

# 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

APR 06 2023

APPROVED:

*Jina L. Mastrianni*

CLERK

# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 7 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, March 16, 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, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS – 13.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS – 2.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, DONNA M. PELIGIAN, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, CLAIRE E. GIRARD, CLERK LIAISON AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR**

## ROLL CALL

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## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN ALTHEA A. GRAVES**.

"Heavenly Father, we thank you Lord for granting us another day. Father God, in our endeavor please guide us to do the duties of the people that have elected us to do. Give us strength, courage and wisdom to carry out these duties in a just and fair way. Keep us humble so that we do what is right for the city and not ourselves. Help us to show kindness, respect and compassion for one another. God continue to bless us and keep us in our right minds, in Jesus name we pray. Amen."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS** 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. 6 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 2, 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, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 6, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1012 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 **Joseph I. Mulligan, III** of 679 Washington Street, Brighton, MA 02135, to the position of **Acting Director of the Department of Planning and Development**.

**RESULT: RECEIVED**

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 6, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1012 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 **Joseph I. Mulligan, III** of 679 Washington Street, Brighton, MA 02135, to the position of **Director of the Department of Planning and Development** and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 1, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 8-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Maria F. Deaton, Esquire** of 188 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as an **Associate Justice of the Providence Housing Court** for a term to expire on January 2, 2026, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Deaton replaces Mr. Garcia whose term has expired.)

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

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

Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus  
(Fire Department)

\$550,000.00

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR MOVES to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 7, Seconded  
by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives item 4 and items 5 through 7 Refer to the  
Committee on Finance.**

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

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR  
ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR  
SANCHEZ**

Resolution Establishing a Housing Crisis Task Force.

**WHEREAS**, The public health and economic conditions brought on by the pandemic have exacerbated the housing crisis citywide, causing displacement and impacting residents' ability to maintain adequate housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Maintaining a diversity of housing options throughout the City, preserving and expanding affordable housing, is critical to community health, neighborhood wellbeing, and ensuring all households have safe and adequate housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing costs have risen substantially over the last two years and according to the Rhode Island Realtors, in June of 2022 the Providence Metro area had the fifth highest year-over-year rental cost increase in the country at 23.8 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Providence is a majority renter community, with 47 percent of our renter households experiencing housing cost burden, which increases vulnerability to housing insecurity and undermines neighborhood stability; and

**WHEREAS**, The shortage of affordable housing units and the rise in eviction filings have led to an unprecedented increase in residents experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Providence recognizes the urgent need to address this crisis and work towards solutions to improve access to stable housing.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish the City of Providence Housing Crisis Task Force the purpose of which shall be to provide guidance and recommend action steps to the city government which are collaborative and complementary with the efforts at the State level to improve access to housing for all households in need.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That the City of Providence Housing Crisis Task Force shall be comprised of:

- Councilwoman Mary-Kay Harris
- Councilman Pedro Espinal
- Councilwoman Althea Graves
- Councilwoman Shelley Peterson
- Councilor Justin Roias

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 8 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, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, ANTHONY AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5055, An Act Relating to Elections - General Provisions.

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**COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5120, An Act Relating to Property - Homeless Bill of Rights.

**COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, ANTHONY AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5204, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - The Department of Housing.

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**COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5376, An Act Relating to Property - Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act.

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**COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, ANTHONY AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5841, An Act Relating to Commercial Law - General Regulatory Provisions - Purchase and Sale of Precious Metals.

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Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2023 H-5842, An Act Relating to Commercial Law - General Regulatory Provisions - Rhode Island Catalytic Converter Interstate Compact.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

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**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for the purpose of bridge repairs and improvements on West River Street over West River.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Committee on Public Works

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**COUNCILORS ROIAS, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY,  
COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND  
COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES**

Resolution Calling on the Providence Public School Department to cease the service of providing Crossing Guards to Private Schools in the city until all of the Public Schools have been adequately staffed.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 9 through 16, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 9 through 14 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs, item 15 to the Committee on Public Works and item 16 to the Committee on Finance.**

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

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

Resolution Regarding the unwinding of Medicaid Coverage in the City of Providence.

