

# 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. 4 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, February 6, 2025, 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

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**PRESIDING**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**RACHEL M. MILLER**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT: COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 11.**

**ABSENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR PICHARDO – 4.**

**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**

**COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS Moves to elect an Acting Council President for this meeting only.**

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to make a motion to elect COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS as Acting Council President for this meeting only, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT HARRIS IN THE CHAIR**

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### **INVOCATION**

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY.**

"Dear Lord, thank you for your many blessings and thank you for giving us the opportunity to represent of the residents of Providence. Please guide us during this unprecedented attack on democracy by President Trump and his administration. Please help us to provide assistance to our unhoused, our undocumented and our most vulnerable populations. Help us stand strong in the face of a Federal Administration that wants to eliminate diversity, equity and inclusion because we all know that those beliefs and practices make our city one of the best places to live in the country. We ask you to help us provide constant leadership during a time of crisis and chaos. Thank you, Dear Lord, Amen."

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### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COUNCILWOMAN SHELLEY T. PETERSON** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United State of America.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Journal of Proceedings No. 1 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 9, 2025, Journal of Proceedings No. 2 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held January 16, 2025 and Journal of Proceedings No. 3 of the Special Meeting of the City Council held January 30, 2025.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3 and Move Approval, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

### **APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 28, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Article 17, Sections 1704 and 1705 of the Zoning Ordinance and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Alan Chille**, General Manager of the Providence Performing Arts Center, of 220 Weybosset Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as an alternate member - property owner representative - of the **Downtown Design Review Committee** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 28, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Article 17, Sections 1704 and 1705 of the Zoning Ordinance and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing Architect **Rachel Hampton**, of 83 Chiswick Road, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, as an alternate member - architect - of the **Downtown Design Review Committee** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 and 5 and Receive, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT HARRIS Receives items 4 and 5.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
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## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (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.

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

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An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Agreement for 93 Cranston Street.

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### **COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, GRAVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Article III "Compensation and other Benefits", Division I "In General", Section 17-57 "Holiday Pay".

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



**RESULT:** PASSED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilman Goncalves  
**SECONDER:** Councilor Sanchez  
**AYES:** Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.  
**ABSENT:** Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

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

Bowman (formerly McMahon Associates) \$382,087.25  
(Planning and Development)

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 11, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT HARRIS Refers item 11 to the Committee on Finance.**

**RESULT:** REFERRED  
**TO:** Committee on Finance

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

Resolution Recognizing the Life-Saving Efforts of the DaVinci Center and Better Lives Rhode Island during extreme cold.

*WHEREAS*, January has brought below-freezing temperatures, classified as a polar vortex, placing unhoused residents at extreme risk; and

*WHEREAS*, Despite the three “Code Blue” warming shelters remaining open 24/7, these spaces were insufficient to meet the overwhelming demand; and

*WHEREAS*, Recognizing the urgent need for additional shelter, the DaVinci Center, under the leadership of Norma Gonzalez, selflessly opened its doors as an overnight emergency warming shelter; and

*WHEREAS*, In response, staff from Better Lives Rhode Island, under the leadership of Paula Hudson, stepped up with expertise to provide critical, specialized support to our unhoused residents for 12 hours each day the center has been open; and

*WHEREAS*, The leadership of the DaVinci Center and the dedicated efforts of Better Lives Rhode Island staff allowed the center to remain open for a critical period, giving warm shelter to as many as 50 people in a singular night and saving lives; and

*WHEREAS*, Without the compassionate, lifesaving work of the organizers at the DaVinci Center, the staff from Better Lives Rhode Island, and dozens of community volunteers, the emergency warming shelter would not have been possible.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council expresses its deep gratitude to the staff of both the DaVinci Center and Better Lives Rhode Island for their heroic contributions, which ensured the safety of Providence residents.

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

Resolution Recognizing Black History Month in the City of Providence.

