

# 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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*Sina L. Mastromanni* CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 23 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

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**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**RACHEL M. MILLER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 13.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY AND RYAN – 2.**

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

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## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILOR SUE R. ANDERBOIS**.

"I wanted to share a quote. I was recently talking to a constituent about their Baha'i faith and I wanted to share a quote from a leader from the Baha'i community. "The essence of faith is fewness of words and abundance of deeds. He whose words exceed his deeds knows his death is better than his life." I just wanted to share that. Every day we're here and inspired by so many of the doers in this room. From Councilman Taylor painting over graffiti over the weekends, Councilor Sanchez showing up with his truck to pick up mattresses or delivering picnic benches, Deputy Majority Leader Harris fighting for housing in her community, Councilor Graves, her commitment to the libraries and so many others. I hope we can use this quote from the Baha'i to remind us to not be a body of grandstanders, but a body of doers for our community."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 21 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Thursday, September 7, 2023 and Journal of Proceedings No. 22 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held September 13, 2023.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL,  
COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILMAN  
VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 "Administration ", Article XXIV "Juvenile Hearing Board" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 4 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote and Refer to the Committee on Ordinances, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED1X/REFERRED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained and Referred.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ,  
COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON AND  
COUNCILOR ROIAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 "Housing" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article IX "Regulation of Residential Rental Housing", Section 13-63 through 13-73.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Ordinances

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-192(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Sugar Rodriguez).

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 5 and 6, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 5 to the Committee on Ordinances and item 6 to the Committee on Finance.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Finance

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

Resolution Establishing Providence as America's First Climate Jobs City.

*WHEREAS*, The science of climate change is real and undeniable, and we have limited time to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from our society; and

*WHEREAS*, The Act on Climate commits the state to carbon neutrality by 2050, with 45% below 1990 emissions levels by 2030 and 80% by 2040; and

*WHEREAS*, The Climate Justice Plan - a nationally recognized plan - was released by Mayor Elorza and recognized by the City Council in 2020 and was written in partnership with frontline communities of color and the Racial & Environment Justice Committee (REJC) of Providence and centers our climate response on those most impacted by climate change; and

*WHEREAS*, The Climate Justice Plan commits the city to carbon neutrality by 2050, a Just Transition, and principles of racial justice and equity including deep democracy and collaborative governance; and

*WHEREAS*, Climate Jobs Rhode Island was created in 2020 and "is a broad and growing coalition of labor, environmental, and community partners committed to a just transition to an equitable, pro-worker, pro-climate green economy." They envision a world where "we can simultaneously address climate change, create thousands of good union jobs, and advance racial and economic equity throughout the state."; and

**WHEREAS**, As the City invests in decarbonizing its economy, it is imperative to leverage this opportunity to increase local, equitable access to family-sustaining jobs with good wages and benefits, so that this transformation maximizes its investments in our local communities and strengthens economic opportunity and justice for Providence residents that need it most; and

**WHEREAS**, The City will need to pass bold policy and implement aggressive programs and take advantage of federal funding over the next decade to both mitigate against and also adapt to unavoidable changes from climate change.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City Council of the City of Providence commits to becoming America's first Climate Jobs City. This entails a commitment to implement our climate policies in ways that ensure:

