

**CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND**



CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 14 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, May 19, 2016, 7:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

LUIS A. APONTE

CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO,
COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,
COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS,
COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN,
COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, YURDIN AND ZURIER – 13.**

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN JACKSON AND JENNINGS – 2.

**ALSO PRESENT: LORI L. HAGEN, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO,
SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK, TINA L. MASTROIANNI, ASSISTANT CLERK
AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR**

IN CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED: JUN 02 2016
**CLERK**

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN NICHOLAS J. NARDUCCI, JR.**

"May we think tonight of the future we will hold with the summer months coming up. Today, we had a press release on redoing some parks. We need to keep our children busy, we need to keep our children off the streets and give them things to do for the summer. So, I urge all of my colleagues to do whatever we need to do. Make sure our pools and water parks are up and running. I just want to again take a moment and just pray for all of us. I just have to say one thing, today I was watching the Ellen Show and since I have a lot of time during the day Ellen has become my best friend. They had this little boy on that needed a heart transplant. If you saw this kid he was only five years old. He spoke like he was a twenty one year old child and to listen to him speak the way he spoke. He never gave up. He always worked hard at what he was doing and now he needs other surgeries that he couldn't get until he got a heart, and I looked at myself and said you know what, I am going to sit here and say my hand doesn't feel that good today, my leg doesn't feel that good today and I look at someone like him and I wish everybody could have the thoughts and the power of this young man. Maybe that's something we should all keep in the back of our heads also. As we go on, and as things don't look good for us, whatever our situations may be that there are others in worse situations and we should all be looking to reach a hand out just to help. With You Lord, maybe You can oversee us that we all do our part. Thank you."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN BRYAN PRINCIPE Leads the Members of the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"It is truly my honor to serve the people of Providence as a City Councilman, and as I embark on my new role as Majority Leader I wanted to take a moment to reaffirm my commitment to serving our constituents with diligence, transparency and responsibility. As Majority Leader, I vow to work with my colleagues to actively address the issues we face today with an eye towards the future and navigate challenges with steadfast focus and sound judgement. I vow to work openly and collaboratively with my colleagues on the council to do what's best for the people in the City of Providence and for the future of our fair city. I am confident that with earnest work and meaningful action, we will continue to strengthen this council in the city in which we serve and I vow to do my part to move this forward each and every day. I thank you all."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 13 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 5, 2016, are approved as printed, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN CORREIA**.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Principe
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliozzi, Councilwoman Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Jackson and Jennings – 2.

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 26, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Jessica Brown**, Founder of Lady J. Design, of 180 Gano Street, Apt. 2, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2017.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 26, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Yesica Guerra**, Director of Research Affiliate Center for Civic Media, of 51 Fillmore Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2017.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 26, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **John Smith**, Director of RISD Museum, of 224 Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2017.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 26, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Vanphouthon Souvannasane**, Director of Yellow Peril Gallery, of 60 Valley Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2018.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 26, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Howard Ben Tre**, Local Artist, 281A Benefit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2017.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 3, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Joe Haskett**, Senior Associate at Union Studio, of 228 Transit Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2018.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 3, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Sussy Santana**, an individual artist, of 216 Leah Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2018.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 3, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Eric Telfort**, Art Faculty at Rhode Island School of Design, of 35 Camden Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2018.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 3, 2016, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Section 2-354 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, he is this day appointing **Yarrow Thorne**, Founder and Artistic Director of the Avenue Concept, of 304 Lockwood Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Art in City Life Commission**, for a term to end April 12, 2018.

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the several Communications.

RESULT: RECEIVED

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," to create Section 23, "Opt-In Requirement for Mass Outdoor Deliveries."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Ordinances

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, "Revenue and Finance," to add a new Section, 21-54, Entitled: "Sole Source Verification."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT: REFERRED
TO: Committee on Finance

COUNCILMAN SALVATORE, (By Request):

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 14, Article V of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled: "Engineers and Boiler Operators," to change Section 14-95, delete Section 14-101, and add Sections 14-103 through 14-107.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Ordinances

COUNCILMAN ZURIER

An Ordinance in Amendment of Section 2 of the Levy Ordinance (Narrow Version).

