

# 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.



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**CITY COUNCIL**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**No. 10 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 2025, 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, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 15.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, LAUREN GUTIERREZ, ASSISTANT CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR.**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN SHELLEY T. PETERSON**.

"Thank you, Madam President and Good Evening, fellow councilors and distinguished guests. As we gather today in service to our community, I invite us to take a moment to pause-not just to center ourselves, but to remember the purpose that brought us here: the care and stewardship of the people we represent. In a world often marked by division and discord, we are called to something greater. Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4 verse 31-32:

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you... and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." This is not a call to silence disagreement, but to lift up our discourse with dignity and grace. To recognize that even in debate, we can seek understanding. Even in conflict, we can choose compassion. Let us also remember Proverbs 15 verse 1: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." In this chamber, may our words be gentle and our hearts open-so that the spirit of collaboration can guide us through even the most difficult decisions. We face challenges larger than any one of us-complex problems that require collective wisdom and shared courage. But I have hope. Because here, around this chamber, is a group of people committed to making our city better. So today, may we be rooted in civility, driven by justice, and sustained by hope. May we speak truth with love. And may we remember that unity is not the absence of difference, but the presence of shared purpose".

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO** 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. 9 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held April 16, 2025.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL 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 Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

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### L Aid On Table

**The Following Resolution was in City Council March 20, 2025, Laid on the Table:**

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

Resolution Honoring the Legacy of Community Leaders through the naming of Baseball Fields at Mount Pleasant Little League.

*WHEREAS*, The Mount Pleasant Little League has been a cornerstone of youth sports in Providence, fostering teamwork, discipline, and a love for the game of baseball for generations of young athletes; and

*WHEREAS*, The league's success and enduring impact would not have been possible without the dedication, leadership, and contributions of individuals who have given their time, passion, and expertise to support the growth and development of young players; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Arnold Hahn played a pivotal role in establishing the Mount Pleasant Little League in 1951, during Little League's inaugural year in Providence, and was instrumental in expanding the league from its original four teams, with uniforms lovingly hand-sewn by his wife; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom Izzo served as a distinguished coach in the Mount Pleasant Little League from 1978 to 1993, leading the Boys Major All-Star team to a historic victory in the 1990 State Little League Championship over Warwick West Side Little League, a landmark achievement in the league's history; and

**WHEREAS**, Leo Tracy Jr., a lifelong Smith Hill and Elmhurst resident, has dedicated over 30 years to coaching and running the Mount Pleasant Little League, making an indelible mark on fast-pitch softball by leading teams to three consecutive state championships from 2002 to 2004 and achieving unprecedented success at the Eastern Little League Fastpitch Senior/Big League Regionals; and

**WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper to honor the contributions of these remarkable individuals by naming the fields at Mount Pleasant Little League in their honor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby designates the baseball fields at Mount Pleasant Little League as follows:

- Field 1, located closest to Mount Pleasant Avenue, shall be named Leo Tracy Jr. Field in recognition of his decades of dedication to coaching and leadership in fast-pitch softball.
- Field 2, the field farthest from the road and parking lot, shall be named Tom Izzo Field in honor of his distinguished coaching career and championship legacy.
- Field 3, located closest to the current Mount Pleasant High School parking lot, shall be named Dr. Arnold Hahn Field in tribute to his foundational role in establishing and growing the league.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council recognizes and commends the lasting impact of Dr. Arnold Hahn, Tom Izzo, and Leo Tracy Jr. on the Mount Pleasant Little League and the Providence community, ensuring that their contributions will be remembered and celebrated by future generations of players, coaches, and families; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the families of Dr. Arnold Hahn, Tom Izzo, and Leo Tracy Jr., as a tribute to their enduring legacy; to the Mount Pleasant Little League Board of Directors, in recognition of their commitment to youth sports; and to the City of Providence Department of Public Works and the Board of Parks Commissioners to ensure the honorary field designations are duly recorded and implemented.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 4 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## AT EASE

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Moves to stand at ease at 6:17 o'clock P.M. and reconvenes at 6:20 o'clock P.M.**

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## RECONVENTION

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

“Thank you, thank you, thank you. I wanted to take a moment since we’re in a moment of celebration in the Council Chambers tonight. Last year, we took the initiative of congratulating our basketball championship recreation league teams and I thought it would be really fitting to make sure that we did it one more time, hopefully we can make this a tradition, we’ve got a lot of wonderful kids in the Chamber today. I would love to ask all of these kids if you could guys could just stand up Davey Lopes, West End, Vincent Brown, let’s give them all a round of applause. I see some real cool cats in here. Thank you, I wanted to just take a moment of our time to just congratulate these wonderful kids you know our recreational services are something that are extremely important to so many families in this community and making sure that we highlight all of their awards and all of these wonderful things that they’re doing. There are so many sports that they’re doing now than ever before, but we’ll start with my favorite basketball. So, thank you guys, please, please make sure you stay after, there’s pizza for everybody and we’re going to take pictures as a whole after these meeting is over. Kids if you want you can go back downstairs and have some more pizza and enjoy but just make sure you stay for pictures. Thank you!”

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## ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

**The Following Ordinances were in City Council April 3, 2025, Read and Passed the First Time and are Returned Passage the Second Time:**

**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions”, Article I “In General” Section 16-21 “Loud or Unruly Gatherings - Public Nuisance” and Section 16-22 “Chronic Nuisance Properties” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

**Section 1.** Chapter 16, “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions”, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-21. – Loud or unruly gatherings – Public nuisance.

- (a) *Defined.* It shall be a public nuisance to conduct a gathering of five (5) or more persons on any private property in a manner which constitutes a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property in a significant segment of a neighborhood, as a result of conduct constituting a violation of law. Illustrative of such unlawful conduct are excessive noise or traffic, obstruction of public streets by crowds or vehicles, illegal parking, public drunkenness, public urination, the service of alcohol to minors, fights, disturbances of the peace, and litter.
- (b) *Notice via posting.* When the police department intervenes at a gathering which constitutes a nuisance under this ordinance, law enforcement shall post a notice on the premises at which such nuisance occurred. The posted notice shall state: a) that police intervention has been required as a result of a public nuisance under this section caused by an event at the premises; b) the date of the police intervention; and c) that if within a six-month period from the date of the notice any subsequent event on the same premises requires police intervention, such subsequent event shall result in the joint and several liability of any guests causing a public nuisance, or any persons who own or are residents of the property at which the public nuisance occurred, or any persons who sponsored the event constituting the public nuisance as more fully set forth below. The residents and owner(s) of such property shall be jointly responsible for ensuring that such notice is not removed or defaced, but in the case of an owner, said owner shall not be responsible until fourteen (14) days after notice is mailed pursuant to section (c) below. It shall be an ordinance violation carrying a penalty of a minimum, mandatory one hundred-dollar (\$100.00) fine in addition to any other penalties which may be due under this section if such notice is removed or defaced, provided, however, that the residents of the premises or sponsor of the event, if present, shall be consulted as to the location in which such notice is posted in order to achieve both the security of the notice and its prominent display.
- (c) *Notice via mailing.* Notice of the intervention shall also be mailed to any property owner on the city property tax assessment records to advise the property owner that any subsequent such intervention within six (6) months on the same premises shall result in liability of the property owner for all penalties associated with such intervention. In addition, such notices shall state that any removal or defacement of said notice from the property shall be an ordinance violation subject to fines pursuant to section (b) of this ordinance.
- (d) *Enforcement.* Every time that the police department is required to respond to a gathering constituting a public nuisance on the premises within six (6) months of the posting of the notice of police intervention, the following persons shall be jointly and severally liable for a mandatory minimum five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine.

- (1) The person, persons, or entities that own the property where the gathering constituting the public nuisance took place, provided that notice has been mailed to the owner of the property as set forth herein and the gathering occurs at least fourteen (14) days after the mailing of such notice.
- (2) The person or persons residing on or otherwise in control of the property where such a gathering took place.
- (3) The person or persons who organized or sponsored such gathering.
- (4) All persons attending such gatherings who engage in any activity resulting in the public nuisance.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose liability on the resident or owners of the premises or sponsor of the gathering for the conduct of persons who are present without the express or implied consent of the resident or sponsor, as long as the resident and sponsor have taken all steps reasonably necessary to exclude such uninvited participants from the premises, including landlords who are actively attempting to evict a tenant from the premises. Where an invited guest engages in conduct which the sponsor or resident could not reasonably foresee and the conduct is an isolated instance of a guest at the event violating the law which the sponsor is unable to reasonably control without the intervention of the police, the unlawful conduct of the individual guest shall not be attributable to the sponsor or resident for the purposes of determining whether the event constitutes a public nuisance under this section.
- (6) Proceeds from these fines shall be deposited in a restricted receipts account designated for nuisance abatement in the city.