**WHEREAS**, The COVID-19 pandemic led to an emergency measure in which states stopped the process of annual eligibility review of Medicaid enrollees, resulting in continual coverage of those enrolled in March 2020 or at any point during the pandemic, regardless of any changes in their income or circumstance; and

**WHEREAS**, This emergency measure will come to an end in April 2023, and states will restart the annual eligibility review process of all Medicaid enrollees, which is expected to cause millions of Americans to lose their health insurance coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that the 81,100 Rhode Island residents that enrolled in Medicaid during the pandemic could be at risk of losing healthcare coverage, with many unaware of the redetermination process even though they are still eligible for Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, People who have recently moved, children, people with disabilities, and older adults are particularly at risk of losing their Medicaid coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, The unwinding of Medicaid coverage in Providence could negatively impact the health and economic wellbeing of many households, exacerbating financial hardship brought on over the course of the pandemic; and



**WHEREAS**, Minimizing the number of residents who lose their Medicaid benefits, even if they are still eligible, is crucial, and ensuring continual healthcare coverage for all residents is essential.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City of Providence calls on state and federal officials to ensure that the unwinding of Medicaid coverage is carried out in a way that minimizes the number of residents who lose their benefits, particularly those who are still eligible for Medicaid, and that those who no longer qualify for Medicaid are directed towards other coverage options. Furthermore, the City urges public officials to take proactive steps to ensure that all Medicaid enrollees are aware of the redetermination process and have access to the information they need to maintain their eligibility.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 17 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, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS**

Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Outside Legal Counsel.

**WHEREAS**, On December 15, 2022 the City's Internal Auditor submitted a report to the City Council outlining significant concerns raised in response to a Consent Order that was entered into on behalf of the City in case no. PC-2020-04757 without any consideration or notice provided to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, At the end of the report the Internal Auditor provided the recommendation to the City Council that outside legal counsel be hired with the express purpose of challenging the Consent Order; and

**WHEREAS**, The Auditor's report raises significant concerns for the City Council that cannot be adequately addressed without the hiring of outside legal counsel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That pursuant to Section 401 (d) of the Providence Home Rule Charter, and upon recommendation of the Internal Auditor in her report dated December 15, 2022, the City Council of the City of Providence hereby authorizes the City Council President to retain outside legal counsel for the following purposes:

1. A full review of the Consent Order entered in case number PC-2020-04757 for compliance with the Providence Home Rule Charter and City Code of Ordinances;
2. Submission of a detailed report to the City Council outlining the findings of the review of the Consent Order including an outline of all legal remedies available to the City Council; and
3. Initiation of such court filings as may be necessitated based upon the findings of the review of the Consent Order as described above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That, upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the City Solicitor.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 18 and Pass on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [12 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Taylor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 12.
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Councilwoman Ryan – 1.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman**

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

**COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Approving Contractual Arrangements with the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank ("RIIB") for RIIB to provide up to \$27,500,000 in funding to make certain improvements to the Providence Water Distribution System and Appurtenances thereto, including but not limited to the replacement of public and private side lead services and Approving the financing thereof by the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds and Notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$27,500,000.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 19 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, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

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

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

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

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following amendment and clarification of the award for Design Builder (D-B) for Spaziano Annex Elementary School by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (4).

O & G Industries, Inc. (Public Property)	\$41,276,020.00
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**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following amendment and clarification of the award for Design Builder (D-B) for Spaziano Annex Elementary School by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (4).

O & G Industries, Inc. (Public Property)	\$41,276,020.00
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following amendment and clarification of the award for Design Builder (D-B) for D'Abate Elementary School by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (4).

Ahlborg Construction Company  
(Public Property)

\$19,327,000.00

**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following amendment and clarification of the award for Design Builder (D-B) for D'Abate Elementary School by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (4).

Ahlborg Construction Company  
(Public Property)

\$19,327,000.00

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following amendment to the award for Design Builder (D-B) for the Narducci Learning Center by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4).

Bacon Construction Company  
(Public Property)

\$31,821,583.00

**RESOLVED**, That The Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following amendment to the award for Design Builder (D-B) for the Narducci Learning Center by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4).

Bacon Construction Company  
(Public Property)

\$31,821,583.00

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

Studio Meja Architecture, LLC DBA Signal Works  
(Public Property)

\$142,500.00

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

Studio Meja Architecture, LLC DBA Signal Works  
(Public Property)

\$142,500.00

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 20 through 23 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, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 13, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 605 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 **Napoleon E. Askie, Sr.** of 14 Newport Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904 as **City Sergeant**, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 13, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 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 **Adewole T. Akinbi** of 8 Esten Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Board of Licenses** for a term to expire on January 31, 2026, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Akinbi replaces Mr. Newton whose term expired).

