

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

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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 13 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, June 5, 2025, 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, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 14.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 1 .

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILOR JO-ANN RYAN**.

“Heavenly Father, tonight I ask for your blessings on my colleagues elected to serve the people of the great City of Providence. Remind us, because we all forget from time to time, especially in the noisy-ness of what passes for political debate, that we are not only leaders but also servants and that it is our responsibility to humbly serve the common good of all. Remind us that, no matter where we live, everyone is our neighbor, our sibling and that throughout the ages, prophets have called the leaders of the people to respect and protect the least of those among us, our children, the elderly, the poor, those who are hungry, those who have no homes, those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, the strangers and immigrants in our midst, those who live on the margins, those who are alone, those who are forgotten. Grant us the wisdom and courage to know and to do what is right and good and true to our charge. May we speak out when it is time to speak out and listen patiently and receptively when it is time to listen. May we always be guided by the spirit of community, by the spirit of justice, and by the spirit of love. Dear Lord, may your light enfold us, may your spirit guide us and may your grace abound in us. Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

“ It is my absolute honor to welcome the Mount Pleasant Kilties Unified Basketball Team, our 2025 State Champions to the people's house. Let's give them a round of applause. I would like to also recognize that Superintendent Javier Montanez is with us as well. Thank you very much for your leadership and support always. As we all know, any athletic pursuit requires hard work, determination and most importantly teamwork, but this unified team is special. It is made up of Mount Pleasant students with developmental disabilities and students without disabilities. As Coach Pinto says, when they play together, those differences dissolve. They are just athletes, trying to move the ball down the court. This team is an inspiration to all, their positive spirit of inclusion, acceptance and respect and yes great coaching resulted in setting a school record, they have taken the big prize, the Unified Basketball State Championship for the first time in the school's very long history. It is quite an accomplishment, and we are all very proud of each team member. We also extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Coach Zack Pinto for his leadership and support of the Mount Pleasant High School and Athletic Director Paul Rao who is not with us tonight. I want to particularly thank Council President who has graciously treated you all to a wonderful pizza party in the Alderman Chamber. Thank you very much and congratulations on our win.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 12 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 15, 2025.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
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, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2025-1, submitted by His Honor the Mayor, dated May 23, 2025, Display of Flags at City Hall.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives item 4.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 20, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 203 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, he is this day appointing **David Leach** of 100 Swift Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904 to the **Board of Canvassers** for a term to expire on the first Monday in March 2031, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Leach replaces Ms. Bernal whose term expired).

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 20, 2025, 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 re-appointing **Akilah Phillip** of 161 Ford Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2027.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 22, 2025, 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 re-appointing **Dana Heng** of 1262 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2027.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 5 through 7, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 5 to the Committee on Finance and Receives items 6 and 7.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER RELINQUISHES THE CHAIR

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PICHARDO IN CHAIR

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The following Ordinances were in City Council May 15, 2025, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN ESPINAL

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 “Administration,” and Chapter 21 “Revenue and Finance”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence”.

Section 1. Sections 73 and 74 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-73. Redemption of land sold for nonpayment of taxes.

(a) General provisions.

- a. The city treasurer is authorized upon payment to him of the sums provided for in Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, to execute for and in the name and behalf of the city a quitclaim deed which has the prior approval of the city solicitor, conveying to the party of interest entitled to redeem said property all the right title and interest of the city, provided that, with the exception of properties conveyed to Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation as permitted by Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the General Laws or as otherwise provided by law, the treasurer not convey right title and interest resultant of the payment of sums for more than ten (10) properties to any one person at any one time.

Sec. 2-74. Assignment of tax title.

(b) General provisions.

- a. The city treasurer is authorized upon payment to him of the sums provided for in Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island to assign tax title to any person and may execute and deliver on behalf of the town any instrument necessary therefor, provided that with the exception of properties conveyed to Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation as permitted by Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the General Laws or as otherwise provided by law, the treasurer not assign tax title resultant of the payment for more than ten (10) properties to any one person at any one time.

Chapter 21, Section 53 of Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 21-53. Regulation of assignments or sale of tax titles in bulk by the collector.

