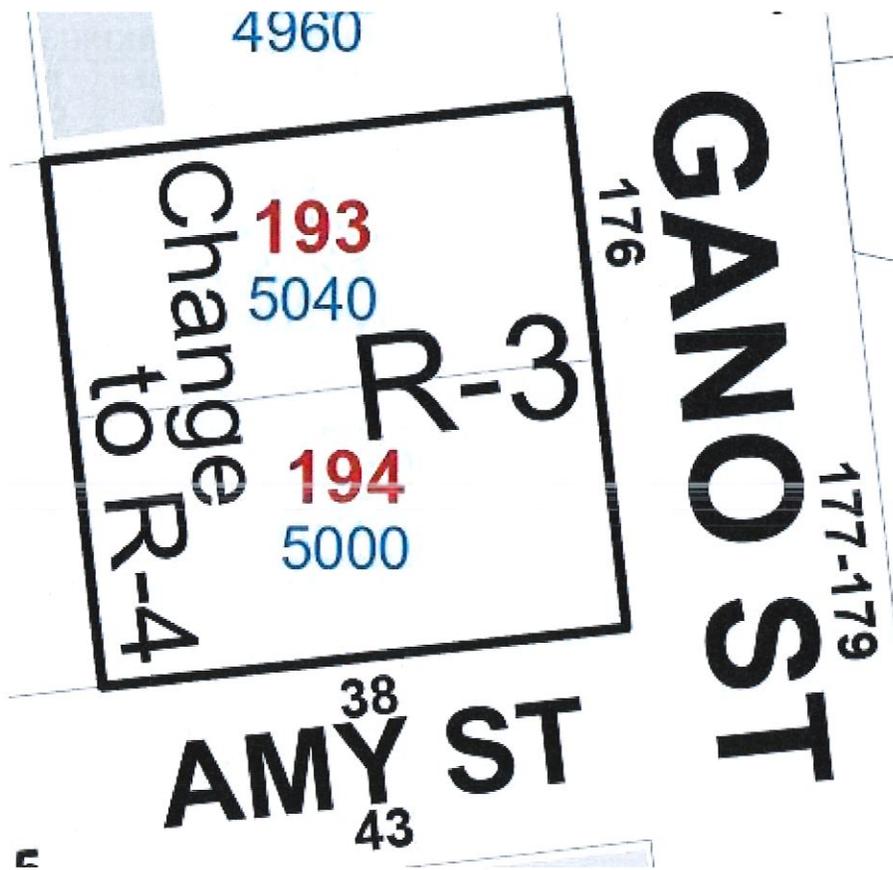
1402 REQUIRED OFF-STREET VEHICLE AND BICYCLE PARKING SPACES

| USE | MINIMUM REQUIRED VEHICLE SPACES | REQUIRED TOTAL BICYCLE SPACES | PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED BICYCLE SPACES THAT SHALL BE LONG-TERM SPACES |
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| Compassion Center Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator | 1 per 500sf GFA | Over 10,000sf GFA: 1 per 2,500sf GFA | |
| Cannabis Retailer and Social Equity/Workers' Cooperative Licensed Cannabis Retailer | <u>1 per 1000 sq ft</u> | <u>Over 10,000sf GFA:</u> <u>1 per 2,500sf GFA</u> | |

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

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 the Property located on Assessor's Plat 14, Lots 193 and 194 (176 Gano Street and 38 Amy Street), from R-3 to R-4.

SECTION 1. 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, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 14, Lots 193 and 194 (176 Gano Street and 38 Amy Street), from R-3 to R-4.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 6 through 8 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2015-20, No. 356, having taken effect on July 6, 2015, Entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Exemption and Stabilization Plan for 32 Custom House Street.

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 the Property located on Assessor's Plat 14, Lots 193 and 194 (176 Gano Street and 38 Amy Street), from R-3 to R-4.

RESULT: READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilman Espinal

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Graves – 1.

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, shall be to change Articles 12 and 14 relating to compassion centers.

RESULT: READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [11 TO 2]

MOVER: Councilman Espinal

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.

NAYES: Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

RECUSE: Councilman Taylor – 1.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Graves – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, ESPINAL AND VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-37, No. 466, Adopting the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Budget for the period of April 29, 2021 through December 31, 2024, approved November 22, 2023.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Ordinance 2023-38, No. 467, Adopting the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Budget for the period of January 6, 2022 through December 31, 2024, Approved November 22, 2023.

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-60, No. 389, Adopting the COVID-19 Equities Program Budget for the period of January 6, 2022 through December 31, 2024, Approved November 18, 2022.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article IX "Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure."

