

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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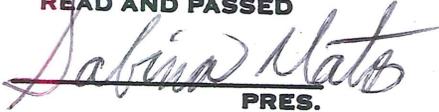
Approved January 10, 2020

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the sale of the real property currently held by the Providence Water Supply Board, located at 307 Waterman Avenue, Smithfield, Rhode Island.

IN CITY COUNCIL

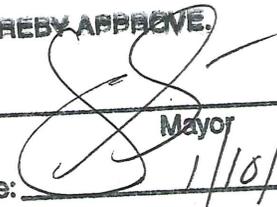
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READ AND PASSED

  
PRES.

  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 1/10/20



PROVIDENCE WATER

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November 1, 2019

Council President Sabina Matos  
Providence City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Sale of 307 Waterman Avenue, Smithfield

Dear President Matos:

In 2015, the East Smithfield Water District (District), a wholesale customer of the Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB), approached PWSB to discuss the possibility of PWSB acquiring East Smithfield Water District customers on a retail basis. Subsequent negotiations between the District and the PWSB resulted in the District merging into the PWSB, effective January 13, 2017, pursuant to Chapter 46-30 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

- Ownership of the District was transferred to the PWSB and the District, as an entity, no longer exists. PWSB has assumed responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the District system which was comprised of approximately 2,400 customers.
- All of the assets and liabilities of the District were transferred to the PWSB including 307 Waterman Avenue, a 3500 square foot commercial office and garage that served as the administrative/operations facility of the District.
- Given that PWSB has no practical use for the facility and wishes to avoid needless maintenance costs and upkeep, 307 Waterman Avenue was listed for sale by PWSB.
- PWSB has received an offer to purchase the facility for \$253,000 which is within 10% of the appraised value of the property.
- Related purchase and sales agreement stipulations include a closing on or before February 28, 2020 subject to City of Providence approvals. No real estate commission fees will be paid by PWSB.
- Currently, the approximately 2,400 District customers are directly charged PWSB retail water rates. In addition, District customers are charged a monthly assessment/annexation fee not to exceed \$0.36 per HCF to cover any unforeseen system capital improvements and payment of outstanding District debt including Clean Water Finance Agency loans related to previous District capital improvement projects. All proceeds from the sale of 307 Waterman Avenue will be transferred into a restricted fund allocated for the prepayment of District debt/Clean Water Finance Agency loans.

We are requesting that this matter be placed on the November 21, 2019 City Council meeting docket for approval.

Respectfully,  
PROVIDENCE WATER SUPPLY BOARD

Ricky Caruolo  
General Manager

The Hon. Jorge O. Elorza  
Mayor

Ricky Caruolo  
General Manager

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