

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 6 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, March 18, 2021, 5:30 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SABINA MATOS**

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, CASTILLO, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, GONCALVES, IGLIOZZI, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 12.

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS AND LAFORTUNE – 3.

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

(SUBSEQUENTLY COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE JOINS THE MEETING)

**IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 1 2021**
APPROVED: *Tina L. Mastroianni* CLERK
ACTING

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN NICHOLAS J. NARDUCCI, JR.**

"Lord, may You continue to pray and watch over our families in these sad times and all the families that have been hit with the COVID situation. Lord, may You keep an eye on the process moving forward and the vaccines getting into the arms of the people that need them. Lastly Lord, may You watch over all of us. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SOLICITOR'S STATEMENT ON REMOTE MEETING

Per Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Rhode Island we are permitted to hold this meeting via zoom.

**ELECTION OF ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE
PROVIDENCE EXTERNAL REVIEW AUTHORITY (PERA)**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS calls for Nominations of One (1) Member to the Providence External Review Authority (PERA).

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Nominates **PHANIDA PHIVILAY**, and this nomination is Seconded by **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS calls for further Nominations and there being none, on motion of **COUNCILWOMAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**, it is voted that Nominations be closed and the Clerk is directed to cast One Ballot for **PHANIDA PHIVILAY**.

The Clerk casts one ballot as directed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS thereupon declares **PHANIDA PHIVILAY** duly Elected as a member of the Providence External Review Authority (PERA), for the ensuing term of Three Years ending on December 31, 2023.

RESULT:	ELECTION/NOMINATION APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 8, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Traci Picard** of 139 Wood Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 8, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Elder Rodriguez-Trejo** of 244 Rankin Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2024, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Rodriguez-Trejo replaces Mr. Raymond Watson who has resigned.)

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to waive the reading of items 4 and 5 and Refer to Committee on Finance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Communications to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 12, 2021, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Resolution 2020-382, he is this day appointing **Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr.** of the Providence Police Department to the **Special Commission on ATV's and Recreational Vehicles.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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APPOINTMENT BY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Communication from Council President Matos, dated March 12, 2021, appointing Majority Leader Jo-Ann Ryan, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Narducci and Councilman Goncalves as members of the Special Commission on ATV's and Recreational Vehicles.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

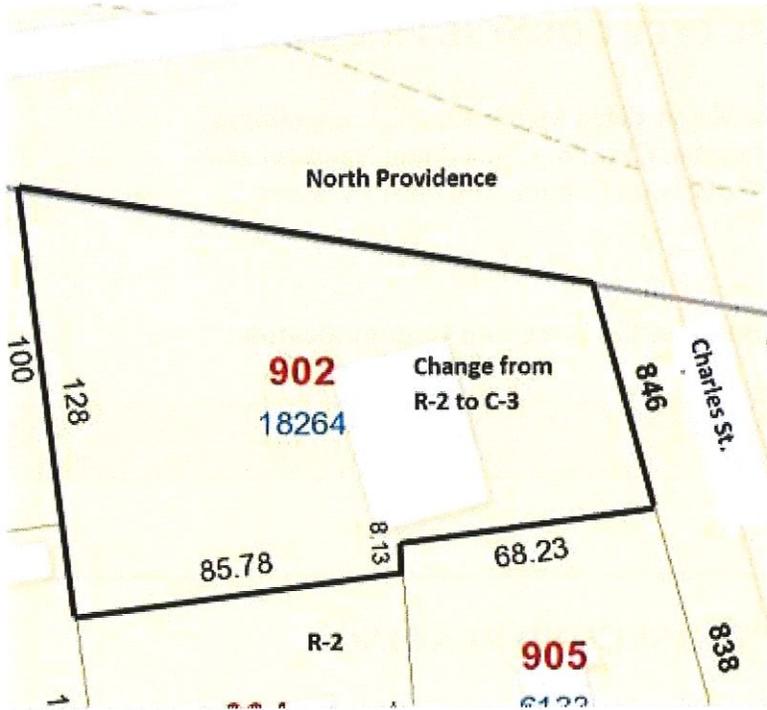
RESULT: RECEIVED

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council March 4, 2021, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

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 97, Lot 902 (846 Charles Street), from R-2 to C-3.