Sec. 16-22. – Chronic Nuisance Properties.

- (a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings ascribed to them, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Abate* means to repair, replace, remove, destroy, or otherwise remedy a condition which constitutes a violation of this chapter by such means and in such a manner and to such an extent as the chief of police determines is necessary in the interest of the general health, safety and welfare of the community.

*Chief of police* means the chief of police or his or her designees.

*Chronic nuisance property* means:

- (1) A property on which two (2) or more nuisance activities exist or have occurred during any six-month period; or
- (2) A property on which a search warrant has been issued and/or executed two (2) or more times within a twenty-four-month period related to the illegal possession, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance or related offenses as defined in R.I.G.L. 1956 § 21-28.

*Control* means the power or ability to direct or determine conditions, conduct, or events occurring on a property.

*Nuisance activity* includes the following:

- (1) Any homicide pursuant to R.I.G.L. 1956 § 11-23;
- (2) Any illegal possession, manufacturing or delivery of a controlled substance or related offense pursuant to R.I.G.L. 1956 § 21-28;
- (3) The service of alcohol to minors;
- (4) Any prostitution, permitting prostitution, or promoting, advancing or profiting from prostitution pursuant to R.I.G.L. 1956 § 11-34.1;
- (5) Any weapons violations pursuant to R.I.G.L. 1956 § 11-47;
- (6) Any organized criminal gambling pursuant to R.I.G.L. 1956 § 11-51; or
- (7) Criminal activity directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, engaged in by a member of a person's household or any guest or other individual under the person's control, shall not be considered "nuisance activity" for the purpose of declaring a property a "chronic nuisance property," if the person or immediate member of the person's family is a victim of that domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

*Owner* means any person who, alone or with others, has title or interest in any property.

*Person* means an individual, group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, club, company, business trust, joint venture, organization, or any other legal or commercial entity or the manager, lessee, agent, officer or employee of any of them.

*Person in charge of a property* means the owner and, if different than the owner, any other person in actual or constructive possession of a property, including, but not limited to, a lessee, tenant, occupant, agent, or manager of a property under his or her control.

*Property* means any land and that which is affixed, incidental or appurtenant to land, including, but not limited to, any business or residence, parking area, loading area, landscaping, building or structure or any separate part, unit or portion thereof.

(b) *Violation.* Any property within the City of Providence that is a chronic nuisance property is in violation of this section and subject to its remedies. Owners and other persons in charge who permit property to be a chronic nuisance property shall be in violation of this section and subject to its remedies. Any owner who fails to comply with subsection (d) is in violation of this section and is subject to penalties pursuant to subsection (f).

(c) *Declaration of chronic nuisance property and procedure.*

- (1) The chief of police may declare that a property is a chronic nuisance property, as defined in this section. The chief of police will provide written notice of this declaration to the person in charge of the property. The notice shall be sent by first-class mail or personally served, and a copy shall be sent by certified mail. The notice will contain the following:
  - a. The street address or a legal description sufficient for identification of the property; and
  - b. A declaration that the chief of police has determined the property has become a chronic nuisance property with a concise description of the nuisance activities that exist or that have occurred; and

- c. A notice that the persons in charge of the property are subject to monetary penalties as set forth in subsection (f); and
  - d. A demand that the owner and other persons in charge respond to the chief of police within seven (7) days of service of the notice to discuss a course of action to correct the nuisance; and
  - e. A notice that, if the person in charge does not respond to the chief of police as required in this section, or if the matter is not voluntarily corrected to the satisfaction of the chief of police, the city may file an action to abate the property as a chronic nuisance property pursuant to subsection (g) and/or take other action against the property or person in charge.
- (2) When a notice is issued pursuant to this section to a person in charge, other than an owner or an owner's agent, who has permitted a property to become a chronic nuisance property, a copy of such notice shall also be sent by first-class mail or personally served on the owner of the property, and a copy shall be sent by certified mail.
  - (3) If the owner or person in charge responds as required by the notice and agrees to a course of action to abate the nuisance activities, a written correction agreement conforming to the requirements of subsection (e) shall be executed.
  - (4) If the agreed course of action does not result in the abatement of nuisance activities to the satisfaction of the chief of police within thirty (30) days of issuance of the notice, or within such longer period as permitted by the chief of police in writing or the person in charge fails to respond as required by the notice, the chief of police may refer the matter to the city solicitor's office for initiation of proceedings pursuant to subsection (g).
- (d) *Owner cooperation.* An owner who receives a copy of a notice pursuant to subsection (c) shall promptly take all reasonable steps requested in writing by the chief of police to assist in abatement of the nuisance property. Such reasonable steps may include the owner taking all acts and pursuing all remedies, including pursuing eviction of the person in charge, that are (1) available to the owner pursuant to any lease or other agreement, and (2) consistent with state and local laws.
  - (e) *Corrections agreement.* A correction agreement is a contract between the City of Providence and the owner and/or person in charge of the chronic nuisance property in which the owner and/or person in charge agree(s) to promptly take all lawful and reasonable actions, which shall be set forth in the agreement to abate the nuisance activities within a specified time and according to specified conditions. The agreement will be signed by the person in charge and, if different, the owner. The agreement will include the following:
    - (1) The name and address of the owner and/or person in charge of the property;
    - (2) The street address or a description sufficient for identification of the property, building, structure, or land upon or within which the nuisance is occurring;
    - (3) A description of the nuisance activities;
    - (4) The necessary corrective action to be taken, and a date or time by which correction must be completed;
    - (5) An agreement by the owner and/or person in charge that the city may inspect the property as may be necessary to determine compliance with the correction agreement;

- (6) An agreement by the owner and/or person in charge that the city may abate the nuisance and recover its costs and expenses and monetary penalties pursuant to this section from the person in charge for the nuisance if the terms of the correction agreement are not met; and
- (7) When a person in charge, other than an owner or an owner's agent, has permitted a property to be a chronic nuisance property, an agreement by the owner to promptly take all acts and pursue all remedies requested by the chief of police pursuant to subsection (d).
- (f) *Fines.* Except as provided in this section, in addition to any other sanction or remedial procedure that may be available, from the time that notice is issued pursuant to subsection (c)(1), the person in charge will be subject to a penalty for the violation of this section of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each and every day subsequent to the notice issued pursuant to subsection (c)(1) will constitute a new violation of this section until the chief of police confirms that the property is no longer a chronic nuisance. If the agreed course of action results in the abatement of nuisance activities to the satisfaction of the chief of police within thirty (30) days of the notice issued pursuant to subsection (c)(1), or such longer period allowed by the chief of police pursuant to subsection (c)(4), the matter will not be referred to the city solicitor's office and the person in charge will not be subject to any penalty pursuant to this section. An owner who fails to comply with subsection (d) is subject to a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). All parties found to be in violation of this section shall be jointly and severally liable for all monetary penalties and/or fines. Proceeds from these fines shall be deposited in a restricted receipts account designated for nuisance abatement in the city.
- (g) *Enforcement.* Upon referral pursuant to subsection (c), the city solicitor may initiate an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to abate a chronic nuisance property, to impose penalties pursuant to this section, to seek alternative remedies under city or state laws and seek any other relief authorized by law.
- (h) *Burden of proof.* In an action against a person in charge to abate a chronic nuisance property or to recover penalties authorized by this section, the city will have the burden of proof to show by a preponderance of the evidence that the property is a chronic nuisance property pursuant to this section. In an action against an owner or person in charge to recover penalties authorized by subsection (f), the city will have the additional burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the owner failed to comply with subsection (d). Copies of police incident reports and reports of other city departments documenting nuisance activities shall be admissible in such actions. Additionally, evidence of a property's general reputation and the reputation of persons residing in or frequenting the property shall be admissible in such actions.
- (i) *Remedies.* If the court determines a property is a chronic nuisance property pursuant to this section, the court will order the person in charge to immediately abate nuisance activity from occurring on the property. The order may include damages as provided in this section and may include any of the following: Any order that will reasonably abate nuisance activities from occurring on the property, including authorizing the city to take action to abate nuisance activities from occurring upon the property if other court orders are not complied with or do not abate nuisance activity on the property and providing that the costs of such city action are to be paid for by the person in charge of the property; ordering the owner to make reasonable expenditures upon the property, including the installation of secure locks, hiring private security personnel, increasing lighting in common areas, and