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Special Committee on Environment and Resiliency |

COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES AND VARGAS

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

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions", Article I "In General" Section 16-21 "Loud or Unruly Gatherings – Public Nuisance" and Section 16-22 "Chronic Nuisance Properties" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, VARGAS AND ESPINAL, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Providence by this Council to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Lifespan Corporation, for a period of three (3) years, as presented in Exhibit A.

RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Providence is hereby Authorized by this Council to enter into the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Lifespan Corporation, for a period of 3 years, as presented in Exhibit A attached here.

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| RESULT: | REFERRED |
| TO: | Committee on Finance |

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 9 through 15, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 9 through 11 to the Committee on Finance, Refers item 12 to the Special Committee on Environment and Resiliency, Refers item 13 to the Committee on Finance, Refers item 14 to the Committee on Ordinance and Refers item 15 to the Committee on Finance.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

Resolution Urging all residents of the City to vote "yes" on Question #3 in the November 5th referendum, supporting the \$120 million bond to advance housing development across Rhode Island.

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island, including the City of Providence, is currently facing a housing crisis, with both rent and home prices soaring over the past few years; and

WHEREAS, These escalating housing costs have resulted in nearly half of Providence renters and 80% of Providence homeowners being classified as cost-burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on housing; and

WHEREAS, To address housing affordability, a \$120 million state bond referendum will be presented to voters in the general election on November 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Providence voters will encounter Ballot Question #3, which asks whether they support the \$120 million bond aimed at increasing housing availability across Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, If approved by voters, the bond will allocate \$80 million toward the development of affordable housing and \$20 million toward initiatives that support homeownership; and

WHEREAS, Passage of the \$120 million bond will increase the housing supply, revitalize communities, preserve affordability, and strengthen local housing efforts; and

WHEREAS, Approval of the bond will affirm Rhode Islanders' commitment to ensuring housing opportunities for residents at all income levels, which is critical to mitigating the ongoing housing crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges all residents of the City to vote “yes” on Question #3 in the November 5th referendum, supporting the \$120 million bond to advance housing development across Rhode Island; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Mayor and every member of the Providence State Delegation.

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

Resolution Denouncing Hate and Fearmongering Against the Haitian-American Community.

WHEREAS, In recent weeks, there has been a troubling increase in violence and threats against the Haitian American community, fueled by false and hateful rhetoric that seeks to sow division; and

WHEREAS, The spread of falsehoods, including fabricated stories about Haitian people, promote division, dehumanizes individuals, and has led to a hostile environment filled with racist tropes and misinformation; and

WHEREAS, Over 30 bomb threats and the threat of a mass shooting in Springfield, Ohio, are directly linked to the spread of baseless and harmful narratives targeting Haitians or people of Haitian descent; and

WHEREAS, Food-based racialized epithets and other forms of racism have long been used as a tool of oppression, and such baseless claims are harmful not only to those targeted but to the fabric of American unity; and

WHEREAS, Recent weeks have seen a concerning portrayal of immigrants, particularly within the Haitian community in Springfield, Ohio, driven by misleading and hateful rhetoric from former President Donald Trump and current U. S. Senator and republican vice-presidential nominee J.D. Vance; and

WHEREAS, The vibrant Haitian American community in the United States has deep historical roots, dating back to the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when refugees fleeing the Haitian Revolution settled in various American cities; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, there have been multiple waves of migration by the Haitian people to the United States, and today, the Haitian American population in our country stands at just over a million people; and

WHEREAS, These hardworking Americans are our neighbors, friends, classmates, coworkers, and fellow citizens, contributing to our society as doctors, teachers, truck drivers, politicians, and professors. They have enriched our nation with their music, culture, food, and community, exemplifying the diverse spirit that makes the United States a nation of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Haiti share a rich history of fighting for independence and being allies for over two centuries; and

WHEREAS, Haitian Americans and their descendants have made significant contributions to the advancement of American society, including Florida State Senator Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, former Providence City Councilor Nirva LaFortune, Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, founder of Chicago, and W.E.B. Du Bois, civil rights activist and scholar, and countless others in government, healthcare, education, the arts, faith, and social justice; and

WHEREAS, As conversations about immigration continue to evolve, let us honor the Haitian American diaspora as a living symbol of resilience and hope, as their journey illustrates the power of turning struggle into strength, reminding us of the profound contributions they make to our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council:

- (1) Recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of Haitian Americans and people of Haitian descent to the United States and Rhode Island;
- (2) Strongly condemns and denounces all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia, and bigotry, towards Haitian people;
- (3) Calls on all Americans to reject racist tropes and speak out against misinformation, particularly false narratives that endanger communities;
- (4) Affirms the importance of promoting inclusivity and honest communication, urging elected officials and community leaders to act responsibly; and
- (5) Stands in solidarity with the Haitian-American community, reaffirming our commitment to protect and uplift all communities that have long contributed to this country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage of this resolution, copies be sent to New Bridges for Haitian Success (NB4HS), the Haitian American Partnership for Positive Actions (HAPPA-RI), the Office of Governor Daniel J. McKee, the Office of the Rhode Island Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi, the Office of the Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio, the Rhode Island federal delegation, the Executive Director of the Providence Human Relations Commission, and the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights.

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

Resolution Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month.

WHEREAS, Every year, from September 15th to October 15th, the United States observes Hispanic Heritage Month to honor and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Latino Americans; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island, and particularly the City of Providence, has long celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month since its formal recognition by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1988, showcasing the integral role Latino communities play in shaping the cultural and social fabric of the state; and

WHEREAS, Latino history is a vital and growing part of both Rhode Island and U.S. history, equally as significant and essential as any other part of our shared past; and

WHEREAS, Providence’s Latino community continues to enrich the city through its vibrant traditions, including its culinary diversity, bold and colorful public art, and dynamic cultural expressions such as music, dance, and festivals, all of which breathe energy into every corner of the city, transforming Providence into a beacon of culture and creativity, where heritage is celebrated and the city’s unique identity shines brilliantly; and

WHEREAS, Latinos have made substantial contributions across multiple sectors including education, the arts, business, government, science, and sports, and their impact has been vital to the development and success of the Providence community; and

WHEREAS, Providence is home to a large and growing Latino population, whose presence contributes not only to the city's cultural wealth but also to its economic and intellectual vitality, reinforcing the principles of diversity and unity that define the city’s character; and

WHEREAS, Providence is proud to have 40% of the members of the City Council of Latino heritage, further representing the deep-rooted influence of the Hispanic community in the city’s leadership and governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council formally recognizes September 15th to October 15th of each year as “Hispanic Heritage Month,” in celebration of the invaluable contributions and cultural richness of Hispanic and Latino communities in Providence and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, underscoring the Council’s commitment to recognizing the achievements and heritage of the city’s Latino residents.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 16 through 18 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Ninety Seven Million Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$97,014,120), for the support of the Providence Water Supply Board for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Five Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$3,522,485), for the Water Supply Board Water Quality Protection Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Seven Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Seven Dollars (\$3,775,607), for the Water Supply Board Capital Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Ninety Million One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Sixty Seven Dollars (\$90,135,067), for the Water Supply Board Infrastructure Replacement Program Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$2,996,816), for the Water Supply Board Meter Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Two Million Eight Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Thirty Five Dollars (\$2,823,035), for the Water Supply Board Insurance Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Million Four Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Forty Seven Dollars (\$1,486,047), for the Water Supply Board Revenue Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$3,237,135), for the Water Supply Board Equipment Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Eight Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$854,687), for the Water Supply Board Property Tax Refund Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$420,440), for the Water Supply Board Western Cranston Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Four Million Seven Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$4,706,649), for the Water Supply Board Chemical and Sludge Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Nineteen Million Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$19,787,224), for the Water Supply Board Lead Service Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025.

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2023-33, No. 405, Effective October 13, 2023.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2023-34, No. 406, Effective October 13, 2023.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 19 through 32 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Change Order Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4).

E.W. Audet & Sons, Inc. \$2,101,340.00
(Water Supply Board)

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Change Order Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4).

E.W. Audet & Sons, Inc. \$2,101,340.00
(Water Supply Board)

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Change Order Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (4).

Bowman (formerly McMahon Associates) \$671,180.13
(Department of Planning and Development)

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Change Order Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (4).

Bowman (formerly McMahon Associates) \$671,180.13
(Department of Planning and Development)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 33 and 34 Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF
PROVIDENCE’S WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN, Chairwoman**

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

Report from Chairwoman Jo-Ann Ryan, Vice-Chairman Pedro J. Espinal and
Commission Members, submitting the Final Report of Special Commission for the Study
of Providence's Waste Management Services, dated September 25, 2024.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 25 and Move Approval,
Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of
Personal Expression and states:

“I would also like to thank you Chairwoman for taking it on and also moving so efficiently in
just a few shorts months to produce a report, so that we can really take on this challenge that
we’ve been talking about for a few years now. It’s really great to see action happening and that
is because of your work so thank you.”