COUNCILMAN ZURIER

An Ordinance in Amendment of Section 2 of the Levy Ordinance (Broad Revision of Penalty).

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Several Ordinances to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing the Execution a Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the State of Rhode Island with respect to the Blackstone River Bikeway - Segment 1A, Contract No. 2015-CH-090.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Public Works

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE

Resolution Extending Sincere Sympathy to the family of Thomas M. White.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Sympathy to the family of Thomas M. White.

COUNCILMEN JENNINGS, NARDUCCI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMEN HASSETT, IGLIOZZI, JACKSON, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMEN SALVATORE, YURDIN AND COUNCILMAN ZURIER, (By Request):

Resolution in Support of Legislation Restoring Funding for State Aid to Libraries.

WHEREAS, For many people, public libraries are their primary means of access to computer services and all forms of media, and free educational and cultural programming that are essential for fulfilling and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the importance of libraries in our society, the State of Rhode Island passed legislation setting the level of state aid for library services at a minimum of 25% of the amount spent from local tax funds and the library's private endowment; and

WHEREAS, Due to level funding of state aid for the past 8 years, the actual funding percentage of library aid has been reduced to 21.2% in fiscal year 2017, when the City of Providence is scheduled to receive \$1,149,685 to fund public library services in the city, which is approximately \$208,000 less than the City of Providence would receive if funding is at 25%; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence supports fully funding state aid to libraries at the 25% level in fiscal year 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council, at the request of the Providence Community Library and the Providence Public Library, does hereby support legislation which would restore funding for state aid to libraries to the full 25% required in Rhode Island General Laws Section 29-6-2 (a) and urges the Providence Delegation to the General Assembly to work diligently for its passage.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Providence City Council.

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Principe
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Councilwoman Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Jackson and Jennings – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Bainbridge Avenue and Broadway.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN YURDIN, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN NARDUCCI AND COUNCILWOMAN RYAN

Resolution Ensuring Public Ownership of the City’s Water Resources and Infrastructure.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Councilman Principe
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 11.
ABSTAIN:	Councilman Correia and Councilwoman Matos – 2.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Jackson and Jennings – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMEN ZURIER, SALVATORE, COUNCILWOMAN CASTILLO, COUNCILMAN CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI, PRINCIPE, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN YURDIN

Resolution Requesting a Review of Mayoral Discretionary Grants.

WHEREAS, In recent weeks, issues have surfaced in the General Assembly regarding connections between certain agencies that receive legislative grants and the legislators who sponsor or advocate for those grants; and

WHEREAS, In response, the General Assembly leadership initiated an audit of certain legislative grants; and

WHEREAS, The Governor announced her intention to assist the General Assembly in making their legislative grant program more transparent, accountable and competitive; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s office has for many years awarded discretionary grants under different names, including “contingencies”; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s office grant program is not subject to a clear system of audit and review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby declares its intention to review discretionary or “contingency” grants made by the Mayor’s office to (a) determine whether the awards met all applicable requirements and were used for their intended purpose, and (b) provide data for possible improvements in the system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby commissions the Internal Auditor to prepare a report regarding the Mayor’s office discretionary grants from all accounts (including but not limited to the “contingency” accounts) for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016, including the following information for each grant:

- a. Date;
 - b. Amount;
 - c. Purpose of the grant;
 - d. Recipient;
 - e. Documentation as to how the money from the grant was spent; and
 - f. Any other information regarding the program the Internal Auditor considers germane to the goal of making the program more transparent, accountable and competitive;
- and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Internal Auditor submit the report to the City Clerk on or before October 10, 2016.

Read and Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Principe
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Councilwoman Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Jackson, Jennings – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMEN ZURIER, SALVATORE, CORREIA, COUNCILWOMAN MATOS, COUNCILMEN NARDUCCI AND YURDIN

Resolution Requesting Review of City Council Legislative Grants.