using videotaped surveillance of the property and adjacent alleys, sidewalks, or parking lots; ordering all rental income from the property to be placed in an escrow account with the court for up to ninety (90) days or until the chronic nuisance is abated; ordering the property transferred to a receiver, to be appointed by the court, who will be empowered to use the rental income to make reasonable expenditures related to the property in order to abate the chronic nuisance; ordering the property vacated, sealed, or demolished; ordering that the chief of police shall have the right to inspect the property to determine if the court's orders have been complied with; or any other appropriate remedy. The following damages may be included in order to effectuate the equitable remedy of abatement. A penalty for the violation of this section of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each and every day subsequent to the notice issued pursuant to subsection (c)(1) until the chief of police confirms that the property is no longer a chronic nuisance. If the court finds that an owner failed to take all reasonable steps requested in writing pursuant to subsection (d), the court may impose a civil penalty up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Assessment of reasonable attorney fees and costs to the City of Providence.

- (j) *Additional remedies.* In addition to the remedies authorized by subsection (i), if, as part of its order abating a chronic nuisance property, the court orders a person in charge to cease renting or leasing a property, the court may order the person in charge to pay relocation assistance not to exceed three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,300.00) to any tenant (1) who must relocate because of the order of abatement, and (2) the court finds not to have caused or participated in nuisance activities at the property.
- (k) *Suspension of business license.* In addition to any other remedy that is authorized by this section or other laws, upon the finding by a court that a property is a chronic nuisance property pursuant to this article, the person in charge is subject to the suspension or revocation of a business license or other license at such property issued by the City of Providence.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,  
COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, VARGAS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND  
VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled “Offenses And Miscellaneous Provisions”, Amending Section 16-128 Entitled “Appeals”.

**Section 1.** Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions” is hereby amended as follows:

## **Section 16-128. Appeals**

(a) *Appeals process.* Assessments of civil penalty(ies) and other enforcement decisions made under this ordinance may be appealed by filing a written notice of appeal with the Providence Police Department within thirty (30) days after the date of notification of the assessment of civil penalty(ies) or other enforcement decision. The failure to give notice of appeal within this time period shall constitute a waiver of the right to contest the assessment of penalty(ies) or other enforcement decision. Appeals shall be heard through an administrative process established the Municipal Court.

(b) *Appeal standard.* The Municipal Court shall review an appeal from the assessment of civil penalty(ies) or other enforcement decisions using a preponderance of the evidence standard. Notwithstanding a determination that the preponderance of the evidence supports the assessment of civil penalty(ies) or other enforcement decision, the Municipal Court shall have the discretion to dismiss or reduce civil penalty(ies) or reverse any other enforcement decision where warranted.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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## **COUNCILORS ROIAS, ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, VARGAS AND COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Providence Code of Ordinances “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” Section 23-171 “Reserved” to add Section 23-171 “Temporary Parking Areas During Winter Storms and Other Emergencies”.

**Section 1.** Chapter 23, “STREETS, SIDEWALKS and PUBLIC PLACES” Section 23-171 “RESERVED” is hereby amended as follows:

Section 23-171– Temporary parking areas during winter storms and other emergencies.

(a) Designated areas: The Director of the Department of Public Works in collaboration with the City Council shall designate parking areas as temporary parking areas for overnight parking permit holders during citywide parking bans caused by winter storms and other emergencies.

- 1) Temporary parking areas designated by the Department of Public Works shall include, but are not limited to:
  - a. City parks;
  - b. Existing City owned lots;
  - c. Designated streets.

- (b) Promulgated rules: The Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of Public Property, and the Director of Recreation, or designee, shall promulgate written rules regarding the application and enforcement of this section.
- (c) Notice to public: The Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of Public Property, and the Director of Recreation, or designee, shall publish the written rules and list of temporary parking areas citywide on the Department of Public Works and/or the City of Providence website.
- 1) At least seven (7) temporary parking areas shall be made available and published on the Department of Public works/and or the City of Providence website by March 1, 2025.
  - 2) At least ten (10) temporary parking areas shall be made available and published on the Department of Public Works/and or the City of Providence website by December 1, 2025.
  - 3) An updated list of temporary parking areas shall be published annually by the first day of December.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, Article XII, “Weight Limits”, Sec. 15-142 of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

Section 1. Chapter 15, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, Article XII, “Weight Limits,” Sec. 15-142 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XII.- WEIGHT LIMITS**

Sec. 15-142. Weight of trucks on certain streets.

- (1) Definitions.
  - a. “Truck” means every vehicle falling within any definition in Rhode Island General Laws §§ 31-1-4 and 31-1-5.
  - b. “Weight” means gross vehicle weight.
- (2) *Weight limits.* Trucks exceeding the listed weight are prohibited from operating on the following streets between the listed extents:

<b>Street</b>	<b>Extents of Weight Limit</b>	<b>Weight Limit</b>
Angell Street	Benefit Street to Wayland Avenue	15 tons
South Angell Street	Wayland Avenue to Butler Avenue	15 tons
Waterman Street	Benefit Street to Butler Avenue	15 tons
Gano Street	Angell Street to Trenton Street	15 tons
Medway Street	Butler Avenue to Gano Street	15 tons
Butler Avenue	Angell Street to South Angell Street	15 tons
Butler Avenue	Waterman Street to Pitman Street	15 tons
Pleasant Valley Parkway	Oakland Avenue to Academy Avenue	15 tons

(3) This section shall not apply to:

- a) Vehicles that are statutorily exempt under R.I.G.L. § 31-25-2;
  - b) School buses, as defined by R.I.G.L. § 31-1-3(aa);
  - c) Vehicles designed and used for the hauling of refuse when hauling refuse;
  - d) Vehicles whose origin or destination abuts the restricted roadway; and
  - e) Vehicles performing maintenance, utility work, cleaning, snow removal, or de-icing in, on, above, and along the restricted roadway.
- f) Vehicles owned and operated by the State of Rhode Island and City of Providence or vendors contracted by the State of Rhode Island and the City of Providence and being used as a vendor at the time they are traveling on the restricted roadway.

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

An Ordinance in Amendment of Article XXIII of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled: “Capital Center,” to Repeal the Establishment of The Capital Center Commission.

SECTION 1. Sections 2-361, 2-362, 2-363, 2-364, and 2-365 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled “Capital Center,” are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2-361. Purposes.

~~It has been determined that there exists within the City of Providence railroad and former railroad properties including the Union Station complex and adjacent lands thereto which are the subject of a railroad relocation project involving the coordination of federal, state, local and private action and which areas are in or contiguous to urban areas of the City of Providence of historical, aesthetic, social, cultural and economic importance which are hereby declared to be important public assets. It has also been determined that there is a need to design the development of such areas for the purposes of preserving for the citizens of Providence and the general public the important historical and aesthetic features of such areas, promoting of commercial and economic development and the attractiveness of our city for appropriate business, industrial and tourist trade resources and investment, and developing of an attractive environment that fosters the social welfare and health of the public and is harmonious with the social, historic and cultural environment that exists in the City of Providence, and the coordinating of the federal, state, local and private action that influences said railroad relocation project.~~

~~It is hereby declared to be an important public goal of the City of Providence to govern in a comprehensive and coordinated manner the development of such areas, including, implementation of special land use controls, proper urban planning, developmental tools and the implementation and administration of the plan of development which sets forth design and development criteria regulation and enforcement procedures.~~

~~Finally, it is recognized that the State of Rhode Island has declared it a public purpose and policy of this state to encourage appropriate, comprehensive and coordinated development of railroad and former railroad properties and adjacent lands that are or may be the subject of railroad relocation projects and specifically has authorized creation of special development districts in each of the cities of the state and the creation of special development district~~

commissions to adopt, implement, and administer plans of development that establish and enforce design development criteria and regulations for the development of such areas.

Sec. 2-362. Description of the special development district.