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Andre P. Elie, Jr., 17 Dorothy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, requesting an easement onto a portion of the paper street for the property located on Assessor's Plat 97, Lot 222 (17 Dorothy Avenue), beside the property located on Lot 449.

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Public Works

Petition from Julissa Arce, Esquire, Conley Law & Associates, 123 Dyer Street, Suite 2B, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 509 (173 Ives Street), from R-2 to C-1.

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

- Rosa Maria Martinez Reyes 24-277
- Helder Cabral
 (Law Office of Stephen T. Fanning) 24-278
- Allstate New Jersey Property & Casualty Insurance Company
 a/s/o Patricia Harvell 24-279
- John B. Cottle 24-280
- Milagros Rivera
 (Fay Law Associates, LLC) 24-281
- Karen Marcano
 a/s/o Natasha Marcano
 (Fay Law Associates, LLC) 24-282
- Paul Scannell
 (Law Offices of Michael J. Santomaro) 24-283
- Nicholas Loew 24-284
- Kevin and Alicson Turner 24-285

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 36 through 38, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 36 to the Committee on Public Works, Refers item 37 to the Committee on Ordinances and Refers item 38 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Councilman John Goncalves, Councilwoman Helen D. Anthony, Councilor Sue R. AnderBois, Councilor Justin M. Roias, Councilor Miguel A. Sanchez, Councilman Pedro J. Espinal, Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris and Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated September 20, 2024, submitting the Providence City Council Democratic Caucus, hereby electing Councilman Pedro J. Espinal as Majority Leader and Councilor Sue R. AnderBois as Deputy Majority Whip.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to make a motion to strike the reference to caucus on the document submitted to this honorable body tonight which will be reflected if it is passed as is in the historical records of this council. I would suggest that it simply reflect to truth what it actually is. It was a vote with signatures of a majority of the council and I respectfully ask for a second. Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLE: Point of Order, we are already debating a motion right now so we can't entertain another motion.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [8 TO 6] |
| MOVER: | Councilman Espinal |
| SECONDER: | Councilwoman Harris |
| AYES: | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilors Roias and Sanchez – 8. |
| NAYS: | Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 6. |
| ABSENT: | Councilwoman Graves – 1. |

Communication from Patricia Moran, 101 North Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, dated September 20, 2024, submitting her resignation from the Providence Redevelopment Agency, effective immediately.

Communication from Councilman James E. Taylor, dated September 23, 2024, submitting his resignation from the Rules Committee and the Special Commission on Veterans Affairs, effective today, September 23, 2024.

Communication from Kevin Moran, submitting RAZE-24-27 Raze Building Permit for the property located at 45 America Street.

COUNCILWOMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 40 through 42, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 40 through 42.

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| RESULT: RECEIVED |
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**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:

Public PVD, in recognition of the celebration of the Grand Opening of your new space, and much gratitude for your commitment to uplifting and empowering the community.

Public Not Private, in recognition of the celebration of the Grand Opening of your new space, and much gratitude for your commitment to uplifting and empowering the community.

Tony Espinal, in recognition of the celebration of your 60th Birthday on September 14, 2024!

Ramon Antonio Delgado Vargas, en reconocimiento de su extraordinario compromiso y dedicación a la comunidad. la Ciudad de Providence tiene el gran honor de entregar este reconocimiento, su incansable trabajo y dedicación han tenido un impacto positivo en la vida de muchas personas, y su liderazgo ha sido un ejemplo inspirador para todos nosotros. Gracias por todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra comunidad.

Andy Andujar, en reconocimiento de su extraordinario compromiso y dedicación a la comunidad. la Ciudad de Providence tiene el gran honor de entregar este reconocimiento, su incansable trabajo y dedicación han tenido un impacto positivo en la vida de muchas personas, y su liderazgo ha sido un ejemplo inspirador para todos nosotros. Gracias por todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra comunidad.

Victor Lozada, en reconocimiento de su extraordinario compromiso y dedicación a la comunidad. la Ciudad de Providence tiene el gran honor de entregar este reconocimiento, su incansable trabajo y dedicación han tenido un impacto positivo en la vida de muchas personas, y su liderazgo ha sido un ejemplo inspirador para todos nosotros. Gracias por todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra comunidad.

Coronel Donni Leiki Sonni Cepeda P.N., en reconocimiento de su extraordinario compromiso y dedicación a la comunidad. la Ciudad de Providence tiene el gran honor de entregar este reconocimiento, su incansable trabajo y dedicación han tenido un impacto positivo en la vida de muchas personas, y su liderazgo ha sido un ejemplo inspirador para todos nosotros. Gracias por todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra comunidad.