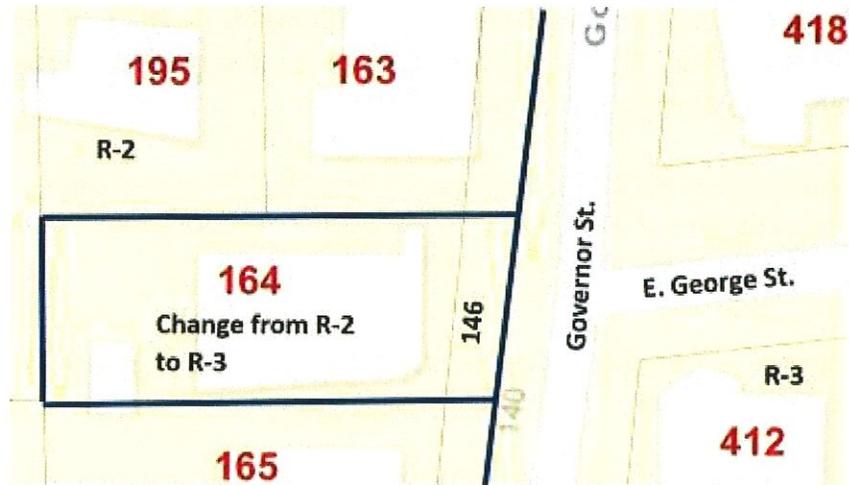
SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance", Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 97, Lot 902 (846 Charles Street), from R-2 to C-3.



Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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 13, Lot 164 (146 Governor Street), from a pre-existing, non-conforming use (two family), from R-1 to R-3.

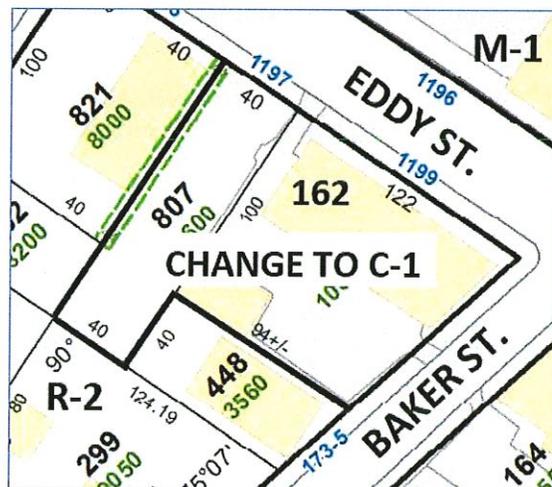
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An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance", Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the property located on Assessor's Plat 58, Lot 162 (1199 Eddy Street), from R-2 to C-1.

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 58, Lot 162 (1199 Eddy Street), from R-2 to C-1.



Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

The Following Ordinance was in City Council March 4, 2021, Read and Passed the First Time and Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and is Returned for Passage the Second Time:

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 8, "Courts", Article II, "Housing Court", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, by Amending Section 8-14, "Powers of Housing Court," to Limit Jurisdiction of the Housing Court.

SECTION 1. Chapter 8, "Courts", Article II, "Housing Court", Section 8-14, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Providence is hereby amended as follows:

The housing court shall be a court of city wide jurisdiction; and no order, decree, judgment, sentence, warrant, writ or process made issued or pronounced by it need set out any adjudication or circumstances with greater particularity than would be required in courts of superior and general jurisdiction. The writs, subpoenas, citations, orders, notices, executions and all other processes issued by the housing court shall be under the seal of the housing court, signed by the housing court administrator, or an assistant clerk and bear the signature of the judge or a justice of the housing court and shall run throughout the state.

In all matters within its jurisdiction, the housing court shall have equity powers, including the power to grant temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions as justice and equity may require. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the housing court shall only have the jurisdiction and power to order a dwelling into receivership pursuant to Section 34-44-3 when petitioned to do so by the city or the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to waive the Reading of items 8 through 11 and Moves Passage of the Several Ordinances the Second Time, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

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 97, Lot 902 (846 Charles Street), from R-2 to C-3.

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RESULT: READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan

SECONDER: Councilman Igliazzi

AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.

ABSENT: Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

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RESULT: READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Councilwoman Ryan

SECONDER: Councilman Igliazzi

AYES: Council President Matos, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 11.

ABSENT: Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

RECUSE: Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

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

Westlaw (Thomson Reuters) total amount not to exceed \$139,821.57 three year contract (Law Department)

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

The Providence Center \$89,570.00
(Healthy Communities Office)

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to waive the reading of items 12 through 17 and Refer to Committee on Finance, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Resolutions to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,
COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN,
MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN LAFORTUNE, RYAN,
COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**

Resolution Supporting Providence Community Health Centers.