(b) *General provisions.*

(1) The collector may offer, assign and transfer the tax titles, individually or in bulk, with other tax titles, either by public auction to the highest bidder or by direct sale, provided that with the exception of properties conveyed to Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation as permitted by Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the General Laws or as otherwise provided by law:

a. that no more than ten (10) titles be transferred to any one purchaser registered at any one address at any one sale; and

b. that the minimum sum paid for the assignment is not less than the total amount necessary for the redemption of each individual tax title assigned or at a rate which may be discounted to reflect uncollectable factors.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, VARGAS, PETERSON AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

An Ordinance Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Budget for Program Year 2025-2026 and Authorizing the Department of Housing & Human Services to submit the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA Budget and Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 1 – The Budget for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 Program Year for CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA funding is adopted as follows:

CDBG Allocation:	\$5,140,000.00
Reallocation of Previous CDBG:	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
Total CDBG to Allocate:	\$5,340,000.00

<u>CDBG Administration:</u>	
CDBG Administration	\$1,028,000.00

<u>CDBG Delivery Cost:</u>	\$60,000.00
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CDBG Community Center Grants:

Capital City Community Center	\$60,000.00
Community Action Partnership of Providence	\$50,000.00
DaVinci Center for Community Progress	\$60,000.00
Federal Hill House	\$70,000.00
Providence Housing Authority – Thomas J. Anton	\$45,000.00
Silver Lake Community Center	\$50,000.00
Washington Park Citizens Association	\$50,000.00
West End Community Center	\$70,000.00
YWCA Rhode Island	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
TOTAL COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDS	\$480,000.00

CDBG Public Service Grants:

Amos House	\$65,000.00
Better Lives	\$15,000.00
Building Futures	\$15,000.00
Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic	\$40,000.00
College Visions	\$30,000.00
DownCity Design	\$20,000.00
Educational Center for the Arts & Sciences	\$15,000.00
Genesis Center	\$20,000.00
Higher Ground International – Sweetie Care	\$25,000.00
Higher Ground International – Food	\$20,000.00
Mathewson Street UMC – Food Services	\$14,120.00
Meals on Wheels RI	\$25,000.00
Mt. Hope Learning Center	\$15,000.00
New Bridges 4 Haitian Success	\$35,000.00
New Urban Arts	\$15,000.00
Open Doors	\$25,000.00
Project Weber/RENEW	\$30,000.00
Providence Public Library	\$20,000.00
Rhode Island Free Clinic	\$60,000.00
Sojourner House – Drop In Center	\$25,000.00
Sojourner House – Emergency Housing	\$30,000.00
The Steelyard	\$15,000.00
Young Voices	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS	\$589,120.00

CDBG Economic Development Grants:

DesignxRI - Design Catalyst	\$150,000.00
Genesis Center	\$55,000.00
Hope & Main	\$40,000.00
Rhode Island Black Business Association	<u>\$80,000.00</u>
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS	\$325,000.00

CDBG Housing Grants:

City of Providence - Home Repair Program	\$300,000.00
McAuley Ministries – McAuley Village Heating	<u>\$95,000.00</u>
TOTAL HOUSING FUNDS	\$395,000.00

CDBG Facility Improvement Grants:

Boys & Girls Club - Fox Point Sprinklers II	\$170,880.00
Boys & Girls Club - Southside Club II	\$115,000.00
Capital City Community Center – Building Restoration	\$85,000.00
City of Providence – Pleasant View Elementary ADA Playspace	\$90,000.00
City of Providence - Miguel Luna Park Improvements Phase II	\$90,000.00
Community Libraries of Providence – Washington Park Fire System	\$70,000.00
Crossroads RI - Domestic Violence Shelter Improvements	\$60,000.00
Federal Hill House – Early Learning Playground	\$100,000.00
McAuley Corporation – ADA Access & Emergency Generator	\$100,000.00
Providence Housing Authority – Sunset Village Safety & Security Doors	\$107,000.00
Providence Housing Authority – Dominica Manor Emergency Generator	\$100,000.00
Providence Housing Authority – Dexter Manor Emergency Generator	\$100,000.00
Roger Williams Day Care – Phase II Improvements	\$375,000.00
Trinity Restoration dba Southside Cultural Center – Historic Preservation	\$100,000.00
Reserved – Project Contingency	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
TOTAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS	\$1,712,880.00

CDBG Neighborhood Investment Strategies Grants:

Matthewson St. Church Facility Improvements	\$50,000.00
Hope High School Improvements	\$50,000.00
Billy Taylor Park Improvements	\$50,000.00
Ascham St. Park Improvements	\$50,000.00
Mt. Pleasant Fields Improvements	\$50,000.00
Manton Heights Housing Complex Improvements	\$50,000.00
Igliozi Recreation Center Improvements	\$50,000.00
Bucklin Park & West End Recreation Center	\$50,000.00
Rhode Island Indian Council Facility Improvements	\$25,000.00
Urban Ventures Facility Improvements	\$25,000.00
Washington Park Library	\$50,000.00
Classical Highschool Improvements	\$50,000.00
Sidewalks	\$50,000.00
Streetscape Improvements	\$50,000.00
Corliss Park Fence Replacement	\$50,000.00
Dog Waste Stations (Joslin, Donigian, Wallace, Clarence St.)	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT STRATEGIES	\$750,000.00

The authority of this ordinance is referenced in of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Providence identified as Chapter 2003-45.