- (1) Just Transition. Mandating the inclusion of voices of stakeholders in the labor movement, the environmental movement, the racial justice movement, residents of Providence, along with voices of private industry throughout the planning and decision-making process. Integrating the principles, process, and practice of a Just Transition to a regenerative economy within City agencies and ensuring plentiful resources to frontline communities in its implementation.
- (2) Workforce Development. Investing in carbon neutral and climate friendly infrastructure at the scale science demands, while integrating prevailing wage, project labor, labor peace, and community benefits as well as pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship utilization, and local hiring provisions.
- (3) Resilience, Adaptation, and Emergency Preparedness. Removing any unnecessary and counterproductive administrative and/or legislative barriers obstructing the creation of resilient Providence neighborhoods. Maintaining language-appropriate preparedness education programs and emergency alert systems to help protect the community in the face of flooding and extreme heat events, while also investing in green infrastructure to facilitate adaptation and resilience to climate change.
- (4) Building Decarbonization. Decarbonizing and retrofitting all existing buildings, to eliminate emissions and create healthy environments in places where people live, work, learn, and play, by 2050, with significant measurable progress by 2030.
- (5) Renewable Energy. Facilitating the switch to a 100% clean energy supply by 2033, with a focus on local generation and equitable and reliable access to its supply. Ensuring that the generation benefits are maximized for Providence residents.
- (6) Mobility. Establishing a comprehensive and sustainable approach to personal mobility through the entire city of Providence and encouraging transit-oriented development.
- (7) Climate Literacy and Environmental Education. Infusing clean, renewable energy and environmental awareness education programs in all Providence public schools, charter schools, and mayoral academies.
- (8) Green Infrastructure. Creating and implementing plans to increase equitable neighborhood access to green infrastructure and spaces.
- (9) Healthy Neighborhoods. Ensuring healthy vibrant neighborhoods with equal access to open and recreational space that are free from air, water, and soil pollution. Increasing the availability of qualified cooling centers and increasing access to public pools and urban forests.
- (10) Implementation. Working together with Climate Jobs Rhode Island and other stakeholders to identify federal funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Inflation Reduction Act, and all other federal funding programs. Align all necessary investments and resources to further the goals within this resolution and establish a regular reporting system on the progress toward these goals.

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

Resolution Recognizing the work of Breathe Providence and pledging to partner on Data-Driven Environmental Policy for Providence.

***WHEREAS***, Outdoor air pollutants are caused by a variety of factors both within and outside of city limits and have been shown to cause public health effects for Providence residents; and

***WHEREAS***, According to 2021 data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Rhode Island has the highest rate of asthma in the country among adults, with those most affected being low-income people and people of color; and

***WHEREAS***, Professor Meredith Hastings is a Professor at Brown University studying atmospheric chemistry and its implications for air quality, biogeochemistry, and climate; and

***WHEREAS***, Professor Hastings is the lead researcher of the Breathe Providence Project; and

***WHEREAS***, The Breathe Providence Project aims to improve local air quality, support greenhouse gas emission reductions, and support the communities of Providence to reach health and climate related goals; and

***WHEREAS***, The Breathe Providence Project and its partners presented to the Council Special Committee on the Environment and Resiliency on August 9, 2023 and shared their goal to understand the landscape of air pollution and climate related emissions in Providence, RI at a resolution that reflects human's exposure to air pollution in their everyday lives.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes Professor Hastings, the Breathe Providence Project, and Project partners for their work to monitor and study air pollution in Providence and pledges to use the data collected and analysis generated to help inform data-driven policy to address air pollution issues in our City, particularly for frontline communities most affected by air pollution. Further, the Council will work with Professor Hastings, the Breathe Providence Project, and the Project partners to support additional funding opportunities for this critical work.

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

Resolution Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month.

**WHEREAS**, Every year, from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month to honor and recognize the contributions, history, and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, The observation of Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Later, President Ronald Reagan expanded the celebration to a month-long event in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hispanic community in Providence adds to the city's rich cultural heritage with its diverse culinary traditions and lively artistic expressions, including colorful murals and lively music; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latino Americans have made significant contributions to arts, music, literature, science, politics, business, and sports, enriching the cultural fabric of the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hispanic and Latino population's continued growth contributes to the economic, social, and intellectual vibrancy of our country. It also reflects the enduring spirit of diversity and unity that makes the United States a beacon of opportunity and inclusivity; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates Latino American culture, history, and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, Forty percent of the members of the Providence City Council have Hispanic heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year as "Hispanic Heritage Month"

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 7 through 9 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMEN VARGAS, GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES**

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the City Treasurer to borrow \$5,000,000.00 in Anticipation of City Water Revenues.

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

<b>RESULT:        WITHDRAWN</b>
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**COUNCILMEN TAYLOR, ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Requesting an "I LOVE PVD" sculpture be installed at the corner of Fountain Street, Exchange Terrace and Dorrance Street.