In accordance with the procedures established herein, the following described area which is part of or contiguous with a railroad or former railroad property and adjacent lands thereto shall be established, designated, laid out defined as the Capital Center Special Development District:

The Capital Center Special Development District is that tract of land generally bounded by Gaspee Street, Smith Street, Canal Street, West Exchange Street and Interstate Route 95 but is more particularly described in that certain document entitled "Capital Center Project, Providence, Rhode Island" prepared for the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Washington, D.C., dated July 1980, attached hereto [but not reproduced herein] as Exhibit A.

Sec. 2-363. Public hearings prior to designation of special development district and amendment of boundaries.

There shall be a public hearing by the committee on urban redevelopment, renewal and planning to investigate and make recommendations to the city council concerning the proposed Capital Center Special Development District. All interested persons shall be given opportunity to be heard at such public hearing. The city clerk is hereby instructed to give written notice of said hearing by registered or certified mail, at least seven (7) days before date of said hearing, to all owners of any real property within two hundred (200) feet of the perimeter of the proposed Capital Center Special Development District as described herein and also to give notice, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within this city at least once each week for three (3) successive weeks prior to the date of such hearing. Such newspaper notice containing a description of the proposed Capital Center Special Development District shall be inserted once in

~~its entirety and thereafter a weekly formal legal notice shall be inserted stating that a public hearing will be held, specifying the time and place of such hearing and all such weekly formal notices shall include reference to said original advertisement which gave the full description. Written notice of such public hearing shall similarly contain a description of the proposed Capital Center Special Development District.~~

~~The boundaries of the proposed Capital Center Special Development District which are established, designated, laid out and defined according to provisions of this section may be amended only in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section.~~

~~Sec. 2-364. Designation of Capital Center Commission.~~

~~The Capital Center Commission, a commission constituted and established as a public corporation by the General Assembly, in the State of Rhode Island, is hereby designated as Capital Center Special Development District Commission for the Capital Center Special Development District. It shall adopt, implement and administer a plan of development for the Capital Center Special Development District. Said Capital Center Commission is hereby designated a public agency of the City of Providence and shall have all of the powers, rights, duties, obligations specified in Title 45, Chapter 24.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended.~~

~~Sec. 2-365. Jurisdiction of zoning board of review.~~

~~All ordinances, rules, regulations and any part thereof that are in conflict with this article are hereby repealed: provided, that nothing herein shall be deemed to impair, amend, repeal or otherwise supersede the jurisdiction of the zoning board of review in the area designated Capital Center Special Development District pursuant to this article.~~

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect only upon passage and enactment by the General Assembly of state legislation similarly repealing the public law that established the Capital Center Commission; provided, however, if that already has occurred, this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 “Administration,” and Chapter 21 “Revenue and Finance”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence”.

*WHEREAS*, the conducting of tax sales by municipalities facilitates a process arduous to navigate for those whose tax arrearages have been sold and lack sufficient means to repay them; and

*WHEREAS*, tax sales generally have been condemned as a means of dispossession, particularly to elderly, impoverished, and nonwhite homeowners; and

*WHEREAS*, the emergence of multinational investors as bidders in tax sales has compounded the deleterious effects of the practice; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Providence seeks to ameliorate abiding concerns as to the disposition of tax arrearages and the properties associated therewith for which the right of redemption has been foreclosed; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Providence City Council hereby enacts an ordinance restrict the mass sale of tax titles to ensure public notice and appropriate involvement in the tax sales conducted by the City of Providence.

*Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

Section 1. Sections 73 and 74 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-73. Redemption of land sold for nonpayment of taxes.

*(a) General provisions.*

- a. The city treasurer is authorized upon payment to him of the sums provided for in Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, to execute for and in the name and behalf of the city a quitclaim deed which has the prior approval of the city solicitor, conveying to the party of interest entitled to redeem said property all the right title and interest of the city, provided that the treasurer not convey right title and interest resultant of the payment of sums for more than ten (10) properties to any one person at any one time.

Sec. 2-74. Assignment of tax title.

*(b) General provisions.*

- a. The city treasurer is authorized upon payment to him of the sums provided for in Chapter 9 of Title 44 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island to assign tax title to any person and may execute and deliver on behalf of the town any instrument necessary therefor, provided that the treasurer not assign tax title resultant of the payment of for more than ten (10) properties to any one person at any one time.

Chapter 21, Section 53 of Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 21-53. Regulation of assignments or sale of tax titles in bulk by the collector.

*(c) General provisions.*

(1) The collector may offer, assign and transfer the tax titles, individually or in bulk, with other tax titles, either by public auction to the highest bidder or by direct sale, provided:

- a. that no more than ten (10) titles be transferred to any one purchaser registered at any one address at any one sale; and
- b. that the minimum sum paid for the assignment is not less than the total amount necessary for the redemption of each individual tax title assigned or at a rate which may be discounted to reflect uncollectable factors.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 5 through 10 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote , Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN Moves to makes a motion to Amend Section 23-171, item (a) under Designated Areas, to amend that item (a) saying the Director of the Department of Public Works in collaboration with the City Council, Seconded by COUNCILOR ROIAS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT Moves for a Roll Call Vote on items 5 through 10 with item 7, As Amended.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

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

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## **PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE**

### **COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCILMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of The Code of Ordinances, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property Located on Assessor's Plat 110, Lot 249 (83 Ethan Street) from R3 to C2.

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

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 11, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 11 to the Committee on Ordinances.**

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

### **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)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Jones Moving & Storage (Department of Parks)	\$21,000.00
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Change Order #2 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

Maron Construction (Department of Public Property)	\$98,010.00
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Dimeo Construction Company (Department of Public Property)	\$35,558.75
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Studio Jaed (Department of Public Property)	\$378,527.25
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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with the recommendation made by the Special Commission for the Study of Providence’s Waste Management Services.

Waste Management of Rhode Island  
(Department of Public Works)

\$57,689,520.00

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

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 12 through 16, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 12 through 16 to the Committee on Finance.**

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Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2025 S-0756 and its Companion Bill, An Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Licenses.

***WHEREAS***, The Classic Cafe, located at 865 Westminster Street in Providence, is a treasured restaurant and deeply woven into the urban fabric in Federal Hill; and

***WHEREAS***, Its owners seek to serve alcoholic beverages in accompaniment of the diner-style favorites enjoyed by many; and

***WHEREAS***, The premises are within 200 feet from the premises of multiple schools, causing the Classic Café to accordingly seek an exemption from the statutory restriction of the Rhode Island General Laws on licensed establishments serving alcoholic beverages within 200 feet of the premises of a school; and

***WHEREAS***, S-0756 and its House Companion Bill would amend Rhode Island General Law Title 3, Chapter 7, Section 19, “Retail Licenses”, to specify an exemption for the Classic Cafe from the aforementioned restriction in furtherance of a BV beverage license.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of S-0756 and its House Companion Bill and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to sponsors Senators Bell and Mack, Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggiero, and the remaining members of the Providence delegation in expression of the support of the Council for S-0756 and its House Companion Bill.

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

Resolution Honoring the Victims of the Jet Set Nightclub Tragedy in Santo Domingo, DR and Standing in Solidarity with Providence’s Dominican Community.

*WHEREAS*, The City of Providence is home to one of the largest and most vibrant Dominican communities in the United States, a community whose culture, labor, and leadership are woven into the fabric of our neighborhoods and institutions; and

*WHEREAS*, On April 8, 2025, we were shocked and saddened to learn of the collapse of the roof at the Jet Set nightclub in Santo Domingo, resulting in the loss of at least 221 lives, and countless others left injured and grieving; and

*WHEREAS*, This tragedy has been felt deeply here in Providence, where so many families have strong and lasting ties to the Dominican Republic, and where the distance between countries feels especially small in moments like this; and

*WHEREAS*, As our City mourns, we are reminded that the grief felt in Santo Domingo is shared here, in every home, every church, and every place where the Dominican community has made its mark in Providence; and

*WHEREAS*, This moment is especially painful for many Dominican residents of our city, who are not only mourning, but supporting loved ones across borders, showing once again the strength and closeness of our community; and

*WHEREAS*, Providence is stronger because of the Dominican people who live here, work here, raise families here, and lead here, and as a city, we recognize and honor the depth of this loss.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the City Council of Providence extends its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of all those who lost their lives in this tragedy, and to the people of the Dominican Republic; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That the Council reaffirms its commitment to the Dominican people of Providence, and pledges its continued support in mourning, in healing, and in solidarity.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 17 and 18 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman**

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

**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) and (2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Federal Hill Commerce Association \$750,000.00  
(Department of Planning & 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) and (2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Federal Hill Commerce Association \$750,000.00  
(Department of Planning & Development)

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

Safety Markings, LLC \$100,966.53  
(Department of Public Works)

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

Safety Markings, LLC \$100,966.53  
(Department of Public Works)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Option Year 1 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(5) of the Code of Ordinances.