The City of Providence through its Department of Housing & Human Services is also authorized to submit applications for the following:

HOME Investment Partnerships Program:

Affordable Housing Funding	\$2,005,750.00
15% CHDO Set Aside	\$168,150.00
10% HOME Administrative Funds	\$112,100.00
TOTAL HOME PROGRAM	\$2,286,000.00

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program:

AIDS Care Ocean State	\$925,310.00
Family Service of Rhode Island	\$55,000.00
Justice Resource Institute	\$300,000.00
Stanley Street Treatment & Resources	\$100,000.00
3% HOPWA Administrative Funds	\$42,690.00
TOTAL HOPWA PROGRAM	\$1,423,000.00

Emergency Solutions Grants:

Consolidated Homeless Fund	\$416,250.00
7.5% ESG Administrative Funds	\$33,750.00
TOTAL ESG PROGRAM	\$450,000.00

Section 2 – This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Section 3 – This Ordinance is based on a presumed level of funding for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 Program Year for CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA funding. The following Contingency Provision shall apply: should actual Federal allocation amounts deviate from the presumed funding level, each activity funded above shall receive an equitable, pro rata adjustment.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 8 and 9 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote , Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 “Administration,” and Chapter 21 “Revenue and Finance”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence”.

RESULT: READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilman Espinal

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, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.

ABSENT: Councilman Taylor – 1.

An Ordinance Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Budget for Program Year 2025-2026 and Authorizing the Department of Housing & Human Services to submit the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA Budget and Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

RESULT: READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilman Espinal

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwomen Ryan, Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 12.

RECUSE: Council President Miller and Councilor Sanchez – 2.

ABSENT: Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON,
COUNCILORS PICHARDO AND SANCHEZ**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions”, Article III, “Noise Control”, of the Providence Code of Ordinances Amending Section 16-91, “Declaration of Policy and Scope”.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 10, Seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PICHARDO Refers item 10 to the Committee
on Ordinances.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER IN THE CHAIR

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 36 Exchange Terrace,
Providence, Rhode Island.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILOR
ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR,
COUNCILWOMEN RYAN, GRAVES AND PETERSON**

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Approving the Financing of the “Mile of History
Project” by the Issuance of Appropriation obligations therefor in an Amount Not to
Exceed \$6,200,000.00.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, "Housing" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article X "Student Impact Fee".

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, "Licenses", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, to add the next Appropriate Article, "Student Housing Providers".

COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, HARRIS, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" of the Providence Code of Ordinances Amending Section 16-23, "Reserved".

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, (By Request):

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Approving Improvements to the Providence Water Supply Board Distribution System, including but not limited to the Replacement of Public and Private Side Lead Services and all Attendant Expenses and Approving the financing thereof by the Issuance of Water Revenue Bonds and Notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$26,200,000.00.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

RESULT: PASSED [13 TO 1]
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, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
NAYES: Councilwoman Graves – 1.
ABSENT: Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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.

High Output, LLC \$300,000.00
 (Department of Art, Culture and Tourism)

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.

High Output, LLC \$300,000.00
 (Department of Art, Culture and Tourism)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 19 and 20, Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the 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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT: Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Amended Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(5) of the Code of Ordinances.

Downes Construction Company \$7,370,986.00
(Department of Public Property)

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Extension Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1), (2), (4) and (5) of the Code of Ordinances.

Downes Construction Company \$18,914,190.00
(Department of Public Property)

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 21 and 22, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 21 and 22 to the Committee on Finance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

Resolution Celebrating Pride Month, June 2025.

WHEREAS, June is Pride month, a time to celebrate and proclaim that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) rights are human rights; and

WHEREAS, Pride month draws its origins from the Stonewall Uprising of 1969, in which LGBTQIA community members fought for and affirmed their right to live their lives as their most authentic selves, free of harassment, prejudice, and violence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council affirms the right of all residents to live, work and prosper in a safe and inclusive community free from bigotry and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Bullying, violence, and exclusion contributes to higher rates of school dropouts, youth homelessness, and worsening mental health for LGBTQIA youth; and

WHEREAS, Adult members of the LGBTQIA community continue to face discrimination, inequity in opportunity, and violence, simply for expressing their full humanity; and

WHEREAS, This is especially true for transgender women and transgender women of color; and

WHEREAS, Education regarding LGBTQIA issues supported by a legal framework that outlaws discrimination in employment, healthcare, housing, financial transactions, and other services is necessary to increase safety and respect for LGBTQIA members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Providence City Council welcomes June as Pride month, a celebration of LGBTQIA members and a call to action to expand equity, diversity and community safety for all residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Providence City Council celebrates and recognizes the contributions, struggles, risks, and many identities of Providence's LGBTQIA community and their families and proudly affirms that love is love; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes June as Pride Month in perpetuity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Providence City Council wishes the LGBTQIA community and its Allies a very happy Pride month, and encourages safe celebrations.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

Resolution in Support of the Striking Workers at Butler Hospital.