*WHEREAS*, Public art has an important place in the cultural landscape of Providence; and

*WHEREAS*, The corner of Fountain, Exchange, and Dorrance is a prominent location that receives high levels of vehicular and foot traffic; and

*WHEREAS*, A large sculpture that displays the message "I LOVE PVD" wherein the word love is replaced with a heart, would be a symbol of pride for our city that would be a popular place for residents and tourists to take pictures; and

*WHEREAS*, Other cities around the world display similar sculptures and they universally become a touchstone symbol of the city; and

*WHEREAS*, Such a sculpture would be a great addition to Providence's Down City district.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That members of the Providence City Council are formally requesting the Arts Culture and Tourism department explore the possibility of installing an "I LOVE PVD" sculpture at the corner of Fountain Street, Exchange Terrace, and Dorrance Street.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that upon passage copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 11 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## **REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE**

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILMAN JAMES E. TAYLOR, Vice-Chairman**

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

#### **COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Ninety Four Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Forty One Dollars (\$94,580,041), for the support of the Providence Water Supply Board for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

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

An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Two Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$3,239,525), for the Water Supply Board Insurance Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$3,819,921), for the Water Supply Board Water Quality Protection Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Ninety Five Million Three Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$95,363,790), for the Water Supply Board Infrastructure Replacement Program Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Two Million Eight Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$2,814,471), for the Water Supply Board Meter Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Four Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$3,479,215), for the Water Supply Board Equipment Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Four Million Nine Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$4,911,953), for the Water Supply Board Chemical and Sludge Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$376,658), for the Water Supply Board Western Cranston Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$830,611), for the Water Supply Board Property Tax Refund Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of One Million Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$1,022,504), for the Water Supply Board Revenue Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Twenty Two Million One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$22,175,768), for the Water Supply Board Lead Service Replacement Fund for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance making an Appropriation of Three Million Five Hundred Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$3,571,289), for the Water Supply Board Capital Fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2022-56, No. 369, effective November 10, 2022.

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An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the Water Supply Board and Repealing Ordinance 2022-57, No. 370, effective November 10, 2022.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 12 through 25 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):**

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

Manafort Brothers, Incorporated \$10,263,463.00  
(Department of Planning and Development)

**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)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Manafort Brothers, Incorporated \$10,263,463.00  
(Department of Planning and Development)

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 26 and Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Allstate	Esther Santiago
a/s/o Marc V. Bayha	Joel Gutierrez Estupinan
Kevin Fernandez	(Robert J. Levine, Esquire)
(Robert M. Proulx, Esquire)	Stephanie Robinson
Chassidy Fernandez	Paula Vinas
(Robert M. Proulx, Esquire)	kayla Gentile
Rosalinda Fernandez	Gianna Duggan
(Robert M. Proulx, Esquire)	Carmen Rodriguez
Pedro Fernandez	Delicia Santana
(Robert M. Proulx, Esquire)	(Jessica L. Basso, Esquire)
Ian Ford	Erin Gauvin (Ga-Rel Manufacturing Co.)
Ariela Genao	Vichea Chai
(G. Eben Milne, Esquire)	Andreina Tavarez

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 27, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 27 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

**PERSONAL EXPRESSION**

**COUNCILOR SANCHEZ** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I would like to stand today to recognize a very special person to all of us here in this room. Sometimes working in government can be very difficult, but this individual has been nothing but great to all of us and it's very sad to see him go I am not going to lie. When I first heard of the news, I did get a little emotional, but this seems like it's the best move for him personally as he is moving back home to New York and that person is Brandon Brown who was on our project team. So, Brandon, I just want to thank you 100 percent and wish you nothing but amazing luck. I know all of us will always be here if you ever need anything or come back to Providence. Thank you.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution in Congratulations.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere  
Congratulations to the following:

Ray Guillen, in recognition of the celebration of you being named the 2023 Coach of the Year.