WHEREAS, Providence Community Health Centers has operated as a federal 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation since 1968 and is the only federally qualified health center in Providence; and

WHEREAS, The organization provides quality primary health care services that are affordable, comprehensive and culturally sensitive to more than 65,000 residents from Providence and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Providence Community Health Centers offers services that include family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, behavioral health, optometry, dental care, and express/urgent care; and

WHEREAS, The organization is the largest primary care provider in Providence that treats all patients regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2021 Providence Community Health Centers held a groundbreaking ceremony for its ninth health center location, "PCHC Atwood," located at 31 Atwood Street in Olneyville, which is slated to open in early 2022; and

WHEREAS, The new PCHC Atwood location in Olneyville will provide space for 14,000 more patients to the organization, creating 50 full-time, sustainable paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, The new Olneyville health center location will allow Providence Community Health Centers to better address health and racial equity issues that the neighborhood currently faces; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby support Providence Community Health Centers and its expansion of services with a new health center facility in Olneyville and the effort to exempt the real and tangible personal property taxes of the organization under Rhode Island General Law 44-3-3.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the elected Rhode Island House and Senate representatives of the City of Providence.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR

Resolution Regarding Environmental Compliance in the Port of Providence.

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2021 a fire broke out in a scrap yard on Allen’s Avenue, causing thick clouds of toxic black smoke into the air; and

WHEREAS, Without the swift and professional intervention by the Providence Fire Department, the fire could have become substantially worse and put the entire community of South Providence at risk; and

WHEREAS, According to the Rhode Island Department of Health, the residential communities adjacent to the Port of Providence have some of the highest rates of childhood asthma and emergency department visits among children on Medicaid with asthma in the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, The scrap yards and other businesses located around the Port of Providence have the potential to cause significant negative environmental and health impacts on the surrounding community without adequate environmental enforcement and compliance; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) is tasked with ensuring compliance with State and Federal environmental regulations by all businesses and property owners in the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Although this most recent incident did not result in any injuries or damage, it should serve as a wake-up call to the entire City that without proper oversight of the ongoing activities by the businesses around the Port of Providence it is only a matter of time before the surrounding communities are put in jeopardy due to a lack of environmental compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management provide a copy of all Notices of Violation issued to businesses and property owners located in the Port of Providence for the past ten years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Rhode Island Attorney General, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and the members of the Providence Delegation.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI AND TAYLOR

Resolution Endorsing an Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2021 H-5674, House Bill 2021 H-6074, House Bill 2021 H-5595, Senate Bill 2021 S-0219, Senate Bill 2021 S-0468 and Senate Bill 2021 S-0540, known collectively as "The Rescue Rhode Island Act".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

COUNCILWOMEN RYAN, ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR

Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Frank LaTorre.

WHEREAS, Frank LaTorre, a lifelong resident of Providence, passed away at 71 years of age on Tuesday, March 2 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaTorre was the former executive director of the Providence Downtown Improvement District, and a pillar of the City of Providence's Downtown and nightlife communities through his work as the Chairman of the Providence Hospitality Resource Partnership and as Chairman of the Downtown Providence Security Network; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaTorre was a valued partner to the Providence City Council, he was instrumental in creating the Downtown Residential Association in 2015 and served as an advocate and voice for Downtown residents and participated in numerous community improvement activities and forums; and

WHEREAS, As a community leader, Mr. LaTorre used his platform to improve the quality of life and economic opportunities for residents and local businesses in the Downtown district; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaTorre's community-oriented attitude serves as a shining example for all citizens that wish to create positive change in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Frank LaTorre's impact on the City of Providence will be sorely missed and his legacy will live on for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the legacy and memory of Frank LaTorre.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire LaTorre Family, as well as Frank's extended family and friends throughout Providence and beyond.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL,
GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, MILLER, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI,
COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND
COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**

Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Brian Feeney.

WHEREAS, Mr. Brian Feeney, a life-long resident of Providence, passed away on February 28, 2021 at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Feeney was committed to serving his local community even from a young age, starting as a paper boy delivering newspapers throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Feeney took great pride in his work for the Providence Water Supply Board where he built a reputation as a model of integrity and enthusiasm in his 32 years of service; and

WHEREAS, As a dedicated father and family man, Brian Feeney coached little league baseball for his children and their friends in the Elmhurst Little League, where he was always friendly, fun and welcoming; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Feeney owned the Bradley Café on Admiral Street, where he welcomed all customers and created a cordial and neighborly atmosphere for all who entered; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Feeney established himself as a compassionate, accepting and good-humored man through his decades of service to his family, friends, the City of Providence, and his customers at the Bradley Café; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Feeney will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him and working with him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors the memory and legacy of Mr. Brian Feeney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the entire Feeney Family, as well as Brian's extended family and friends throughout Providence and beyond.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL,
GONCALVES, NARDUCCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN
IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR SALVATORE
AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**