*WHEREAS*, Black history is a foundational part of world history, with African civilizations pioneering advancements in art, science, governance, and culture long before the transatlantic slave trade disrupted the continent; and

*WHEREAS*, The story of Black Americans is one of resilience, innovation, and profound contributions, despite centuries of oppression, from the forced migration of enslaved Africans to the fight for civil rights and ongoing struggles for justice today; and

*WHEREAS*, Providence has long been shaped by the contributions of Black Rhode Islanders, from the soldiers of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment in the Revolutionary War to contemporary leaders in business, government, activism, and the arts; and

*WHEREAS*, The Providence City Council has recognized Black History Month in perpetuity as an opportunity to celebrate, reflect, and commit to addressing ongoing racial disparities in education, housing, healthcare, and economic opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans have served in every military conflict in U.S. history, including the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, who overcame systemic racism to protect American forces, yet their contributions are now at risk of being erased from military education; and

**WHEREAS**, Across the nation, efforts to diminish or distort Black history whether through limiting its teaching in schools or undermining the legacy of Black veterans threaten our collective understanding of the past and the progress that has been made; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month serves not only as a commemoration of past achievements but also as a call to action, ensuring that history is accurately preserved and that Black communities continue to thrive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council formally recognizes February as Black History Month, honors the contributions of Black Rhode Islanders, and reaffirms its commitment to justice, equity, and the full acknowledgment of Black history in Providence and beyond.

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**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5100, An Act Relating to Health and Safety - State Building Code - Administration and Enforcement.

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island saw its highest levels of homelessness on record in the 2024 point-in-time count mandated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and awaits the tabulation of the 2025 count fearfully; and

**WHEREAS**, Providence is among the cities with the highest concentration of unhoused residents in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Members and staff of the Providence City Council acted in the interest of human life and beyond their remit on January 7, 2025 to protect unhoused constituents amid extraordinarily frigid weather; and

**WHEREAS**, Supportive and versatile emergency, or SAVE, units for the temporary occupancy of the unhoused are lifesaving shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, The use of SAVE units in programmatic fashion has been interminably delayed by the inflexibility of the presently enacted state building, fire, and housing maintenance codes at the costs of dignity, of health, and of lives; and

**WHEREAS**, The state building, fire, and housing maintenance codes as well as the Rhode Island Zoning Enabling Act are enacted through the Rhode Island General Laws; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council believes that is well within the authority of the General Assembly to make appropriate amendments to the state fire, building, and maintenance codes while neither subverting nor eliding necessary and sound safety requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, The amendments to the state building, fire, and housing maintenance codes and the Zoning Enabling Act under found in the recently introduced H-5100 would define the necessary features, materials, and dimensions needed for SAVE units and associated accessory units to be deemed compliant with the state building, fire, and housing maintenance codes as well as the zoning allowances and circumstances for the erection of SAVE units in municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, The aforesaid amendments would allow for the erection of SAVE units without needless encumbrance; and

**WHEREAS**, These amendments are necessary for the safety of the unhoused and to remedy the abject dereliction of duty of the executive branch of the State of Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its gratitude for the introduction of vital legislation amid a tragic and shameful crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council hereby supports the passage of H-5100 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 the members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the Rhode Island Senate, and the Governor of Rhode Island to express the strong support of the Providence City Council for H-5100.

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

Resolution in support of Downtown Tree Canopy Beautification.

**WHEREAS**, As a dynamic city defined by its unique culture, creativity, and economic and educational opportunities, Providence continues to grow and evolve; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council is committed to ensuring that this growth meets the needs of residents, enhances quality of life, and promotes public spaces for civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, The Traverse Landscape Architects beautification and greenery plan commissioned by Joseph R. Paolino Jr. offers an exciting vision for a greener, more vibrant downtown Providence, with the potential to make the area more attractive and pedestrian-friendly, attract new businesses, and improve quality of life for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council appreciates and encourages the civic-minded efforts of residents who seek to improve Providence, whose dedication to enhancing public spaces reflects a shared commitment to the city’s vibrancy; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council looks forward to reviewing and taking inspiration from the commissioned plan and to working with the Mayor, the Providence Foundation, and other willing partners to explore efforts that tap into downtown’s extraordinary potential; and

**WHEREAS**, As with all efforts to enhance Providence, decisions regarding beautification are most impactful when made through civic engagement, good-faith collaboration, and a focus on the collective benefit of all residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council expresses its support for the pursuit of thoughtful and inclusive city beautification efforts and reaffirms its commitment to ensuring such initiatives align with the best interests of all Providence residents.