WHEREAS, More than 700 frontline healthcare workers at Butler Hospital, represented by SEIU 1199NE, have been on strike since May 15, 2025, due to unresolved issues involving wages, staffing, and workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, These workers include nurses, mental health counselors, environmental services staff, food service workers, and other essential personnel who provide critical care and support in one of Rhode Island's primary psychiatric facilities; and

WHEREAS, Butler Hospital is operating with chronic staffing shortages caused in part by uncompetitive wages and unsafe working conditions, with some positions starting as low as \$15.30/hour and long-tenured employees earning less than \$26/hour despite decades of service; and

WHEREAS, The frequency of workplace violence at Butler has sharply increased in 2025, with frontline staff reporting serious injuries, including concussions and physical assaults, and management refusing to accept union proposals to improve safety oversight and response; and

WHEREAS, Instead of investing in its workforce, Care New England has chosen to spend millions of dollars on out-of-state temporary staff with limited familiarity with the needs of psychiatric patients, while attempting to illegally terminate health coverage for striking workers, some of whom are pregnant or managing injuries and chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, The union's demands are clear and just, they are asking for wages that lift workers out of poverty, no cuts to healthcare, and no reductions in pension contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council stands in full solidarity with the striking workers of Butler Hospital and calls on Care New England and Butler Hospital leadership to immediately return to the bargaining table in good faith and negotiate a fair contract that protects worker dignity and public health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the President and CEO of Care New England, the President of Butler Hospital, and the leadership of SEIU District 1199NE.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN
ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS
PICHARDO AND ROIAS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-6041 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0733, An Act Relating to Criminal Procedure - Sentence and Execution.

WHEREAS, Despite having the second highest probation rate and the third longest average probation sentence, Rhode Island has the fourth highest recidivism rate and can be considered a by-word for the imprecision of mere severity in criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, District Court Rule 32F treats “failing to keep the peace” or “remaining on good behavior” as probation violations, making any new arrest or charge cause for reincarceration whether the offense would otherwise warrant it; and

WHEREAS, Such a rule has produced a costly, imprecise, and unjust system with prehearing detentions exceeding explicit limits and cyclical reincarceration amid the adjudication of charges, all driven by the denial of bail to between 61 and 66 percent of alleged probation violators; and

WHEREAS, House Bill-6041 and its Senate companion Senate Bill-0733 would reform for those on probation, requiring the alleged probation violator to be granted bail when the crime is not a crime of violence; and

WHEREAS, Such a reform would direct resources and effort on those whose alleged crimes truly necessitate them based on a determination derived from the totality of circumstances, including the alleged facts of the new offense; and

WHEREAS, The result would relieve both taxpayers of needless costs and those alleged to have violated their probation of unjust and disruptive incarceration for crimes otherwise not requiring it; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its gratitude to the Rhode Island General Assembly for its sincere consideration of this vital issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports H-6041 and its Senate companion S-0733 and urges that it be passed by the General Assembly and enacted duly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to lead sponsors Representative Jose Batista and Senator Meghan Kallman, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Valarie J. Lawson, and the remainder of the Providence Delegation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution of the City Council of Providence in Support of House Bill H-6334, State Legislation Authorizing a Municipal Admissions Surcharge on Large Entertainment Venues.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is facing a structural budget gap of approximately \$30 million for the upcoming fiscal year, including a court-mandated \$11.5 million increase in public school funding; and

WHEREAS, Under Rhode Island's statutory 4% property tax levy cap, the City is limited to raising approximately \$14.7 million in additional revenue citywide, less than half of the projected fiscal need; and

WHEREAS, The City is also seeking a one-time exemption to temporarily exceed that levy cap by up to 8%, but even with such an exemption, additional tools are needed to meet obligations and avoid placing the full burden from falling on property taxpayers alone who are already struggling amid a severe housing affordability crisis; and

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation H-6334 would authorize municipalities to adopt a \$2.00 per ticket surcharge on entertainment admissions at venues with a seating capacity of 800 or more; and