WHEREAS, In recent weeks, issues have surfaced in the General Assembly regarding connections between certain agencies that receive legislative grants and the legislators who sponsor or advocate for those grants; and

WHEREAS, In response, the General Assembly leadership initiated an audit of certain legislative grants; and

WHEREAS, The Governor announced her intention to assist the General Assembly in making their legislative grant program more transparent, accountable and competitive; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has for many years operated legislative grant programs (known by various names, including but not limited to “contingency” accounts); and

WHEREAS, The City Council's legislative grant program received media attention in 2013, at which time questions were raised the program's transparency and the nature of the relationships between some of the beneficiary agencies and the legislative sponsors; and

WHEREAS, The City Council did not conduct its own review of the program; instead initiating some reforms whose implementation is not clear; and

WHEREAS, The State Police recently reviewed the account records of an agency that received extensive "contingency" grants from the City Council, and that review led to an arrest based upon a complaint stating felony charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby declares its intention to review City Council grants exceeding \$100 in any year made under its various programs to (a) determine whether the awards met all applicable requirements and were used for the purposes they were awarded, and (b) provide data for possible improvements in the system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby commissions the Internal Auditor to prepare a report regarding City Council legislative grants from all accounts (including but not limited to the "contingency" accounts, the "City Council President" account and the "Finance Committee Chair" account) for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2016, including the following information for each grant:

- a. Date;
- b. Amount;
- c. Purpose of the grant;
- d. Recipient;
- e. Sponsor (or sponsors);
- f. Any officers or employees of the recipient organization (or affiliated organizations) that are either
 1. City Council members, or
 2. Members of the immediate family of City Council members;
- g. Documentation as to how the money from the grant was spent; and
- h. Any other information regarding the program the Internal Auditor considers germane to the goal of making the program more transparent, accountable and competitive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the Internal Auditor to spend an amount not exceeding \$20,000 to engage qualified consultant(s) to assist in the audit and to review it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Internal Audit to submit the report by September 12, 2016 or, if the report is not complete, submit an interim report at that time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That beginning with the passage of this Resolution, the City Council will incorporate the following procedures into the administration of the grant program:

- a. All organization applying for a grant shall certify that no members of the City Council are (1) employees or officers of the organization or (2) have access to the organization's funds in any other way;

- b. All grants awarded will be listed on the City Council's web page including the following information:
 - 1. Date of grant;
 - 2. Amount;
 - 3. Purpose of the grant;
 - 4. Recipient;
 - 5. Sponsor or sponsors; and
- c. The City Council will, within a reasonable time, publish information about the grant application program on its web page.

COUNCILMAN ZURIER Moves to Amend the Resolution to publicize the grants program on the city's website, list recipients with identifying information, require recipients to certify that no member of the City Council is an officer or employee of their organization. The amendments would also authorize the Internal Auditor to spend up to \$20,000.00 to retain consultants to assist him in his work and also to review his work so there would be some form of outside review, Seconded by COUNCILMAN SALVATORE.

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Moves Passage of the Resolution, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Principe
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Councilwoman Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Jackson and Jennings – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILMAN JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Approved:

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the sale of the real property currently held by the Providence Redevelopment Agency, located at 220 Blackstone Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, located on Assessor's Plat 40, Lot 315.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the sale of the real property currently held by the Providence Redevelopment Agency, located at 220 Blackstone Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, located on Assessor's Plat 40, Lot 315.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$80,000.00 to construct walking paths at the Alvarez High School/Textron site in the City of Providence

RESOLVED, That His Honor, the Mayor, is hereby authorized to apply for a grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$80,000.00 to construct walking paths at the Alvarez High School/Textron site in the City of Providence.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$100,000.00 to complete the Joslin Park water park in the City of Providence

RESOLVED, That His Honor, the Mayor, is hereby authorized to apply for a grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$100,000.00 to complete the Joslin Park water park in the City of Providence.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE, (By Request):

Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$400,000.00 to construct a bike skills park and trails at the Lincoln Lace & Braid property in the City of Providence

RESOLVED, That His Honor, the Mayor, is hereby authorized to apply for a grant from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$400,000.00 to construct a bike skills park and trails at the Lincoln Lace & Braid property in the City of Providence.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 057, Lot 0133 (125 Byfield Street), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount Ten Thousand Two Hundred Three Dollars and Eighty Two (\$10,203.82) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