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

Resolution in Solidarity with Providence Residents Facing Uncertain Times.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 12 through 16 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**PERSONAL EXPRESSION**

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

“Madame President, tonight I rise in strong support of this resolution. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the staff of both the DaVinci Center and Better Lives Rhode Island who are here tonight. Two organizations that have demonstrated time and time and again what it truly means to serve our community with heart, dedication and an unshakable commitment to those who need them most. For over 50 years the Davinci Center has been the backbone of the North End. They’ve fed families and seniors and built an institution that people actually trust, and now under Norma Gonzalez’s leadership they’re not just carrying on that legacy they’re rewriting it. When the temperature dropped and people were on the verge of freezing to death in our city Norma did not hesitate, she opened the DaVinci doors not because it was easy, not because they had extra resources but because it was the right thing to do. That kind of leadership doesn’t just happen Madame President, it comes from a deep-rooted love for community and it is nothing short of inspiring, but opening the doors was only the first step. Running a warming center, providing care and meeting people where they are takes a special kind of expertise and that’s where Better Lives Rhode Island stepped in. Now, I’ve had the privilege of working alongside Better Lives Rhode Island and I could tell you firsthand they may be small but they are mighty. I first met their team when my neighborhood was navigating two large encampments and I needed

to better understand the complex realities of homelessness. It was Better Lives Rhode Island that helped me do that. I saw them in action, I saw how they worked with our unhoused neighbors the way that few providers could, they had the best rapport with our unhoused client's hands down. I watched how folks and the encampments interacted differently with other providers. Sometimes with hesitation, sometimes with mistrust, but when Better Lives Rhode Island showed up it was different, there was trust, there was dignity and there was a real connection. So, it's no surprise that when DaVinci Center stepped up to open up a warming shelter, Better Lives Rhode Island was there too, working 12 hour shifts every single day to provide critical support. Their presence, their expertise and their deep relationships with the unhoused community saved lives and that brings me to my final point colleagues. Saying thanks isn't enough, the best way we could show our gratitude to these amazing organizations, it is not just with words but with actions. These organizations have proven time and time again, when what they can do with the smallest of resources, imagine what they could do if they were adequately funded. As a city we must ensure that these organizations are not just recognized for their incredible work but supported, so they don't have to keep making miracles out of scarcity. But tonight, I urge all of us not to not just to support their work but to commit to ensuring they have the resources they need to continue, because when we invest in organizations like these we invest in Providence where no one is left behind. And with that Madame President, I ask my colleagues to join me in a round of applause for the DaVinci Center, Better Lives Rhode Island and every staff member and volunteer who made this life-saving effort possible. Thank you."

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

"I wanted to say that I appreciate that you are the Acting President to preside over the words I'm about to say, as a woman of color and as a woman who has represented her community and advocated for black and brown as much as you have I appreciate that I get to say these words in front of you. So, council colleagues, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to talk quickly about the current situations many of our constituents are facing, regardless of what we believe or how indirectly the changes at the federal level are affecting us. Every single one of us has residents who are deeply affected and concerned about what their future holds over the next four years. The very fabric of who we are as a society, how we treat one another, the recognition of our diversity in our neighborhoods, the differences in our communities, those are what make our city cultivate and maintain its richness and culture, they are really the cornerstones of our progress. This inclusivity of thought, the recognition of these cultures that have contributed to the fabric of the city that's DEI, the parade that is celebrated on Smith Street for St. Patrick's Day, Columbus Day celebration and Indigenous People's Day celebration on Federal Hill that's also DEI. How, do you ask? Because for both populations it was about taking pride, in spite of the persecution faced. The celebrations on Broad Street and at Roger Williams Park in the summer celebrating Dominican and Puerto Rican Pride, those are all forms of demonstrating DEI. In the workplace DEI is a simple as creating systems to create equity, to recognize that in order to thrive and have a healthy and quality workplace you need to recognize each other's differences as assets and find ways to make them work for the team that you've built. Currently, our neighbors who contribute so much to their employers are faced with answering how do they move their companies forward, their organizations, their businesses, with the simple idea of inclusivity being questioned. It feels like we've come so far in advancing equity to then take ten steps back all because some people believe it's part of a "woke agenda", all it is, is recognition