WHEREAS, This proposed, targeted \$2.00 surcharge would generate new revenue from ticket sales at large venues (such as concerts, shows, and major events) and provide a meaningful offset to the property tax increases the city must consider, and allowing those who enjoy Providence's vibrant arts and entertainment scene, including many non-residents, to contribute to the city's fiscal health at a time of growing demand and rising housing costs; and

WHEREAS, The legislation does not create a statewide tax, but rather gives municipalities the flexibility to adopt a local ordinance if and when they choose, with the authority to tailor the policy to reflect local priorities and community needs; and

WHEREAS, If authorized by the General Assembly, the City of Providence would develop a targeted, locally tailored ordinance with appropriate exemptions to ensure the surcharge is fair and responsive to the concerns of both residents and venue operators; and

WHEREAS, Peer cities across the country, including Cincinnati, Richmond, and Portland, Maine, already use similar tools to generate millions in revenue from ticketed entertainment to fund schools, parks, and public services, and Providence deserves the same opportunity to protect and invest in its community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of Providence respectfully urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass H-6334, authorizing municipalities to adopt a local entertainment admissions surcharge, thereby providing a sustainable, equitable tool to help cities meet their obligations without overburdening residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Rhode Island Senate, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, and the members of the Providence legislative delegation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2025 S-1116 , An Act Relating to Taxation - Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2025 S-1116, and Its House companion would adopt a new tax classification system for the city of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports and urges passage of Senate Bill 2025 S-1116 and its House Companion An Act Relating to Taxation - Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President and the Providence Delegation.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 23 through 27 and Pass on a Voice Vote, 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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution Requesting the Implementation of a Visible Overnight Parking Permit Display System and Enhanced Enforcement Integration.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution of the Providence City Council Establishing an Honorary Street Designation in Tribute to Mattie L. Smith.

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

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 28 and 29, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 28 to the Committee on Finance and Refers item 29 to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5733, Joint Resolution Conferring Limited Purpose Recognition to the Native American Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe.

WHEREAS, The Seaconke Wampanoag are part of the larger Wampanoag people but are not a federally recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS, The lack of recognition by both the federal government and by the State of Rhode Island prevents members from receiving the full benefit of relevant opportunities for federal education, job training, and housing benefits as well as federal protections for the sale of artwork, public and private grants directed toward Indian tribes or groups and their members, the participation of the tribe and its members in traditional religious practices and ceremonies, the protection and preservation of burial sites and artifacts, and the selling of genuinely “Indian made” handicrafts by tribe members; and

WHEREAS, If enacted, H-5733 would grant limited purpose state recognition as a Native American Indian tribe as permitted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior, rendering the Seaconke Wampanoag eligible for those aforementioned opportunities and protections; and

WHEREAS, State recognition will allow the Seaconke Wampanoag, the majority of whom are Rhode Island residents, to more vigorously establish and protect their heritage and traditions as they have sought to do four times previously before the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Recognition by the State would merely be mirroring legislatively the actions taken by the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs in 1997 in its recognition of the Seaconke Wampanoag; and

WHEREAS, The history and perseverance of the Seaconke Wampanoag are inextricably tied to the history of Providence and of Rhode Island, with significant portions of the land upon which the Seaconke Wampanoag historically resided and the towns and cities of the East Bay were founded conveyed by deed to or due to the negotiation of Roger Williams, founder of Providence and of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its gratitude to the Rhode Island General Assembly for its sincere consideration of this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports H-5733 and urges the General Assembly to pass this resolution to grant the Seaconke Wampanoag tribe state recognition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to lead sponsor Representative Scott Slater, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Valarie J. Lawson, and the remainder of the Providence Delegation.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

Resolution Celebrating National Immigrant Heritage Month.

WHEREAS, Every month, but especially during the month of June, we honor the contributions and celebrate the resilience of our city's immigrants; and

WHEREAS, The growth and evolution of Providence have been shaped by centuries of immigration from every continent across the ; and

WHEREAS, Generations of immigrant families have built lasting legacies in Providence, passing down traditions and values that are celebrated annually across our city; and

WHEREAS, As neighbors, students, business owners, healthcare workers, and educators, immigrants are essential to the city's diverse and thriving community; and

WHEREAS, During a time of harmful rhetoric, the City of Providence refutes unjust attacks on immigrant communities, and instead reaffirms the fact that our country was built by immigrants who have profoundly shaped and enriched our nation and our city through political, artistic, economic, educational, and cultural contributions; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence remains unwavering in its commitment to protect and enhance the livelihoods of our immigrant residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence also sincerely upholds its identity as a welcoming city, committed to ensuring that all residents, regardless of immigration status, feel safe, valued, and supported.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council proudly celebrates National Immigrant Heritage Month this June and recognizes the invaluable contributions of immigrants who have made Providence the vibrant and inclusive city it is today.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 30 and 31 and Pass on a Voice Vote, 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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of the City-Owned Property located 1399 Ocean Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO

Resolution Requesting an Amendment to the City's Waste Management Contract.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 32 and 33, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 32 and 33 to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

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

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,
(By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Amending Section 15-2, "Penalties for Traffic Violations".