Daniel Santana, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Robelys Santiago Reyes, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Hector Monegro, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

William Cruz, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Anthony Martinez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Manuel De La Cruz, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Yohan Brito German, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Yeudy Felipe, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Nelson Lorenzo Restituyo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Fredy Ventura, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Damarys Aquino Taveras, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Juan Martinez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Jorge Peralta, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Katherine Dominguez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Juan Valdez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Luis Garcia Troncoso, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Madelin Acosta, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Bienvenido Garcia Jimenez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Dania Matos Polanco, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Ruddy Hiciano, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Domingo Ruben, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Joel Brito, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Asisis Wessin, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Karina Torres Garcia, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Evelyn Garcia, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Fermin Sanchez, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Yonkany Vivenes, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Francisco Herrera, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Miguel Aponte, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Anibal Abreu, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Nelson Lorenzo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Rafael Dorrego, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Eriberto Dorrejo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Maximo Dorrejo, in recognition of your outstanding support and dedication to The Providence Hispanic Softball League Alliance, (PHSLA) and our community.

Rita Luzie Dos Santos Brown, in recognition of the celebration of becoming a United States Citizen on September 19, 2024. Congratulations!

Prajakta Wasekar, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Dana Almajdoubeh, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Briar Goldstein, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Julian Perry, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Amanda Notz, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Mary Harding, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Ruby Monegro, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Erica Laros, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Ben Nault, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

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David Wells, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Keith Prue, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Shane McGeehan, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the 2024 India Point Park photo contest. Your work showcases remarkable talent, creativity, and dedication, inspiring our community and enriching the cultural fabric of our city. We are proud to honor your achievements and the lasting impact you make on Providence's vibrant arts community. Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition.

Lynn Zagoudis-Eastridge, in recognition of your hard work and dedication in Smith Hill, serving on many boards, commissions and community organizations and for your devoted and tireless work at a multitude of events throughout the community.

Alison Bologna, TV News Anchor at WJAR and Owner & Founder of Shri Yoga, in recognition of being the recipient of the Leader in Diversity & Inclusion Award at the 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Awards.

Methodius Tuuli, MD, MPH, MBA, Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Care New England Health System, in recognition of being the recipient of the Linda Newton Legacy Award at the 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Awards.

Neighborhood Health Plan of RI, in recognition of being the recipient of the Organizational Winner in Diversity & Inclusion Award at the 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Awards.

The Honorable Councilor Miguel A. Sanchez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Emerging in Equity Change Makers Award at the 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Awards.

La'Juan Allen, in recognition of being the recipient of the Emerging in Equity Change Makers Award at the 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Awards.

Aiyah Josiah-Faeduwor, in recognition of being the recipient of the Emerging in Equity Change Makers Award at the 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Awards.

Rose Albert, Rhode Island Community for Justice, in recognition of being the recipient of the Catalyst for Change Award at the 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Awards.

Travis Escobar, Millennial RI, in recognition of being the recipient of the Catalyst for Change Award at the 2024 Diversity & Inclusion Professionals (DAIP) Awards.

Brasa Y Chifa, in recognition of the celebration of your Grand Opening at 712 Admiral Street.

Lisy de la Roca, Coordinator & Case Manager, Ayudame/Help Me Domestic Violence Program, in recognition of your outstanding dedication to community service and victims of domestic violence at Progreso Latino.

Annell Vidal, Director of Immigration Advocacy, Sojourner House, in recognition of your exceptional dedication and service to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking over the past several years.

Toni Marie Roderick, Executive Director, Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center, in recognition of your exceptional leadership and commitment to combating domestic and sexual violence.

Lisy de la Roca, Coordinadora, Ayudame/Help Me Domestic Violence Program, en reconocimiento de su destacada dedicación al servicio comunitario y a las víctimas de violencia doméstica en Progreso Latino.

Annell Vidal, Directora de Abogacía de Inmigración, Sojourner House, en reconocimiento de, su destacada dedicación al servicio comunitario y a las víctimas de violencia doméstica en Progreso Latino.

Toni Marie Roderick, Directora Ejecutiva, Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center, en reconocimiento de su liderazgo excepcional y su compromiso para combatir la violencia doméstica y sexual.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 43 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

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:

Kelly (Wojtanowski) DeSimone

James Edward Whitley

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 44 and Pass on a
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Yika A. Awodumila. at 6:58 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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=kp41yB5c0bs>

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