K-5 Corporation and Safety Markings, LLC \$200,000.00  
(Department of Public Works)

**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Option Year 1 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(5) of the Code of Ordinances.

K-5 Corporation and Safety Markings, LLC \$200,000.00  
(Department of Public Works)

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 19 through 21, 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 Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**AT EASE**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Moves to stand at ease at 6:41 o'clock P.M. and reconvenes at 6:53 o'clock P.M.**

**RECONVENTION**

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

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 19, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 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 **Rachael Dotson**, of 230 Calla Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a Real Estate, Development or Finance category member of the **City Plan Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2030, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. (Ms. Dotson replaces Mr. Sherry whose term expired on January 31, 2025).

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 22 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives and Approves item 22.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

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**Transmits the Following Without Recommendation:**

Communication from Lawrence J. Mancini, Chief Financial Officer, Sara Silveria, Finance Director and Krystle D. Lindberg, Deputy Finance Director and Budget Officer, dated September 12, 2024, submitting the 5-Year Budget Projections with the revenue and expenditure projections for fiscal years 2026 through 2030, pursuant to Ordinance Chapter 2011-22, No. 388.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 23, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives item 23.**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES, Chairman**

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, VARGAS,  
GRAVES AND HARRIS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5223 and Senate Bill S-538, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - The Rhode Island Civil Rights Enforcement Act.

*WHEREAS*, Rhode Islander's civil rights and liberties must be consistently upheld and protected by their state and local governments; and

*WHEREAS*, The Constitution and laws of this state guarantee a broad spectrum of rights and freedoms, including the right to privacy in defending reproductive freedom and same-sex marriage, freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, the right to organize and protest, and freedom of speech and expression; and

*WHEREAS*, While the Constitution and laws of this state enumerate these essential liberties, the legitimacy of these freedoms is only as strong as the mechanisms that enforce them; and

*WHEREAS*, Currently, there are no formal mechanisms to ensure the enforcement of these rights, leaving individuals vulnerable to violations without recourse; and

*WHEREAS*, Additionally, federal statutes enforcing civil rights do not apply to state or federal government conduct, further limiting remedies for individuals harmed by the State; and

*WHEREAS*, To address these gaps in enforcement and safeguard against potential Congressional actions that could undermine constitutional rights, Rhode Island House Bill 5223 establishes legal remedies for individuals unjustly deprived of their state created rights due to actions by the State or federal government or their political subdivisions; and

*WHEREAS*, H-5223 and S-538 are essential to strengthening the protection of Rhode Islanders' rights under the State Constitution, and the Providence City Council strongly supports all efforts to uphold these rights for every individual; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council strongly supports the passage of H-5223 and S-538, and urges the General Assembly to enact this legislation promptly to safeguard the constitutional rights of its constituents; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Representative Craven and Senator Euer, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, the members of the Providence Delegation, and to the office of Governor McKee to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5223.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES,  
COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS AND PETERSON**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5457 and its Senate Companion Bill, An Act Relating to Public Records - Access to Public Records.

*WHEREAS*, RIGL §38-2-4 establishes costs for copies of public records requests; and  
*WHEREAS*, Representative Samuel Azzinaro and Representative Brian Kennedy have introduced to the Rhode Island House of Representatives H 5457 to amend the above cited general law to:

1. Increase the hourly costs for a search or retrieval of documents from fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour to twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) per hour and no costs shall be charged for the first hour of a search or retrieval, and
2. Require any person requesting a document under §38-2-2 shall pay any outstanding balance owed for prior records requests before a new request will be processed.

*WHEREAS*, The Providence City Council wishes to express support for H-5457 because of the time and research involved for a search and retrieval of requested documents and for requests that remain unpaid and unclaimed.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REOLVED*, That the Providence City Council urges the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, the Rhode Island State Senate and Governor Daniel J. McKee to pass and enact into law H-5457 and Senate companion bill; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Daniel J. McKee, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House for the State of Rhode Island, and the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Rhode Island Senate.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, VARGAS,  
GRAVES AND HARRIS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5161 and its Senate Companion Bill, Joint Resolution Creating a Special Joint Legislative Commission to Study Public Ownership of Public Utilities.

*WHEREAS*, Providence residents and Rhode Islanders generally pay the second-highest rate per kilowatt-hour of electricity in the nation; and

*WHEREAS*, Rhode Island Energy, the current energy supplier for most Rhode Islanders, has sought the highest increases allowable under state law and regulation despite reasoned and impassioned pleas by both elected officials and citizens alike; and

*WHEREAS*, Every meaningful option to reduce the energy costs paid by individuals and families in Rhode Island should be considered earnestly; and

*WHEREAS*, A publicly-owned utility would provide meaningful accountability and affordable energy to a state in clear need of both amid the disruptions of the climate emergency and the profiteering of privately-owned utility providers.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5161 and its Senate Companion Bill and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation on behalf of all Rhode Islanders; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsor Representative Cotter, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5161 and its Senate Companion.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, VARGAS AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5200 and Senate Bill S-0673, An Act Relating to Education - Rhode Island Early Educator Workforce Act.

***WHEREAS***, Early childhood education covers vital years of a child’s intellectual and social development; and

***WHEREAS***, Both aspirant and veteran early childhood educators are disincentivized to persist in the field by low wages incommensurate to their importance; and

***WHEREAS***, H-5200 and its Senate companion S-673 would increase not only access to infant and toddler early care and education but also the pay of the educators and specialists necessary to that care; and

***WHEREAS***, The Providence City Council wishes to its gratitude to those members responsible for introducing this bill.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5200 and S-673 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this foundational legislation; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Representative Donovan and Senator Urso, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5200 and S-673.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON, GRAVES AND HARRIS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5321 and its Senate Companion Bill , An Act Relating to Human Services - Rhode Island Child Care For All Act.

*WHEREAS*, Insufficient access to affordable child care impairs the socioeconomic mobility of parents, especially mothers, and their children; and

*WHEREAS*, Rhode Island families are presently paying an unconscionable twenty-three percent of their household income for childcare on average, reducing their capacity to save and to plan for contingencies; and

*WHEREAS*, H-5321 would expand childcare to more Rhode Island families while limiting costs to a maximum of seven percent of household income to ensure meaningful access for all, including Providence residents; and

*WHEREAS*, The Providence City Council wishes to its gratitude to those members responsible for introducing this bill.

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5321 and its Senate Companion bill and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this crucial legislation; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsor Representative Cruz, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5321 and its Senate Companion.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON,  
COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS AND VARGAS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5436 and Senate Companion Bill S-359, An Act Relating to Criminal Offenses - Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025.

*WHEREAS*, The people of Providence have been particularly affected by gun violence; and

*WHEREAS*, Assault weapons exceed the bounds of personal defense and are increasingly favored by those seeking to wreak horrific violence; and

*WHEREAS*, A ban on assault weapons would further enhance recent enacted legislation, including the large capacity magazine ban, in effecting reductions in gun violence; and

*WHEREAS*, The members of the Providence City Council are deeply grateful to Governor Daniel J. McKee, Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos, Secretary of State Greg Amore, Attorney General Peter Neronha, and General Treasurer James Diossa for their unity and leadership in this effort to ensure a safer Rhode Island.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5436 and its Senate Companion Bill S-359 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation and to protect all Rhode Islanders; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsor Representative Knight, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5436 and its Senate Companion S-359.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2025 S-0092 and House Companion Bill, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles - Rideshare or Transportation Network Company Vehicle Surcharge.

***WHEREAS***, Rideshare firms and the trips they originate strain municipal street infrastructure that must be repaired and maintained largely by municipalities; and

***WHEREAS***, Rhode Islanders need and deserve a more coordinated, expansive, and modern transit system; and

***WHEREAS***, Climate, economic, and fiscal concerns converge on the issues of supporting public street and transit infrastructure; and

***WHEREAS***, The addition of a modest fee to rideshare trips would provide funds to both municipalities seeking to improve their street infrastructure and to the state in support of the Master Plan.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of S-0092 and its House Companion Bill strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation on behalf of all Rhode Island renters; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsor Senator Kallman, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for S-0092 and its House Companion.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2025 S-0117 and House Companion Bill H-5463, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Office of Health and Human Services.

