

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 12 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, May 2, 2019, 7:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

SABINA MATOS

CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,
COUNCILMAN APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMEN KERWIN, MILLER,
COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN,
COUNCILMEN SALVATORE AND TAYLOR – 13.**

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN LAFORTUNE AND COUNCILMAN YURDIN – 2.

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

**IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 16 2019**

APPROVED:
Shawn Selleck CLERK

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE A. KERWIN**.

"Lord, as we gather here today for this meeting, we ask You to help us to make decisions that will be proven to You and to the City of Providence. Help us to be able to discuss the matters at hand in a reasonable and intentional way. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN RACHEL M. MILLER Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 18, 2019, 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 Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Lois Harada**, Printmaker at DWRI Letterpress of 40 Rice Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission** for a term to expire on April 12, 2021. (Ms. Harada replaces Ms. Brown whose term has expired.)

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 20, 2019, 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 Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987 and 1980 Rhode Island Public Laws Chapter 84, he is this day re-appointing **Alexis M. Gorriarán** of 8 Slocum Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Providence Tourism Council**, also known as the Convention Center Authority of the City of Providence, for a term to expire on April 30, 2022.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 20, 2019, 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 Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987 and 1980 Rhode Island Public Laws Chapter 84, he is this day re-appointing **James P. McCarvill**, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Convention Center, 1 Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Providence Tourism Council**, also known as the Convention Center Authority of the City of Providence, for a term to expire on April 30, 2022.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the Several Communications.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 368 of Chapter 2018-30, Adopted July 2, 2018 Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 2018 Taxes in a Sum Not Less Than Three Hundred Sixty Three Million Five Thousand and Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$363,005,444) and Not More Than Three Hundred Seventy Seven Million Five Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand and Six Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$377,525,662) Being Based on a One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Tax Collections, and Setting the Rates for Fiscal Year 2020.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2019-3, No. 161, Approved March 15, 2019 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, Making an Appropriation of Seven Hundred Fifty-One Million, Five Hundred Thousand, Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars and No Cents (\$751,500,919.00) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019, As Amended.

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-4, No. 162, Approved March 15, 2019, As Amended.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-5, No. 163, Approved March 15, 2019, As Amended.

An Ordinance Making an Appropriation of Three Hundred Ninety Four Million One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand and Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$394,155,414) for the Support of the Providence School Department for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-7, No. 177, Approved March 29, 2019.

An Ordinance Amending a Compensation Plan for the Providence School Department and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-8, No. 178, Approved March 29, 2019.

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Employees in Certain Classes in the Providence School Department and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2019-9, No.179, Approved March 29, 2019.

An Ordinance in Accordance with Chapter 21, Section 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled "Capital Equipment Budget," As Amended.

An Ordinance Approving the Capital Improvement Plan for the Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, (By Request):

Resolution Approving the Proposal of the Mayor Requesting the Providence Public Buildings Authority to Issue Bonds to Finance Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00), for the first two years of the Capital Improvement Plan for the Fiscal Years of 2020 through 2024.

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 of the City of Providence.

Louis DeSimone, Esquire
(Board of Licenses) \$16,000.00

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 of the City of Providence.

International Association of Firefighters
(Department of Public Safety) \$25,000.00

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS, COUNCILMAN CORREIA

Resolution Requiring all city employees and Providence Elected Officials participate in Sexual Harassment-Prevention Training.

Resolution Recognizing May 5, 2019 through May 11, 2019 as Providence Small Business Week.

Resolution Proclaiming the week of April 17, 2019 as "Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Week" to commemorate the Genocide of over two million Cambodians from 1975 to 1979 during the Khmer Rouge Regime.

Resolution Extending The Special Committee to Study Affordable Housing to December 31, 2019.

Resolution Encouraging all Rhode Island residents to participate in the 2020 Census and to become involved in peer education and outreach.

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Resolution 2019 H-5665 and Senate Resolution 2019 S-0659, "Respectfully requesting an assessment of the benefits to Rhode Island of Enactment of a Green New Deal, including, but not limited to, findings and recommendations for State Legislation based on Green New Deal Principles".

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN APONTE

Resolution Ceremonially Designating Eddy Street between Thurbers Avenue and Rhodes Street, "Prince Hall Way".