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Adopted:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES,
(By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places," and Chapter 25, "Water and Sewers," to amend various permit fee amounts.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,
COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES,
(By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, "Food and Food Products", and Chapter 14, "Licenses," to amend various permit fee amounts.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND GONCALVES, (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, “Animals and Fowl”.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 34 through 37 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-6272, An Act Relating to Taxation - Property Subject to Taxation.

WHEREAS, Amos House has, from its humble origin as a soup kitchen in 1976 through its present work and scope, sought to support those in most need of its aid; and

WHEREAS, The services and results-oriented programs it provides to its clients are centered in empowerment, in dignity, and in inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Amos House seeks to ensure that its residential properties, including its permanent supportive housing units, will continue to support transformative change and meaningful stability for clients; and

WHEREAS, House Bill-6272 and its Senate Companion would ensure that Amos House would be exempt from property taxation while it remains a nonprofit entity; and

WHEREAS, The lack of a property tax exemption for the aforementioned residential properties would unduly increase operational expenses and reduce the quality of care and service provided to Amos House clients; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its gratitude to the General Assembly for its support of Amos House and its mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports H-6272 and its Senate Companion and urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass this vital legislation to sustain Amos House and its continuing service to all the people of Rhode Island; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be delivered to lead sponsor Representative Julie Casimiro, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Valarie J. Lawson, and the members of the Providence Delegation.

COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO AND ROIAS

Resolution Supporting General Assembly Legislation Granting Tax Exempt Status to the Rhode Island Business Development Institute, Inc.

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Business Development Institute educates and advises black entrepreneurs in Rhode Island, contributing invaluable to the growth of black-owned businesses among the statewide small business community; and

WHEREAS, The importance of this aid to the socioeconomic advancement of black Rhode Islanders and to the strength of Rhode Island economy cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, The real and personal property of the Rhode Island Business Development Institute are located within the city of Providence at 220 Smith Street, identified on the assessor's map as plat 67, lot 100; and

WHEREAS, The Business Development Institute is a nonprofit venture and is focused solely on educational endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The lack of a property tax exemption despite its nonprofit status is detrimental to the fiscal stability of the Business Development Institute and will continue to be so until remedied; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its gratitude for the concern for and interest in the Institute that will prompt appropriate action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council will support legislation introduced to the Rhode Island General Assembly during the 2025 session to provide the Rhode Island Business Development Institute suitable relief from property taxation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be delivered to Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Valarie J. Lawson, and the members of the Providence Delegation.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-6233 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0497, An Act Relating to Taxation - Property Subject to Taxation.

WHEREAS, The Center for Southeast Asians (CSEA) is a community organization based in the Elmwood neighborhood of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Serving nearly 7,000 community members annually, CSEA is dedicated to advancing racial justice and addressing the linguistic, cultural, and economic challenges faced by Southeast Asian refugees; and

WHEREAS, The organization does so through offering community-focused programs, including case management, job training, support for small business development, and policy advocacy and research; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment nearly 40 years ago, CSEA has developed a trustworthy network that provides valuable work and community to Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, In recognition of CSEA’s critical work and importance to Providence and the State of Rhode Island, the Providence City Council supports the passage of Senate Bill-0497 and House Bill-6233, which would establish tax-exempt status of real and tangible personal property for the CSEA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to lead sponsors Representative Biah and Senator Mack, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Valarie J. Lawson, and the members of the Providence Delegation.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 38 through 40 and Pass on a Voice Vote, 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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Change Order #2 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

Safety Markings, LLC \$74,444.00
(Department of Public Works)

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Change Order #2 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

Safety Markings, LLC \$74,444.00
(Department of Public Works)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 41, Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the 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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,

(By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with the recommendation made by the Special Commission for the Study of Providence’s Waste Management Services.

Waste Management of Rhode Island \$57,689,520.00
(Department of Public Works)

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 the recommendation made by the Special Commission for the Study of Providence’s Waste Management Services. The Director of DPW in collaboration with Waste Management will commission an annual report to be provided to Council no later than September 30 of each fiscal year, outlining Waste Management’s progress, statistics, and scope of work as how it relates to the services to be provided per the Contract with the City of Providence. The report will also outline the Department’s ongoing progress relating to its educational commitment to the community regarding increasing recycling rates throughout the city. The City Council reserves the right to ask the Department of Public Works, and Waste Management to appear before the City Council annually after the issuance of the report.