and fairness. At its core not having diversity, equity or inclusion can make us lose the very essence of fairness in our society. Consider this, when DEI initiatives are weakened or eliminated there's a direct impact on Federal funding for community programs. Many organizations that rely on federal funding to serve these communities including education, health care, job training, social services, when this funding disappears it's the most vulnerable people, the people that we represent, those are the ones that rely on our services, those are the ones who are hurt. It's our children in our underfunded schools, those abstract concepts, these aren't, excuse me abstract concepts, these are people in our neighborhoods, our families and every one of our fifteen communities. Our neighbors are scrambling to try and support their stakeholders and what the future, the near future looks like for them as well. I do want to move on to something that's extremely personal to me and I believe in using the power of expression on the chamber floors to talk about it. I've watched my friends in their proud advocacy for our fight, for our undocumented community members. Our allies have told us that the best way to help is to not shine light on the issue, and I trust that my community is doing what they need to always protect our most vulnerable. The process of becoming a legal resident in the U.S. is long and complicated and the goalpost keeps getting changed, so that your time and your investment to be legal in this country is consistently compromised, for those that don't support a pathway to legal residency in this country please understand that the rhetoric surrounding immigration is completely misguided. The truth is that the process is long, complex and even fraught with consistent challenges, too often the conversation around immigration has been tainted with negativity, stereotypes and lack of empathy. We hear terms like illegal immigrants thrown around, but how many of us understand what it really means to go through the immigration process, to wait for years to fill out endless forms, to sit through interviews all while hoping for a chance to live, to work and contribute to this country legally. The cruelty of unchecked rhetoric turns lives upside down and makes people become something less than human, it paints them as a threat rather than recognizing their hard work, their sacrifices and the dreams that they bring into this country. A sacrifice that every single one of our ancestors has made. When we lose sight of the humanity behind immigration and start seeing people as problems to be solved, we fail to see the incredible value that they bring to our communities. They are your neighbors, your co-workers and they deserve our empathy not our condemnation. Immigrants, whether you're just beginning the process or have already become a citizen, our teachers, our friends and our doctors. If we strip away the support systems that help them we not only undermine their journey but weaken the very essence of our local communities. Perhaps the most important message I want to leave you with today is this, these issues are not distant or abstract they are local. They affect our day-to-day lives and the lives of those around us, whether we're talking about the loss of federal funding or the mistreatment of immigrants, those aren't just national issues, they are issues that affect our schools, our hospital and our neighborhoods. When we look the other way, when we ignore the challenges faced by others, we are not just hurting them we are hurting ourselves. I understand that everyone has their own personal opinions on these issues and some may not agree with the policies in place or have different views on how things should be handled, that's okay, debate and discussion is part of democracy, no matter where we stand. We must always remember that we, the fifteen that embody the Providence City Council, we need to be all in on this together. We share a community and the strength of the community lies in our ability to support each other regardless of what we feel personally. I promise I'm almost done. We cannot allow our communities to fall apart due to division, to fear, or to apathy, we must come together to support one another to ensure that every person regardless of their background, their status, their race, their income or their identity have a fair shot at a better life. This is not about politics this is about humanity. Thank you."

**COUNCILWOMEN RYAN, PETERSON, GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**

Resolution Supporting General Assembly legislation allowing the City of Providence a One-Year Levy Cap Exemption for Fiscal Year 2026, to be used as a procedural tool allowing for more flexibility and options as the City seeks to pass a balanced budget this upcoming Spring.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 17, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT HARRIS Refers item 17 to the Committee on Finance.**

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

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

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

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

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Approving Improvements to the Providence Water Supply Board Distribution System and Appurtenances thereto, including but not limited to the Cleaning, Relining, Repair and Replacement of Water Mains, Transmission Lines, Service Lines and Valves and Approving the Financing thereof by the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds and Notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000.00.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 18 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**RESULT:** READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilman Goncalves  
**SECONDER:** Councilor Sanchez  
**AYES:** Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.  
**ABSENT:** Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