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

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

Resolution Requesting to cancel or abate in whole, the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 87, Lot 464 (213 Massachusetts Avenue), in the amount of Ten Thousand One Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars and Ninety One Cents (\$10,169.91) on behalf of Misquella Bello German.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE

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

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Received and Approved:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor dated April 12, 2019, 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 re-appointing Ms. Mercedes "Betty" Bernal of 27 Cumerford Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, to the **Board of Canvassers** for a term to expire on the first Monday in March 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to Receive and Approve the foregoing Communication, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilwoman Ryan
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Matos, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Igliazzi, Councilwomen Kerwin, Miller, Councilman Narducci, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore and Taylor – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman LaFortune and Councilman Yurdin – 2.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Lawrence J. Mancini, Finance Director, dated April 19, 2019, appointing Krystle D. Lindberg of 1536 Ten Rod Road, Exeter, Rhode Island 02822, as City Controller.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATOS Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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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:

Nellie Gorbea, Secretary of State of Rhode Island, in recognition of being the recipient of the Women's Fund of Rhode Island Leadership Award at the Women Leading Change: Women in STEAM Event.

Anna Cano-Morales, Associate Vice-President Community Equity and Diversity Rhode Island College, in recognition of being the recipient of the Susan Farmer Advocacy Award at the Women Leading Change: Women in STEAM Event.

Francis C. Lombardo, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 29 years of dedicated service to Providence Water.

Bertina Ramos, in recognition of being honored at the Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business Event for her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to elevating other woman in business.

Maria Denizard, in recognition of being honored at the Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business Event for her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to elevating other woman in business.

Lutgarda Henderson, in recognition of being honored at the Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business Event for her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to elevating other woman in business.

Elizabeth Fernandez, in recognition of being honored at the Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Women in Business Event for her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to elevating other woman in business.

Natalea Christine Cotugno, in recognition of the celebration of her First Holy Communion, on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

Coach Tyshaun Pickett, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Coach Adriel Reynosa, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Coach M.G. Baih, in recognition of her participation with the Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Coach Glenda Rivera, in recognition of her participation with the Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Team Mom Shannons Smith, in recognition of her participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Team Mom Courtnee Jones, in recognition of her participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Team Mom LaToya Robertson, in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Team Mom Christina Pizarro, in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Team Mom Lekecia Cox, in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Team Dad Thomas Ponder Jr., in recognition of his participation with the Girls Team Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Team Dad David Alden, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Scorekeeper Jonas Diaz, in recognition of his participation with Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Director Elmer Stanley, in recognition of his participation with the Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Assistant Director Cecil Vega, in recognition of his participation with Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jordan Robertson #3, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Quincy Robertson #2, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Phillip Bell #11, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Felix Rodriguez #23, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Du Juan Price Jr. #22, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jonuel Gonzalez #4, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

King Brown #10, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Maleek Neal #8, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Andre Newson #12, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Andrew Newson #13, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jonah Familia #15, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Ariel Medina #14, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

George Page #17, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jayden Love Jones #7, in recognition of his participation with the 10 & Under Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jayden Nolasco #18, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Noel Quinonez #16 , in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Tyren Piccoli #24, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

NiZell Costa #21, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Juan Alvares #35, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jayden Robinson #19, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Raymond Rosario #20, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Angel Martinez #28, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Yandel Diaz #26, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jaheim Robertson #34, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Lawrence Argell #27, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Abdoul Kouyate #7, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Tyler Robinson #1, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Shakai Conyers #6, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Tay-Shawn Lee #30, in recognition of his participation with the 11-12 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Amet Rodriguez #4, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Angel Martinez #21, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Emmanuel Acosta #18, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Gary Maddox #5, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jamanuel Cole #8, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jeremiah Peralta #17, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Justin Odsen #20, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Quintel Washington #1, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Robert Robinson #2, in recognition of his participation with the 13-14 Boys Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Ky'lashia Bailey #5, in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Gabriella Beatty #3, in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Kaia Charatte #2, in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jayzel Gonzales #15 in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Serenity Lewis #13, in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Alexandra Paredes #21, in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Shi'Asia Taylor #1 in recognition of her participation with the 10 & Under Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Sandra Angell #3, in recognition of her participation with the 11-12 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Lisbeth Castro #23, in recognition of her participation with the 11-12 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Isabel Paredes #25, in recognition of her participation with the 11-12 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Ambar Tejada #19, in recognition of her participation with the 11-12 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Jamilya Valentin #6, in recognition of her participation with the 11-12 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Lismeiry Castro #13, in recognition of her participation with the 13-14 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Ashley Brown #10, in recognition of her participation with the 13-14 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Khadija Lo #14, in recognition of her participation with the 13-14 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

Aleisha Mojica #7, in recognition of her participation with the 13-14 Girls Joslin Wolfpack Basketball Team.

The Steel Yard, in recognition of the celebration of their Ground Breaking Ceremony on the site of their new Super Studio renovation project.

Snapchef, in recognition of the celebration of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 930 Narragansett Boulevard on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Terry Cruz, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence Recreation Department.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILWOMAN RYAN,
Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory Former Councilman Robert Haxton at 7:11 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019** at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Selleck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

**SHAWN SELLECK
CITY CLERK**