Resolution Congratulating Daniel J. McKee on becoming the 76th Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

WHEREAS, Daniel J. McKee was sworn in as the 76th Governor of the State of Rhode Island on March 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Governor McKee served as Lieutenant Governor to the State of Rhode Island from 2015 through 2021; and

WHEREAS, Governor McKee brings years of public service experience to the Governor's office, including serving six terms as the Mayor of the Town of Cumberland and six years on the Cumberland Town Council; and

WHEREAS, As a small business owner for over thirty years, Governor McKee has been an outspoken advocate for small businesses throughout the state of Rhode Island during his tenure as Lieutenant Governor, especially during the COVID-19 Pandemic where small businesses have faced significant hardship; and

WHEREAS, As a father, husband, former basketball coach, and Boys and Girls Club board member, Governor McKee has long been committed to family and community values and has led with these values throughout his tenure in local and state government;

WHEREAS, With Governor McKee in office, the State of Rhode Island is in good hands as we move begin to move out of the COVID-19 pandemic and begin the process of rebuilding our State in a post-COVID-19 era and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby extends its congratulations to Governor Daniel J. McKee and wishes him success in his new role.

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN CORREIA, ESPINAL,
GONCALVES, NARDUCCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN
IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR SALVATORE
AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**

Resolution Thanking Gina Raimondo for her service as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Extending Congratulations on her appointment as the Secretary of Commerce.

WHEREAS, Gina Marie Raimondo was elected to serve as the General Treasurer to the State of Rhode Island in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Following her tenure as Treasurer, Gina Raimondo was elected as the first female governor of the State of Rhode Island in 2014, a role that she would hold until her confirmation as Secretary of Commerce on March 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her many years as Rhode Island's General Treasurer and Governor, Mrs. Raimondo was never afraid to make bold decisions to address various economic and social issues facing the State of Rhode Island, from tackling the State's pension crisis to slashing unemployment rates and bringing jobs back to Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Governor Raimondo raised the state minimum wage to \$11.50, created a sick-leave entitlement, financed the largest infrastructure program in the state's history, appointed more judges of color than any previous Rhode Island governor, and made community colleges tuition-free for in-state Students seeking an associate's degree; and

WHEREAS, In 2017 Governor Raimondo introduced the revolutionary RI Promise Initiative which provided free college tuition to Rhode Islanders in their first two years at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI). This initiative increased college enrollment at CCRI, expanded access to higher education to minority groups and improved Rhode Island's student retention rate, with 80% of RI Promise students continuing their higher education within the state of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Governor Raimondo established the State of Rhode Island as a welcoming and accepting place for people of all national origins, races, religions and lifestyles through her staunch support of DACA children and undocumented immigrants, as well as her consistent commitment to diversity and inclusion programs; and

WHEREAS, When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the State of Rhode Island, Governor Raimondo lead the State's response to an unprecedented event with decisive action, strength, and grace; and

WHEREAS, Governor Raimondo always served the many cities and towns of Rhode Island with attention to, and respect for, the individual needs of each and every community throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Gina Raimondo is an exceptional role model for all young women and girls and her 'Governor for a Day' program empowered many young women in the State of Rhode Island to dream big; and

WHEREAS, On January 7, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden nominated Gina Raimondo to serve in his presidential cabinet as United States Secretary of Commerce and on March 3, 2021 Secretary Raimondo was sworn in by Vice President Kamala Harris; and

WHEREAS, Following her years of strong and thoughtful leadership of the State of Rhode Island, Secretary Raimondo could not be more deserving of this exciting opportunity to serve in President Biden's cabinet and the United States will be in good hands under her stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby extends its deepest gratitude to Gina Raimondo for her many years of public service to the State of Rhode Island as both General Treasurer and Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby congratulates Gina Raimondo on her new appointment as the United States Secretary of Commerce and wishes her the best of luck in her new role.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to waive the Reading of items 21 through 25 and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI Moves to Reconsider item number 25, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN RYAN.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE, COUNCILOR SALVATORE AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR

Resolution Regarding ATV and Recreational Vehicle Enforcement.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 15, Article VII, Section 15-103 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, it is illegal to operate a recreational off-road vehicle within the limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, Recreational off-road vehicles are banned from operating on the city's streets as they are not designed for that use which creates significant safety hazards for the public as well as the operators of the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The illegal operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes in Providence has become increasingly prevalent in the past year, raising concerns from motorists, pedestrians, and residents; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 the City Council passed the ordinance outlawing the operation of snowmobiles, ATVs, and other recreational vehicles from operating within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2017 in response to an increase in illegal ATV and dirt bike activity, including the death of a dirt bike operator in 2016, the Council passed an amendment to the same ordinance to provide the Providence Police Department with the power to confiscate and destroy ATVs and recreational vehicles caught operating within the City's limits; and