*WHEREAS*, With some 95,816 Providence residents among the 305,816 Rhode Islanders receiving Medicaid coverage as of November 2024, Medicaid is an uncommonly vital program for Rhode Islanders; and

*WHEREAS*, Both the managed care organizations contracted by the State of Rhode Island to provide economical Medicaid coverage and the pharmacy benefit managers contracted to provide meaningful services to pharmacies have contradictorily created extractive and unaccountable enterprises burdening the poorest residents of Providence and of Rhode Island generally; and

*WHEREAS*, S-0117 and its House Companion Bill H-5463 would outline in law transparency as to facilitate reductions in drug costs while providing a superior standard of care; and

*WHEREAS*, The Providence City Council wishes to its gratitude to those members responsible for introducing this bill.

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of S-0117 and H-5463 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this crucial legislation; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Senator Ujifusa and Representative Stewart, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for S-0117 and H-5463.

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

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5029 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0125, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations - Minimum Wages.

*WHEREAS*, The living wage for single individuals with no children in the Providence-Warwick metropolitan statistical area varies among estimates of at least \$23.47 per hour to \$24.70 per hour as of February 2025; and

*WHEREAS*, Low wages bar individuals and families from affording basic needs, saving for contingencies, and seeking opportunities; and

*WHEREAS*, H-5029 and S-0125 would increase the minimum wage gradually from fifteen dollars per hour to twenty dollars per hour over five years following its effective date; and

**WHEREAS**, Such an increase would significantly increase wages for Providence residents and for all Rhode Islanders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5029 and S-0125 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Representative Bennett and Senator Burke, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggiero, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5029 and S-0125.

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### **COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5120 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0053, An Act Relating to Insurance - Benefit Determination and Utilization Review Act.

**WHEREAS**, Primary care providers are tasked with providing the most consistent and often preventative care to their patients; and

**WHEREAS**, The imposition of prior authorization requirements on necessary services related to primary care by insurance carriers represents a and an avenue for the unnecessary denial of treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, H-5120 and S-0053 would prohibit prior authorizations for any admission, service, treatment, or procedure ordered by an in-network primary care provider, allowing primary care providers to prioritize the practice of medicine and champion the best interests of their patients; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council wishes to its gratitude to those members responsible for introducing this bill.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5120 and S-0053 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Representative Potter and Senator Ujifusa, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggiero, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5120 and S-0053.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5322, An Act Relating to Education - Teachers Retirement (See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act) and House Bill 2025 H-5339, An Act Relating to Education - Certification of Teachers.

*WHEREAS*, Rhode Island public schools, including those in Providence, are facing a severe shortage of new teachers; and

*WHEREAS*, Myriad impediments prohibit many aspirant teachers from entering education as a career and a vocation; and

*WHEREAS*, It would behoove school districts to avail themselves of the experience and knowledge of retired educators, administrators, and staff as is feasible; and

*WHEREAS*, Extending the limit on the number of days retired teachers, administrators, and staff may work as substitute employers temporarily and eliminating standardized examinations in the certification process will bolster the ranks of school employees to the benefit of all the educators, students, and families of Rhode Island.

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5322 and H-5339 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation on behalf of all Rhode Islanders; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsor Representative O'Brien, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5322 and H-5339.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5390 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0258, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Department of Public Safety - Victims of Crime Trauma Informed Mobilization Act.

*WHEREAS*, Rhode Island nonprofit victim services organizations provide myriad vital services to more than 42,000 persons annually; and

*WHEREAS*, The nearly forty percent decrease in federal support for victim services in Rhode Island jeopardizes the work of victim services providers; and

*WHEREAS*, Victim services organizations support not only victims but also the communities in which they reside while reducing the likelihood of costs and consequences; and

*WHEREAS*, Providing \$30 million dollars annually in victim services grant funding would buttress the efforts of victim services providers in facilitating the dignity, healing, and reintegration of the victims of crime in Rhode Island, including those residing in Providence.

*NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5390 and S-0258 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this legislation on behalf of all Rhode Islanders; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Representative Craven and Senator LaMountain, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5390 and S-0258.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN PETERSON AND GRAVES**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5432 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0054, An Act Relating to Insurance - Insurance Coverage for Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders.

**WHEREAS**, Mental health and substance use disorders quietly scourge Rhode Island, with significant numbers of Rhode Islanders respectively experiencing some kind of mental illness or substance use disorder and not receiving treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Services for those suffering from mental health and substance use disorders are restricted by a litany of factors, including the marked reluctance of insurance carriers to eliminate administrative impediments to care; and

**WHEREAS**, H-5432 and its companion bill S-0054 would prohibit onerous preauthorization requirements for in-network mental health and substance use disorder services if enacted and would greatly ease the burden of seeking treatment for conditions responsible for immense personal, familial, community, and national suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council wishes to its gratitude to those members responsible for introducing this bill.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5432 and S-0054 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this lifesaving legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be sent to lead sponsors Representative Tanzi and Senator Ujifusa, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5432 and S-0054.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON,  
COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, (By Request):**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5741, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit.

*WHEREAS*, House Bill H-5741 would amend provisions related to the maximum project credit allowed under the Rebuild Rhode Island tax credit for certain qualified development projects.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council hereby supports and urges passage of House Bill H-5741, and its Senate Companion bill An Act relating to State Affairs And Government -- Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President and the Providence Delegation.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR  
ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Commending Housing Supply Legislation in the Rhode Island General Assembly.

*WHEREAS*, Rhode Islanders are contending with unconscionable home prices and rents amid insufficient increases in housing production; and

*WHEREAS*, The Rhode Island General Assembly has previously passed legislation to remove significant administrative, technical, and legal barriers to housing production; and

*WHEREAS*, Despite the remarkable progress being made under these new laws, more can and must be done to ensure every Rhode Islander has a home; and

*WHEREAS*, The installation of the state building code commissioner under the office of the state fire marshal, a reduction in quorum size, and an effective date 90 days following modification by the building code committee will enable timely changes in regulations; and

*WHEREAS*, The expansion of a unified electronic permitting system for state and municipal permitting, especially for zoning, building, and planning, will integrate systems to increase uniformity and ease administration; and

*WHEREAS*, Among other measures, the elimination of barriers to lot subdivisions on existing streets, the elimination of density limits commensurate with the extant affordable housing stock, and the prohibition of adaptive reuse on contaminated sites will allow the housing stock expand safely and efficiently; and

*WHEREAS*, The amendment of the definitions and approval process for low and moderate income housing to allow presubmission optional master plans, mandate comparable quality and scale, and enable density bonuses statewide will elucidate affordable housing development; and

*WHEREAS*, Public hearings and the consideration of municipal capacities in the redevelopment of state-owned properties and land for housing will encourage diligent review of state-led housing developments while not restricting their advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, The three-year exemption of newly built housing meeting a minimum affordable unit requirement from the property tax levy increase limit will incentivize municipalities to support new housing broadly and affordable housing particularly; and

**WHEREAS**, These bills will expedite the growth of the housing stock both in Providence and elsewhere in Rhode Island if enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, Providence homebuyers and renters will benefit from an increase in suitable and affordable homes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its gratitude for these important bills intended to improve housing availability and affordability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council strongly supports the introductions of H-5804, H-5803, H-5801, H-5802, and H-5793 and calls upon the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact them with all due urgency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, the Providence delegation to the General Assembly, and the lead sponsors of H-5804, H-5803, H-5801, H-5802, and H-5793.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMEN VARGAS AND GRAVES**

Resolution Supporting Transit Legislation currently before the General Assembly.