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 17, 2023, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1004 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 **Stephen L. Grace, II** of 300 Front Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860, to the position of **Director of the Department of Recreation**, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 24 through 26 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

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**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES**  
**COUNCILMAN PEDRO J. ESPINAL, Chairman**

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

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions", Article 11 "Discrimination", Section 16-54 "Definitions" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 27 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, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

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

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**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Henry G Kelly  
Parenteau and O'Hara, P.C. o/b/o Commerce Insurance Company  
a/s/o Ramon Rivera  
Sonnia Mena  
Lisa Jainchill  
(Mark B. Morse, Esquire)  
Allstate  
a/s/o Mario S. Velasquez  
Jennifer Follen  
Corrina Shepard and Frandin Cooley  
(Joseph Voccola, Esquire)  
Tanya Durand  
Eddy Severino  
Mkrtitch Malikoian

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 28 and Severally Refer to Committee on Claims and Pending Suits, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Gabriela A. Mendez, AlphaOmega Properties, LLC., 751 Academy Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 42, Lot, 9 (4 Avon Street), from R-3 to R-4.

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Communication from Nicholas J. Hemond, Esquire and Dane E. Ardente, Esquire, Darrow Everett LLP, One Turks Head Place, Suite 1200, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 on behalf of City Lofts, LLC, requesting a text amendment to Section 1203(C) - "Temporary Use Standards" for "Temporary Mobile Food Sales", for the property located on Assessor's Plat 20, Lot 164 (260 Westminster Street)

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

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Communication from Sally L. Brito, Director of Fiscal Operations, Department of Planning and Development, submitting the Report on Providence Housing Trust for Quarter ending December 31, 2022.

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Communication from Council President Rachel M. Miller, dated March 10, 2023, transmitting the Providence External Review Authority applications to the Committee on Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 29 through 32, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 29 and 30 to the Committee on Ordinances and Receives items 31 and 32.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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## **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"**

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

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

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

Tammy Vargas Warner, Ph.D., in recognition of being the Keynote Speaker at the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Thomas A. Verdi, in recognition of your outstanding contribution to the Dominican Community.

Nizelky C. Genao, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Professional in Science Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Angélica M. Infante-Green, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Leadership in Education Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Ana M. Granville, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Community Leadership Service Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Sira Morillo, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Community Leadership Service Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Octavio José Gomez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Youth Talent Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

René Gómez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to Dominican Art Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Hugo R. Adames, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Business Leadership Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Lieutenant Diana Perez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Dominican Public Servant Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Jeremy Peña, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to the Dominican Sports Award at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Carmen Castillo, Councilwoman 2012-2022, in recognition of your Service and Dedication to the Dominican Community.

Angel Gautreaux, in recognition of your performance of the National Anthem at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Dayana Read, in recognition of your performance of the National Anthem at the 19<sup>th</sup> Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee of Rhode Island.

Frey Florist, in recognition of the celebration of 50 years of being in business in the City of Providence!

Raquel De la Rosa, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

Clara de Pion, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

Felicia Peña, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

Magda Peña, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

Xiomara Polanco, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

Janet Severino, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

Katy Duran, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

Pastora Elizabeth Silverio, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

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Pastora Rocio Bolivar, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

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Aris Jennings, En reconocimiento por: tu liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor del desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias, así como su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en nuestra comunidad. Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Vision Evangelica le reconoce como "Mujer de Excelencia"

Doctor Pedro Aquino, En reconocimiento de: su dedicación y gran trabajo como Vicepresidente y Director Medico de la Alianza Cristiana Nacional ACN en la República Dominicana y por más de 40 años ejerciendo su labor de Odontólogo.

Qua Osario, Urban Perinatal Education Center, in recognition of being the First Women of Color to Create a Safe Space for People of Color to Support their Perinatal and Maternal Health on this 2023 International Women's Day.

Alexandria Gonzalez, Gather Together United as, in recognition of your Community Advocacy on this 2023 International Women's Day.

Rosa Ortiz, Rising Magnolia Women's Support Group, in recognition of your empowerment of Women on this 2023 International Women's Day.

Juan Garcia, in recognition of the celebration of your new book and for your contribution to the immigrant community of the City of Providence.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 33 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, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 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:

Battalion Chief James L. Varin, Sr.

Lynn A. Delgado

Merrick A. Cook

Frank J. Day

Juan Carlos Funes

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 34 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, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Goncalves and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Merrick A. Cook, Jr., Frank J. Day and Alice Brown at 6:30 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023** at 6:00 o'clock P.M.



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

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