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

**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).

Agostini Construction, Inc. \$1,309,374.00  
(Public Property)

**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).

Agostini Construction, Inc. \$1,309,374.00  
(Public Property)

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 19 and Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**RESULT:** PASSED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Councilman Goncalves  
**SECONDER:** Councilor Sanchez  
**AYES:** Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.  
**ABSENT:** Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 9, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Laws Chapter 45-50, Sections 1-31, passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Nicole Pollock** of 186 Congress Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Providence Public Building Authority** for a term to expire on January 31, 2030, and respectfully submit for your approval. (Ms. Pollock replaces Mr. Crosson whose term expires on January 31, 2025).

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 14, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Melissa Hughes** of 137 Elton Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as the **Region 1** member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2026, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 14, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Anjel Newmann** of 86 Metropolitan Road, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as the **Region 2** member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 14, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Jenny Mercado** of 12 Montrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as the **Region 3** member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 14, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Night Jean Muhingabo** of 503 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as the **Region 4** member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated January 14, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 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 **Steven Williamson** of 51 Camden Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as the **Region 5** member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 1, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 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 re-appointing **Bruce Bartel**, of 114 Jastram Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a civil engineer member of the **Building Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 1, 2030, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1011 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 re-appointing **Nelson Ferreira**, of 100 Mathewson Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Building Board of Review** for a term to expire on January 1, 2030, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 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 re-appointing **Kojo V. King** of 39 Fisk Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905 as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 814 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 re-appointing **Robert L. Ricci** of 100 Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 as a member of the **Board of Tax Assessment Review** for a term to expire on January 31, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 8-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **David Igliozi, Esquire** of 1351 Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921, as the **Chief Judge of the Providence Housing Court**, for a term to expire on January 6, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated December 6, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended, Section 8-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day re-appointing **Paul Ragosta, Esquire** of 15 Lotus Place, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as an **Associate Judge of the Providence Housing Court**, for a term to expire on January 6, 2028, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 20 through 31 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

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

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

**COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL AND VARGAS,  
(By Request):**

Resolution requesting an easement on behalf of The Narragansett Electric Company, a domestic utility currently doing business as Rhode Island Energy, over, under and across a portion of city-owned land located at 254 Eastwood Avenue (Assessor's Plat 107, Lot 111), running alongside Interstate 95.

***RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:***

Petitioner THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY, a domestic utility currently doing business as Rhode Island Energy, located at 280 Melrose Avenue in Providence, has requested an easement over, under, and across City-owned land at 254 Eastwood Avenue (Assessor's Plat 107 Lot 111), running alongside Interstate 95. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into the easement attached as Exhibit A.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading item 32 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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### FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Certificates from City Assessor (No. 73W), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended.

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Petitions for Compensations for Injuries and Damages, viz:

David Gillette Taryn Ready 25-006  
Justin Burns 25-007  
Richard Schutte  
    (Jack D. Mycroft) 25-008  
Eleni Siachos  
    (Bottaro Law Firm, LLC) 25-009  
Timothy Clarkin  
    (Marasco & Nesselbush, LLC) 25-010  
Leonarda Rodriguez Acosta  
    (Joseph J. Voccola, Esq. and Associates) 25-011  
Amica  
    a/s/o Robert and Angela Heffron 25-012  
Habib Nyante 25-013  
William Catanesy, III 25-014  
Gloria Uvaldo  
    (Rob Levine & Associates) 25-015  
Geneva A. Rosales 25-016  
Diane M. McGeough 25-017

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

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Martin Abt, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-24-49, for the property located at 60 Camden Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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Communication from Gilbane Building Company, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-3, for the property located at 199 Oxford Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905.

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Communication from Brett Martins, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-4, for the property located at 30 Venice Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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Communication from Brett Martins, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-5, for the property located at 35 Liege Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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Communication from Joseph Colaluca, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-6, for the property located at 1 Eva Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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Report from Seventy-One Richmond, LLC, c/o Eli Schwartz, P.O. Box 302067, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

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Report from Exchange St. Hotel, LLC, P.O. Box 2516, Fall River, Massachusetts 02722, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

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Report from Derek M. Silva, Chief of the Providence Fire Department, submitting the Providence Fire Department 2024 Annual Report.