Waste Management of Rhode Island \$57,689,520.00
(Department of Public Works)

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 42, Substitute and Pass on a Voice Vote, As Amended and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	PASSED AS AMENDED [10 TO 4]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwoman Harris, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwomen Ryan and Vargas – 10.
NAYS:	Councilwomen Graves, Peterson, Councilor Sanchez and Councilman Vargas – 4.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage As Amended is Sustained.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OPPORTUNITY,
PROSPERITY AND EDUCATION (HOPE),
COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO, Chair**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

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

Resolution in Opposition to the Dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 43 and Pass on a Voice
Vote, 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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Johnna K. Lourenco (25-137)

Jannellie Reyes

(Orabona Law Offices, P.C.) (25-138)

Joseph Voccola (25-139)

Traci Tolman

(Julien Gelly, Esquire) (25-140)

Dina Rich (25-141)

Elian Hernandez-Fernandez, p.p.a. Carmen Fernandez de Jimenez

(Andrew S. Caslowitz, Esquire) (25-142)

Peter Teoh (25-143)

Peter Schoonmaker (25-144)

Progressive Casualty Insurance Company

a/s/o Michaela Shaughnessy (25-145)

Carrie Afonso

(Andre Sardaryzadeh, Esquire) (25-146)

Julie Grand-Landau (25-147)

Jeannette Quero (25-148)

Emely Donis

(Douglas Chabot, Esquire) (25-149)

Progressive Casualty Insurance Company

a/s/o Maria Ramona Hernandez De Garcia (25-150)

Rebecca Ginsburg (25-151)

The Claims Center

o/b/o Cox (25-152)

Darlena Inlavongsa (25-153)

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from George W. Watson, III, Robinson & Cole, One Financial Plaza, 14th Floor, Providence, Rhode Island 02903-2485, dated May 16, 2025, submitting the Narragansett Electric Company Q143S/R144 Lines Rebuild Project, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-98-9.1(a) and the Energy Facility Siting Board's ("EFSB") Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule 1.6(F), the Narragansett Electric Company's 90 Day Notice of Intent Filing (the "Application") for the rebuild of the existing Q143S and \$144 115 kilovolt transmission lines.

Communication from Jane Pellegren, dated May 19, 2025, submitting her resignation as a member of the Juvenile Hearing Board, effective August 1, 2025.

Communication from Brett Martins, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-32, for the property located at 15 Venice Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

RESULT: RECEIVED

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 44 through 47, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 44 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives items 45 through 47.

**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:

Lawrence J. Mancini, Chief Financial Officer, City of Providence, in recognition of being the 63rd Annual Verrazzano Day Man of the Year Award.

Tulum Mexican Restaurant, in recognition of celebrating your success. Thank you for choosing the North End as your home and contributing to the community. I looking forward to seeing your restaurant thrive for generations to come!

Las Quesudas Factory, in recognition of celebrating your success. Thank you for choosing the North End as your home and contributing to the community. I looking forward to seeing your restaurant thrive for generations to come!

Souvlaki Zone, in recognition of celebrating your success. Thank you for choosing the North End as your home and contributing to the community. I looking forward to seeing your restaurant thrive for generations to come!

Lawrence J. Mancini, Chief Financial Officer, City of Providence, in recognition of being the 63rd Annual Verrazzano Day Man of the Year Award, and for your hard work, commitment and dedication to the City of Providence.

Laura Silverio, Custodian, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Judith Rodas, Custodian, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Juan Solis, Custodian, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Ruth Cabrea-Brito, Food Service, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Griselda Mate, Food Service, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Ivelisse Asiste Lear, Food Service, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Daniel O'Kleasky, Teacher, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Jonna Miguel, Teacher, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Wayne Kilcline, Teacher, Sackett Street Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Genesis Center, in recognition of your partnership with Lippitt House Museum's Civics Program for English Language Learners.

Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island, in recognition of your partnership with Lippitt House Museum's Civics Program for English Language Learners.

Rhode Island Family Literacy Initiative, in recognition of your partnership with Lippitt House Museum's Civics Program for English Language Learners.

Stephany M. Vargas, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Rhode Island College with a Master's Degree in Social Work. Your parents are very proud of you and your achievements and are blessed by God to have you and your siblings. Best Wishes in your career and future!