WHEREAS, The problem of this increased illegal activity is not an issue that requires additional legislative action but simply a stronger commitment to enforce the existing ordinances of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Mayor of Providence enforce the Providence Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 15-103, to prohibit the operation of ATVs and recreational vehicles on the city's streets.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 11.
ABSTAIN:	Councilor Kerwin an Miller – 2.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Tentative Agreement by and between the City of Providence, Rhode Island and the Providence Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 3 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, is hereby approved and ratified by the Providence City Council.

RESOLVED, That the accompanying copy of the Tentative Agreement by and between the City of Providence, Rhode Island and the Providence Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 3 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, is hereby approved and ratified by the Providence City Council.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, by the Following Roll Call Vote:

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [9 TO 3]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Igliazzi, Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 9.
NAYS:	Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune and Councilor Miller – 3.
ABSTAIN:	Councilman Goncalves – 1.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN, Chairwoman**

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

**COUNCILOR SALVATORE, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN
CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE,
COUNCILOR MILLER AND COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2021 S-0030, An Act Relating to Health and Safety - Air Quality in Schools.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2021 S-0030, An Act Relating to Health and Safety - Air Quality in Schools.

**COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN
CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILMAN
NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI,
COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE AND COUNCILOR SALVATORE,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS AND COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2021 H-5130 and Senate Bill 2021 S-0001, As Amended, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Minimum Wages.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2021 H-5130 and Senate Bill 2021 S-0001, As Amended, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Minimum Wages.

**COUNCILOR MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN
CORREIA, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR KERWIN, COUNCILMAN
NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI AND
COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2021 H-5257 and Senate Bill 2021 S-0121, An Act Relating to Property - Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act.

RESOLVED, that the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Endorse and Urge Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2021 H-5257 and Senate Bill 2021 S-0121, An Act Relating to Property - Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to waive the Reading of items 27 through 29 and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Jennavive Kryla
Valdir B De Pina
Jonathan Lisee
Martha Pizzarello
Jean Labrecque
 (Victor J. Beretta, Jr., Esquire)
Gary Beatty
 (Robert J Levine, Esquire)
Virginia Lacono
Lisa Bruce
Tayler Green
Geico
 a/s/o Luis Vasquez
HiRoad
 a/s/o Jenny Mendez Urena
Nancy A Castillo
Nervelia Nieves
Jean P Espinosa-Pariona
 (Joseph J. Voccola, Esquire)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Several Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Certificates from City Collector No. 83, recommending the cancellation of taxes for the years 2005 - 2020, (Excise: Bankruptcies, pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectable.

Certificates from City Collector No. 84, recommending the cancellation of taxes for the years 2005 - 2020, (Excise: Deceased), pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectable.

Certificates from City Collector No. 85, recommending the cancellation of taxes for the years 2005 and 2006, (Excise Tax), pursuant to Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended, as the same are determined to be uncollectable.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to waive the Reading of items 31 through 33 and Refer to Committee on Finance, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS 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:

Victor R. Baez in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the families in need during this pandemic.

Santos Javier in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the families in need during this pandemic.

Carlos M. Cedeño in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the families in need during this pandemic.

Jorge Rosario in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the families in need during this pandemic.

Catherine Cedeño in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the families in need during this pandemic.

Firefighter Christopher S. O'Halloran, Person in charge of the Carpenter Shop in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 33 years and 5 months of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS 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:

Robert J. D'Uva

Brian Feeney

John J. (Jack) Leyden

Ann Marie (Young) Rodrigues

Severally Read and Collectively Passed on a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilman Igliazzi
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwomen Anthony, Castillo, Councilmen Correia, Goncalves, Igliazzi, Councilor Kerwin, Councilwoman LaFortune, Councilor Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Salvatore and Councilman Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilman Espinal and Councilwoman Harris – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**MATTERS NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

On Motion of COUNCILMAN RYAN, Seconded by COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, it is voted to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council in order to allow the introduction of the following Matters Not Appearing on the Printed Docket.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Supplementing Ordinance Chapter 2018-45 and Approving the Issuance of not to exceed \$100,690,000 General Obligation Bonds, Notes and other evidences of indebtedness to fund the City's School Capital Improvements Plan.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 321 Knight Street, LLC.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILWOAN RYAN**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Pedro Caprio Espinal at 6:40 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.**



**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**