John Pimental, Coach, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of your commitment and dedication leading the Washington Park South Providence Sports 10U All-Star Team in winning the New England Cal Ripken Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Mike Morel, Coach, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of your commitment and dedication leading the Washington Park South Providence Sports 10U All-Star Team in winning the New England Cal Ripken Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Sabrina Luna, Coach, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of your commitment and dedication leading the Washington Park South Providence Sports 10U All-Star Team in winning the New England Cal Ripken Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Damian Mateo, Coach, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of your commitment and dedication leading the Washington Park South Providence Sports 10U All-Star Team in winning the New England Cal Ripken Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Aydenn Reyes, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Daryori Diaz, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Gian Tavarez, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Jadriel Reynoso, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Januel Mateo, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Jayvien Gomez, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Jayvin Sabala, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Joelinson Herrera, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Johncarlos Osoria, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Johnny Martinez, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Kelvin Taveras, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Kevin Martinez, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Nazlin Benzan, Washington Park South Providence Sports, 10U All-Star Team, in recognition of winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

The Lindsey Family, in recognition of the renovation of Jaqueline Clements Park, Job Well Done!

Leonal Bonilla, Board Member, in recognition of your leadership, service and stewardship, we are grateful for your tireless dedication, volunteerism and fostering positive change in our City and State.

Irma Bolanos, Co-Founder and Board Member, in recognition of your leadership, service and stewardship, we are grateful for your tireless dedication, volunteerism and fostering positive change in our City and State.

Juan Rosales, Board Member, in recognition of your leadership, service and stewardship, we are grateful for your tireless dedication, volunteerism and fostering positive change in our City and State.

Vanessa's Discotec, in recognition of your leadership, service and stewardship, we are grateful for your tireless dedication, volunteerism and fostering positive change in our City and State.  
Helen Baskerville-Dukes, in recognition of being named a Grand Marshal Honoree for PVDFest 2023.

Gonzalo Cuervo, in recognition of being named a Grand Marshal Honoree for PVDFest 2023.  
The Honorable Senator Jack Reed, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023 Paramount Chief Award at the Higher Ground International Annual Cultural Gala & Village Leader Awards.

The United Way of Rhode Island, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023 Kingdom Award at the Higher Ground International Annual Cultural Gala & Village Leader Awards.

Francine Connolly, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023 Clan Chief Award at the Higher Ground International Annual Cultural Gala & Village Leader Awards.

Carrie Bridges-Feliz, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023 Clan Chief Award at the Higher Ground International Annual Cultural Gala & Village Leader Awards.

Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023 Tribal Chief Award at the Higher Ground International Annual Cultural Gala & Village Leader Awards.

The Honorable David N. Cicilline, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023 Paramount Chief Award at the Higher Ground International Annual Cultural Gala & Village Leader Awards.

The Honorable Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023 Paramount Chief Award at the Higher Ground International Annual Cultural Gala & Village Leader Awards.

Etmonia Esther Kawreh, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2023 Village Supporter Award at the Higher Ground International Annual Cultural Gala & Village Leader Awards.

Passion Ice Cream & Coffee, Jose Bernard, Owner, in recognition of opening a new Business in Ward 9 at 1043 Broad Street.

Julian Yan, Coach, Washington Park South Providence Sports League, in recognition of your passion, dedication to youth and love of baseball, and winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Belorve Diaz (Bilo), Coach, Washington Park South Providence Sports League, in recognition of your passion, dedication to youth and love of baseball, and winning the New England Cal Ripken 10U Regional Championship and advancing to the 2023 World Series.

Viva Mexico & Cantina Grill, in recognition of the celebration of your 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!  
Hope Johnson, Peace, Love & Power Counseling and Consulting Services, LLC, in recognition of the celebration of your Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 28 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**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:

Felipa E. Nunez Reyes

Charles E. Beaudoin

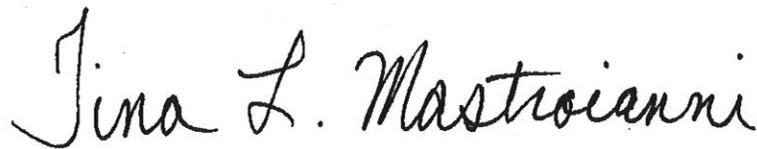
**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 29 and Pass on a  
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roiias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilwomen Anthony and Ryan – 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 of Judith A. Byrnes, Rolando Tentoco, Jayar Santos, Felipa E. Nunez Reyes, Charles E. Beaudoin, Richard Falcon, Michael Waldeck and Gloria Aponte at 6:27 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**



**TINA L. MASTROIANNI**  
**CITY CLERK**

*This meeting was live streamed and the recording is available on our  
YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W93bYn0zFU4&t=698s>*

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