Nadezhda Brigodan, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Stefan Silva Carvalho De Pina, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Gabriella Samano Arteaga, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Rutilia Garcia, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Natalya Thompson, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Lucas Chach Moreno, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Heidi Rivera Aguirre, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Johen Nunez, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Carmen Zambrano, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Vianney Robles, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Wliam Awad, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Cindya A Blanco Pantoja, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

Bibiana Calel, in recognition of your commitment to learning and civic engagement, we celebrate you and your family for taking this meaningful step toward building a strong future in our community. Your achievements as an ESOL student reflect your strength and determination. We celebrate you and your family for enriching our community with your journey.

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Jermaine of Kulture, in recognition of your contributions to the city's nightlife. Your work has helped shape a dynamic entertainment scene, provided space for connection, and supported local culture.

DJ Juukes, in recognition of your contributions to the city's nightlife and music scene. Your talent behind the turntables brings energy to every room, supports local events, and keeps Providence moving. Thank you for your impact on the city's sound and culture.

ANYCIA, in recognition of your visit and performing in our city. Your artistry, energy, and voice left a lasting impression and we thank you for sharing your talent with the Creative Capital. Providence welcomes you always.

Victor Reynoso, in recognition of your achievements in professional boxing and your dedication to excellence and discipline in your sport. We commend your pursuit of greatness in and out of the ring and celebrate your inspiring journey. We wish you the best of luck in all your future successes.

Victor Reynoso, in recognition of your rising success in boxing and your relentless pursuit of excellence in and out of the ring. Balancing a full-time role at CVS with MBA studies and elite training, your discipline is extraordinary. Your days start with five-mile runs and hours of training before work, all in service of your dream to become a welterweight champion. With guidance from your dedicated trainer, Peter Grundy, you sharpen your craft at Grundy's Gym, where your focus, determination and skill shine. Your journey truly reflects the promise and perseverance of the Providence Community and I look forward to celebrating your future successes.

Felix Dielo, Jr., in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor in Science of Business Administration degree. Congratulations!

Alfred Giuliano, in recognition of your work being performed in Ward 9 throughout these years, improving the quality of life for residents during heavy rains and drainage clean ups by Personnel of Providence Department of Public Works (DPW) - Sewer Environmental Services.

Emily Freedman and Andrew Zagorianakos, in recognition of the celebration of the birth of your daughter Eleanor "Nora" May Zagorianakos born on May 18, 2025 weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces.

Thanantkul Chan, in recognition of being a graduating senior of Providence Promise. Your hard work, dedication and service have made a meaningful impact on our community. You inspire others through your example, and we celebrate your achievements as you embark on this next chapter.

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DeLuise Bakery, in recognition of their retirement and over 85 years of dedicated service to the community!

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Bishop Patricia Smith, your dedication as a Torch Bearer to carry the light of life and faith as The Daughters of Naomi proudly acknowledge you as a Living Legend, a symbol of strength, and purpose. Your faithful dedication to family and community marks you as a person of deep honor and enduring influence. We celebrate you, your legacy, and the lasting impact you continue to make in the lives of others.

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Cassandra Henderson, Principal, Asa Messer Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Carol Amaya, Assistant Principal, Asa Messer Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Patricia Diaz, Custodian, Asa Messer Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

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Kathy Grafton, Food Service, Asa Messer Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

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Mr. Roy, Custodian, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Mr. Donnell, Custodian, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Miss Landy, Custodian, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Miss Rosalba, Custodian, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Kimberly Komocar, Principal, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Kelly Spaziano, Assistant Principal, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Courtney Gomez, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Julia Monge, Lunch Staff, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Brian Thorpe, Lunch Staff, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

Rosa Disla, Lunch Staff, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

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Miss Julianna, Lunch Staff, Young Woods Elementary School, in recognition of your hard work, commitment and dedication in helping with the Rhode Island School Recycling Project.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 48 and Pass on a Voice Vote, 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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

“ I would like to acknowledge David Leach who’s been here the entire meeting sitting through all the trash discussion. I know he’s up for a vote before finance and appreciate his willingness to serve on the Board of Canvassers and just want to give him a round of applause and thank him for being here and sitting through the entire meeting so, just wanted to knowledge him for that. Thank you, Madam President”.

**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:

Addis Holguin

Melba Arias

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 49 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, 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 Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilman Taylor – 1.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Suspend Rule 2(b) of the Rules of The City Council to reschedule the Thursday, July 3, 2025 Regular City Council meeting to the date certain of Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

COUNCILOR ROIAS, (By Request):

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-6135 and Senate Bill S-1018, An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Licenses.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 50, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 50 to the Committee on Finance.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Joel Cohen, Luisa F. Herrera, Charles B. Rangel and Jay-Lee Molina-Smith at 8:07 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina L. Mastroianni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**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=rJVhwY8mtQM&t=7687s>*

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