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Report from Ferenc Karoly, Esquire, Executive Director and Susan DeRita, Chairwoman, Providence External Review Authority, dated January 15, 2025, submitting PERA Board recommendations of policy changes to Policy 360.10 Intelligence Assessment Database.

<b>RESULT:      RECEIVED</b>
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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of items 33 through 43, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

**ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT HARRIS Refers items 33 and 34 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives items 35 through 43.**

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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:

Aaliyah Turner, in recognition of receiving the 2025 RI Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Georgerinna Farley, in recognition of receiving the 2025 RI Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Sean Duke, in recognition of receiving the 2025 RI Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Marietta Moore, in recognition of receiving the 2025 RI Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Blythe Armstrong, in recognition of receiving the 2025 RI Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Alice Neil, in recognition of receiving the 2025 RI Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Diella Collins, in recognition of receiving the 2025 RI Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Leonel Ponce, en reconocimiento de su presentación del libro “Un Viaje por el Camino de las Estrellas”.

Robert Drake, General Manager, Urban Greens, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Local Business Award.

Gary DiSarro, Youth Mentor at Angelo Zuccolo Recreation Center, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Rick Rembijas Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Department of Planning and Development, City of Providence, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Fueling Community Award and for the Department’s work shepherding the Comprehensive Plan process.

Chris Sanford, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Spirit Award and for keeping the West Side Caroling tradition alive.

Glenn Zienowicz, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Spirit Award and for keeping the West Side Caroling tradition alive.

Daniel George, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 West Broadway Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Spirit Award and for keeping the West Side Caroling tradition alive.

Valerie Melone, West Broadway Middle School, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 West Broadway Neighborhood Association School Hero Award.

Maria Bonilla, Asa Messer Elementary School, in recognition of being the recipient of the 2025 West Broadway Neighborhood Association School Hero Award.

Siya Singhal, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community’s cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Diya Kinikar, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community’s cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Krish Devkota, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Bhargav Shah, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Mikaeel Akhtar, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Raahil Ganguly, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Vanya Tara, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Smriti Gupta, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Rashmi Vallishayee, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Priyanka Tara, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Shalini Mansharmani, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Varsha Agrawal, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Rupa Dutta, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Nehal Gosar, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Manjarai Nandi, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Roshana Khadka, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Mr. Luke Anderson, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Ms. Princess Bomba, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Mr. Abraham Henderson, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Manoth Rajagopal, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Samarth Gosar, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Sid Gosar, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Adit Modi, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Prisha Mani, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Anaya Khadka, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Nithya, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Sambridhi Acharya, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Siddharth Nandkumar, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Dynamic Crew (Sri Sanjitha Group), in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

RI Kummi Kuzhu, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community's cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Happy Feet (Saranya Group), in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community’s cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

The Wheeler Multicultural Dance Team, in recognition of your extraordinary dedication to Mehfil: A South Asian Festival. Your leadership and passion have inspired those around you, fostering unity and cultural understanding. Your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and hard work have enriched and strengthened our community’s cultural pride. Thank you for your remarkable contributions.

Felix Tavares, in recognition of your positive impact, the love you have given to your family and for the incredible and multiple ways you have improved the community.

Pablo Goris, in recognition of the celebration of your birthday on January 18, 2025, and for making a difference and helping to improve the lives of others, which is both inspiring and transformative to your community.

Prisca Almonte, en reconocimiento de la celebración de su cumpleaños el día 18 de Enero del 2025. Feliz Cumpleaños!

Lynn Roberts, Senior Director of Personnel, Providence Water Supply Board, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 44 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS  
"IN MEMORIAM"**

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

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

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

Rodriguez DaSilva

Isabel A. Batista

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES Moves to Waive the Reading of item 45 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILOR SANCHEZ.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Goncalves
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilor Sanchez
<b>AYES:</b>	Acting Council President Harris, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Goncalves, Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 11.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilman Espinal, Councilwoman Graves and Councilor Pichardo – 4.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN GONCALVES**, Seconded by **COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**, it is voted to adjourn at 6:41 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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=iA7GvE0NC5Y>*

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