**WHEREAS**, The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, known colloquially as RIPTA, is the main public transit service serving Rhode Islanders and is facing a severe budget shortfall in the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 state budget that will undermine its capacity to provide vital passenger and paratransit service; and

**WHEREAS**, In consideration of those who depend upon public transit in Providence, the City of Providence strongly supports measures to fund and expand the services and assets of RIPTA; and

**WHEREAS**, If enacted, House Bill - 6020 and its Senate Companion Bill - 0342 will close the Fiscal Year 2026 deficit for RIPTA to avert mass layoffs and reductions in service; and

**WHEREAS**, If enacted, House Bill - 5405 and its Senate Companion Bill - 0419 will allocate state sales tax revenue generated by rideshare transactions to the RIPTA operational budget; and

**WHEREAS**, If enacted, House Bill - 5304 and its Senate Companion Bill - 0382 will require any company with five hundred or more employees to provide bus passes as a pre-tax transportation fringe benefit and as a means to support the RIPTA Wave to Work commuter benefit program; and

**WHEREAS**, If enacted, House Bill - 5470 and its Senate Companion Bill - 0446 will put before the voters of Rhode Island a bond for \$100 million to improve the capital assets of RIPTA, including funding for high capacity transit line infrastructure, bus stop improvements and safety measures, updated technologies, and other needed improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, If enacted, House Bill - 5467 and its Senate Companion Bill - 0046 will increase the share of annual gasoline tax revenue allocated to RIPTA to thirty percent of the total share; and

**WHEREAS**, If enacted, House Bill - 5468 and its Senate Companion Bill - 0047 will modify the gasoline tax to compensate for inflation every two years while taking into consideration the rate of inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill - 0092 will introduce a seventy-five cent surcharge on rideshare transaction and deposit the resulting revenue in restricted accounts for street infrastructure improvements in the originating locality and for RIPTA respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its sincere gratitude to the sponsors of these bills for their leadership in securing and improving transit access and infrastructure for all Rhode Islanders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council strongly supports the introductions of H - 6020 and its Senate Companion S - 0342, H - 5405 and its Senate Companion S - 0419, H - 5304 and its Senate Companion S - 0382, H - 5470 and its Senate Companion S - 0446, H - 5467 and its Senate Companion S - 0046, H - 5468 and its Senate Companion S - 0047, and S - 0092 and calls upon the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact them with all due urgency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, the lead sponsors of these bills, and the remaining members of the Providence delegation.

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**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
COUNCILMAN OSCAR VARGAS, Chairman**

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

**COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND GONCALVES**

Resolution Requesting to abandon portions of Richmond Street and Elm Street.

**RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:**

That the cross-hatched portions of RICHMOND STREET and ELM STREET shown on the accompanying plan entitled "Brown University-Richmond Street & Elm Street-Street Abandonment and Administrative Subdivision Plan," drawing number Sv-1, dated December 20, 2023, is abandoned as a Public Highway. Said Abandonment is specifically conditioned upon the following:

1. Petitioner shall grant any easement as may be reasonably required by any utilities with facilities in the easement area, including, but not limited to, Providence Water, Verizon, and the Narragansett Electric Company. Said easements may be acceptable to both Petitioner and the respective utility, but must include twenty-four hour access for repair, replacement, and maintenance.

2. After payment, Petitioner shall record this resolution in the Land Evidence Records of the City of Providence and then return to the City Plan Commission to complete the subdivision process.
3. Petitioner shall comply with all conditions contained herein within sixty (60) days from the date of passage, except that final City Plan Commission approval of the subdivision shall occur within one (1) year from the date of passage.
4. Such other terms and conditions as may be reflected in the record and minutes of the City Council Committee on Public Works, and/or as may be deemed appropriate by the Mayor or the Department of Law.

**ORDERED**, That the Traffic Engineer be and is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway," and it is further

**ORDERED**, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper published in the County of Providence at least once a week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which has been abandoned who is known to reside within the State.

## COUNCILMAN GONCALVES

Resolution Requesting to Abandon Geoffrey's Court.

**WHEREAS**, A Petition was submitted to this Council by Derry Street, LLC, and Admiral Properties, LLC, requesting the abandonment of the end portion of Geoffrey's Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglas Realty, LLC, and Ladder 133, LLC, have claimed ownership rights in property adjacent to the portion of Geoffrey's Court to be abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council has determined that the portion of Geoffrey's Court to be abandoned has ceased to be useful to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, The Claimants have consented to the abandonment pursuant to the agreement attached as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council takes no position on the dispute between Petitioners and Claimants.

**IT IS RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:**

That the indicated portion of GEOFFREY'S COURT shown on Street Line Section Plan #064878, dated December 11, 2023, prepared by the Department of Public Works is hereby abandoned as a Public Highway. Said abandonment is specifically conditioned upon the following:

1. Petitioner shall tender the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) to the City of Providence.
2. Petitioners shall grant any easement as may be reasonably required by Verizon as may be acceptable to both Petitioner and the respective utility.
3. After payment, Petitioner shall record this resolution in the Land Evidence Records of the City of Providence and then return to the City Plan Commission to complete the subdivision process.

4. Petitioner shall comply with all conditions contained herein within sixty (60) days from the date of passage, except that final City Plan Commission approval of the subdivision shall occur within one (1) year from the date of passage.
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**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 24 through 41 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**RESULT:** PASSED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilman Espinal  
**SECONDER:** Councilwoman Harris  
**AYES:** Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petition from Jeffrey Padwa, Esquire, Padwa Law, LLC, One Park Row, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting a Zone Change for the property located on Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 8, (16 Braman Street), from R-2 to C-2.

**RESULT:** REFERRED  
**TO:** Committee on Ordinances

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Ian Straub (25-103)

Amica Insurance

a/s/o Michael A. McGeough (25-104)

The Commerce Insurance Company

a/s/o Elizabeth Soares (25-105)

Harold Toussaint (25-106)

Madelin V. Castro Castro

(Frank L. Orabona, Jr., Esquire) (25-107)

Donna Mascio (25-108)

Paul Perreault, Sr.

(Stephen J. Antonucci, Esquire) (25-109)

Edward Cabral (25-110)

Magda Jacome (25-111)

Barbara Ortiz (25-112)

Progressive Direct Insurance Company

a/s/o Mark Gray (25-113)

Curtis Spiver (25-114)

Arthur Lariviere

(Kris R. Marotti, Esquire) (25-115)

Isaac Sarmu (25-116)

**RESULT:       REFERRED**

**TO:             Committee on Claims and Pending Suits**

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Clara Decerbo, CEM, Director, Providence Emergency Management Agency, informing the City Clerk of those employees approved and authorized to take City vehicles home, pursuant to Section 2-13 “Personal Use of City Vehicles” of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

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Communication from Brett Martins, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-22, for the property located at 45 Venice Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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Communication from Brett Martins, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-23, for the property located at 10 Venice Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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Communication from Sam Maker, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-26, for the property located at 12 Liege Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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Communication from Brett Martins, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-27, for the property located at 100 Woodward Road, Providence, Rhode Island 02904.

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Communication from Eloi Rodas, 122 Manton Avenue, Unit 611 - Box 8, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, dated April 7, 2025, submitting his resignation from the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council.

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Communication from Tina L. Mastroianni, City Clerk, dated April 11, 2025, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of January 1, 2025 to and including March 31, 2025, in a total amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars (\$1,506.00).

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Report from Jeffrey Dana, City Solicitor, dated April 4, 2025, submitting his Annual Report on Civil Suits and Legal Proceedings, pursuant to Section 2-98 of the Code of Ordinances.

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Report from Dante Bellini, City and School Controller and Acting Pension Administrator, dated April 2, 2025, submitting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

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Report from Alex Ellis, Principal Planner, Department of Planning and Development, dated April 11, 2025, submitting the Providence Safe Streets Plan.

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 42 through 53, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 42 to the Committee on Ordinances, Refers item 43 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suit and Receives items 44 through 53.**

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

“Thank you, Madam President. Before we close out, I just want to give our amazing intern from Rhode Island College, he been with us for almost a full academic year, Doug McCormack. He is a macro social worker, he’s in graduate school and he has done some amazing work behind the scenes and I wanted just to commend his work before this chamber today. Doug has had his hands in various cookies jars, he’s probably worked on some of your projects without you knowing. Primarily, he’s represented the council on the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council which Councilor Sanchez I believe he chairs, and he particularly studies the core issue of community violence intervention and studied the impact of city funds on CVI initiatives. And, he’s produced a report and I definitely want to share with you all. I think you could arrive to some compelling conclusions from this report. He would admit that it’s not complete and so whoever comes after him will take that baton and continue studying this important issue. I just want to say that Doug has been reliable, consistent, patience and he’s been a steady hand in the Council Office. And if I may ask, if we could just give him a standing ovation for his work. I know we are giving out a lot of citations and, so, I would ask that if you could join me on taking a picture and presenting a citation to him after this session concludes.”