WHEREAS, To effectuate its goal of redevelopment, the Providence Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") is transferring real property currently held by the Agency located at 125 Byfield St., Providence, RI 02905.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes in the amount of \$10,203.82 (Ten Thousand, Two Hundred and Three Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents), assessed upon 125 Byfield St., Providence, a 5,500 sq. ft. vacant lot, Assessors Plat: 057 Lot: 0113, along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes are hereby abated in whole and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 057, Lot 0075 (159 Rugby Street), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Thirty Six (\$15,524.36) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

WHEREAS, To effectuate its goal of redevelopment, the Providence Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") is transferring real property currently held by the Agency located at 159 Rugby St., Providence, RI 02905

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes in the amount of \$15,524.36 (Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Four Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents), assessed upon 159 Rugby St., Providence, a 5,282 sq. ft. vacant lot, Assessors Plat: 057 Lot: 0075, along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes are hereby abated in whole and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 057, Lot 0076 (164 Pavilion Avenue), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Six Dollars and Fourteen (\$15,606.14) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

WHEREAS, To effectuate its goal of redevelopment, the Providence Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") is transferring real property currently held by the Agency located at 164 Pavilion Ave., Providence, RI 02905.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes in the amount of \$15,606.14 (Fifteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Six Dollars and Fourteen Cents), assessed upon 164 Pavilion Ave, Providence, a 3,676 sq. ft. vacant lot, Assessors Plat: 057 Lot: 0076, along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes are hereby abated in whole and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 057, Lot 0077 (172 Pavilion Avenue), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Eight (\$12,508.00) Dollars, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

WHEREAS, To effectuate its goal of redevelopment, the Providence Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") is transferring real property currently held by the Agency located at 172 Pavilion Ave., Providence, RI 02905.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes in the amount of \$12,508.00 (Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred and Eight Dollars and No Cents), assessed upon 172 Pavilion Ave, Providence, a 4,324 sq. ft. vacant lot, Assessors Plat: 057 Lot: 0077, along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes are hereby abated in whole and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 057, Lot 0078 (176 Pavilion Avenue), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Three Dollars and Fifty Five (\$12,203.55) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

WHEREAS, To effectuate its goal of redevelopment, the Providence Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") is transferring real property currently held by the Agency located at 176 Pavilion Ave., Providence, RI 02905.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes in the amount of \$12,203.55 (Twelve Thousand, Two Hundred and Three Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents), assessed upon 176 Pavilion Ave, Providence, a 4,000 sq. ft. vacant lot, Assessors Plat: 057 Lot: 0078, along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes are hereby abated in whole and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 057, Lot 0079 (182 Pavilion Avenue), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Thirteen (\$10,879.13) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

WHEREAS, To effectuate its goal of redevelopment, the Providence Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") is transferring real property currently held by the Agency located at 182 Pavilion Ave., Providence, RI 02905.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes in the amount of \$10,879.13 (Ten Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Dollars and Thirteen Cents), assessed upon 182 Pavilion Ave., Providence, a 3,864 sq. ft. vacant lot, Assessors Plat: 057 Lot: 0079, along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes are hereby abated in whole and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, (By Request):

Resolution Requesting the Tax Assessor to cancel or abate in whole the taxes assessed upon Assessor's Plat 057, Lot 0046 (201 Pavilion Avenue), on behalf of the Providence Redevelopment Agency, in the amount Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars and Seventy (\$11,630.70) Cents, and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

WHEREAS, To effectuate its goal of redevelopment, the Providence Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") is transferring real property currently held by the Agency located at 201 Pavilion Ave., Providence, RI 02905.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the taxes in the amount of \$11,630.70 (Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty Dollars and Seventy Cents), assessed upon 201 Pavilion Ave, Providence, a 4,000 sq. ft. vacant lot, Assessors Plat: 057 Lot: 0046, along with any associated interest, penalties and intervening taxes are hereby abated in whole and that the property is declared exempt in accordance with Rhode Island General Law 45-32-40 while under PRA ownership.

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters and Moves Passage of the Several Resolutions, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Principe
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Councilwoman Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Jackson and Jennings – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

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

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 22, 2016, 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 **Mr. Neville Songwe** of 1 Chestnut Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Providence School Board** for a term to expire on January 31, 2019, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Songwe will replace Ivette C. Luna, who recently moved out of the City of Providence.)