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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:

Sebastian Rubiera, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Alston Wolo, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Dasani Ruiz, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Aiden Lopez, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Julian Escobar, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Gabriel Martinez, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Jeremie Watts-Waters, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Robinson Baldera, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Gianni Alvarez, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Adriel Alvarez, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Armani Soares, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Bradley Delos Santos, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Lucas Perez, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Johan Ayala, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Emmanuel Gomez Feliz, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Carlos Perez, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Samson Howie, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Elian Suero, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Albert Rivera Pujols, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Jayden Navarrette, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Yaniel Velasquez, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Jalon Dejesus, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Terrieon Williams, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Noah Bonilla, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

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Allegra Schell, 10U Coach, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Devante Dunn, 12U Coach, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Matt Buchanan, 14U Coach, in recognition of being a part of Team SHARK in the City of Providence 2025 Youth Basketball season at Sackett Recreation Center! Your effort is fantastic. We are proud of you!

Rikkie Maccarone, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

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Sean Kohanski, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Giuseppe Angelino, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Steven Dutra, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Raymond Fratus, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Anthony Cipriano Jr, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

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Vincent Cirelli, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Sal Solomon, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Jason Bowie, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Anthony Doddio, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Ron Rego, Department of Public Works, in recognition of being honored during National Public Works Week for your more than 20 years of hard work, commitment and dedication and for your vital contributions as Public Works professionals in building and maintaining the infrastructure that makes our communities thrive.

Jose Luis Victoria, República Dominicana, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the world of fashion and design. Your creativity, innovation, and dedication continue to inspire others and elevate the industry. We are honored to celebrate your work and your participation in the D'HIGH CLASS Human Development Agency Spring/Summer Fashion Day.

Uniko Bermudez, Puerto Rico, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the world of fashion and design. Your creativity, innovation, and dedication continue to inspire others and elevate the industry. We are honored to celebrate your work and your participation in the D'HIGH CLASS Human Development Agency Spring/Summer Fashion Day.

Qarla Quispe, Peru, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the world of fashion and design. Your creativity, innovation, and dedication continue to inspire others and elevate the industry. We are honored to celebrate your work and your participation in the D'HIGH CLASS Human Development Agency Spring/Summer Fashion Day.

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Frank Ankoma, COPAMENSWEAR, USA, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the world of fashion and design. Your creativity, innovation, and dedication continue to inspire others and elevate the industry. We are honored to celebrate your work and your participation in the D'HIGH CLASS Human Development Agency Spring/Summer Fashion Day.

Alonso Maximo, Mexico, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to the world of fashion and design. Your creativity, innovation, and dedication continue to inspire others and elevate the industry. We are honored to celebrate your work and your participation in the D'HIGH CLASS Human Development Agency Spring/Summer Fashion Day.

Brian Byrnes, Deputy Superintendent, Department of Parks, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 10 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Aubrey Barrett, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Avery Brown, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Ezekiel Cole, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Emmanuel Cole, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jaedius Martinez, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Aaron Hernandez, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Rafael Hernandez, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Elijah Richardson-Barrett, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Michael Brockington Jr., Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Michael Leblanc Jr., Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Kendry Liz, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Josiah Peralta, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Ricardo Rodriguez, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 10 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Corey Brown, Head Coach, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Head Coach of the Davey Lopes Recreation Center 10 and Under Basketball Champions.

Anthony Lindsey, Assistant Coach, Davey Lopes Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Head Coach of the Davey Lopes Recreation Center 10 and Under Basketball Champions.

Charles Mitchell, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Dallas Jenkins, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Stacey Mitchell, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jason Spivey, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

DeAndro Monteiro, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Limanuel Ramirez, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Meziah Dennis, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jasyha Daniel, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Johanzen Lizardi, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jaydrian Lizardi, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jai'lon Jackson, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Marcus Fontes, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jamal Gadson, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jay'sion Brown, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Melissa Stephens-Dorsey, Coach, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Coach of the West End Recreation Center 12 and Under Basketball Champions.

Damani Metts, Coach, West End Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Coach of the West End Recreation Center 12 and Under Basketball Champions.

Tori Cooper (MVP), Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Tori Cooper (MVP), Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Liyah Cromwell, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Sanaiya Hilario, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

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Brooklyn Anokye, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Eliya White-Gray, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Naomi Kafo, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Virtuous Kafo, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Everette De Los Reyes, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 12 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Clarence Cooper, Coach, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Coach of the Vincent Brown Recreation Center 12 and Under Basketball Champions.

Clarence Cooper, Coach, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Coach of the Vincent Brown Recreation Center 14 and Under Basketball Champions.

Joshua Hilario, Coach, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Coach of the Vincent Brown Recreation Center 12 and Under Basketball Champions.

Joshua Hilario, Coach, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Coach of the Vincent Brown Recreation Center 14 and Under Basketball Champions.

Savannah Cooper, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Najah Santos, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Analys Hilario, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Rieley Perry, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Vianey Fisher, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Maurliyah Cromwell, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Yasmeri Vasquez, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Sylvestine Howard, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Michael Williams Jr., Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jadiel Williams, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Shawn Proctor (MVP), Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Brian Daily III, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Richuad Wilhelm, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Jemel Blyden, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Bruce Hall Jr., Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Qeyon Hall, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Marquise Robinson, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Tyrell Tavares, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Oliver De La Rosa, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of being the 2025 Basketball 14 and Under Providence Recreation League Champions.

Janel Blyden, Coach, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Coach of the Vincent Brown Recreation Center 14 and Under Basketball Champions.

Jakai Washington, Coach, Vincent Brown Recreation Center, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and service as Coach of the Vincent Brown Recreation Center 14 and Under Basketball Champions.

Euselandia Alacántara, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Yudy Amancio, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Rossy Carvajal, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence

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María Feo, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Gloria Fonseca, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Manuela Heredia, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Gloria Herrera, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Betty Hernández, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Marie Manzanilla, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Dayana Ortega, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

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Fabiola Romero, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Heydi Saldaña, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Mayra Santos, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Lupita Azcarías, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island! Welcome to the City of Providence!

Arelis Peña Brito, in recognition of your participation in the “Women of Faith” book and the First Christian Book Fair celebrated in Providence, Rhode Island!

Chief of Operations Joseph L. Molis, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Assistant Chief of Department.

Battalion Chief Gregory P. McGee, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Deputy Assistant Chief.

Fire Captain Craig H. Martin, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Battalion Chief.

Fire Captain Robert J. Gribbin, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Battalion Chief.

Fire Captain Joseph G. Carlson, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Battalion Chief.

Fire Captain Christopher S. Gastall, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Battalion Chief.

Fire Lieutenant Robert M. Cataldo, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Michael P. Foley, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Gregory J. Meers, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Matthew S. Mowry, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Hector M. Silvestre, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Jason R. LaSalle, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Fire Lieutenant Brian J. Leahy, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Captain.

Inspector Plan Reviewer April L. Kuzdeba, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Prevention Lieutenant.

Firefighter Jonathan M. Vieira, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Corey T. Escobar, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter John C. Tabares, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Christopher A. Cahoon, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Joseph P. Lopez, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter John E. Wheeler Jr., Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Rudy D. Pujols, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Andrew J. Bobola, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Gustavo A. Londono, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Firefighter Darwin Najera, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your promotion to Fire Lieutenant.

Chief of Operations Robert Jackson, Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 37 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Jackie Poullos, Director, Angelo Zuccolo Recreation Center, in recognition of your service and leadership for 40 years to the young people of Federal Hill and youth across the city, and for your commitment, dedication and hard work as the Director of the Zuccolo Recreation Center! Thank you!

Matthew Brown, Principal, Vartan Gregorian Elementary School, in recognition of bring the recipient of the Outstanding First Year Principal Award by the Rhode Island Association of Principals (RIASP)!

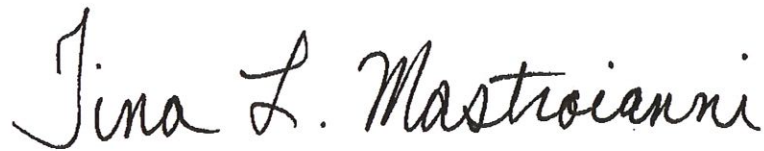
**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 54 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 15.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Dorothy "Dottie" J. McCaffrey, Fray Luis Rosario, Dr. Roseanne Vaile Camacho, Emelinda Delgado, Michael J. Santurri and Rubby Perez at 7:06 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025** 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=HpTPfHQ8LyI&t=3814s>*

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