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Moves to Receive and Approve the foregoing Communication, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Principe
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Iglizzi, Councilwoman Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Jackson and Jennings – 2.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Lisette Sanchez
(Charles J. Vucci, Esquire)
Carolyn Daniel
James C. Crooks
Manoj Kumar Jagadeesan
Mayra Gudiel
Estate of Richard Cosentino

(Jules J. D'Alessandro, Esquire)
Providence Mutual
a/s/o Anna M. Stetson
Henry Cruz-Nunez
(Kevin S. Cotter, Esquire)
The Cadillac Lounge, LLC

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Several Petitions to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Nicholas J. Hemond, President, Providence School Board, dated May 10, 2016, submitting the Employment Agreement between Christopher Ndeki Maher and the Providence School Board to employ Mr. Maher as Superintendent of Providence Schools.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Refers the Communication to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

Communication from Council President Luis A. Aponte, dated May 13, 2016, Informing the City Clerk of his appointment of Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan, as a member of the Committee on Finance, effective immediately.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the foregoing Communication.

RESULT: RECEIVED

Communication from Angela B. Ankoma, dated April 27, 2016, submitting her resignation as a member of the Environmental Sustainability Task Force.

Communication from Councilman Kevin Jackson, dated May 11, 2016, submitting his resignation as Majority Leader.

Communication from Councilman Kevin Jackson, dated May 11, 2016, submitting his resignation from the Committee on Finance.

COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE Moves to Dispense with the Reading of the foregoing matters, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE Receives the Several Communications.

RESULT: RECEIVED

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"I would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to Tony and Amal Simon, on the birth of their daughter, Juliet Marie Simon, born on May 18, 2016 at 10:50 o'clock P.M., weighing in at 6 pounds 14 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. I wish them the best, especially to their son Anthony who is now a very proud big brother."

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE 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:

Denise Missry, Principal, Asa Messer School, in recognition of being a recipient of the Rhode Island Association of School Principals 2016 RI Principal of the Year Award.

Gersom Archila, Interstate Services and Automotive Specialist, in recognition of his third year anniversary and his outstanding contributions to the community while working tirelessly to improve the quality of automotive services.

Dolores Mello, in recognition of the celebration of her 80th Birthday, born on April 25, 1936.

William Black, Principal, West Broadway Middle School, in recognition of being named Rhode Island 1st Year Principal of the Year by the Rhode Island Association of School Principals (RIASP).

El Rancho Grande, in recognition of the celebration of the anniversary of their restaurant, an establishment well-known for serving authentic Mexican cuisine.

Arthur Robbins, in recognition of being inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame.

Steven Berarducci, in recognition of the celebration of his retirement after 14 years of dedicated service to the Providence Recreation Department.

Andreina Redecindo, in recognition of the celebration of her graduation from Rhode Island College with a Psychology Degree on May 14, 2016.

**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, on Motion of COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE,
Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.**

RESULT:	READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Principe
SECONDER:	Councilman Correia
AYES:	Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Councilwoman Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilmen Jackson and Jennings – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APONTE 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:

Gloria Benedetti

Beatrice Yolande Temkin

Thomas N. Goodwin

Robert A. Jordan Sr.

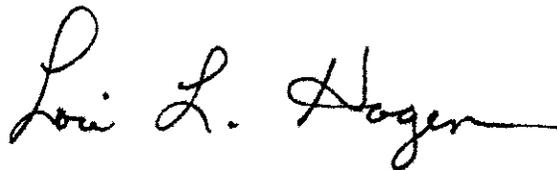
**Severally Read and Collectively Passed, by a Unanimous Rising Vote, on Motion of
COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE, Seconded by COUNCILMAN CORREIA.**

RESULT: READ AND PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Councilman Principe
SECONDER: Councilman Correia
AYES: Council President Aponte, Councilwoman Castillo, Councilman Correia, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Hassett, Igliazzi, Councilwoman Matos, Councilmen Narducci, Principe, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilmen Salvatore, Yurdin and Zurier – 13.
ABSENT: Councilmen Jackson and Jennings – 2.

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN PRINCIPE**, Seconded by **COUNCILMAN CORREIA**, it is voted to adjourn at 7:46 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.**



**LORI L. HAGEN
CITY CLERK**