

# CITY OF PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND



The Credo of the Providence City Council is to be Industrious, to be Watchful and to Promote Peace. The bee, as a symbol of industry, is derived from the early colonial saying "Busy as a Bee"; the goose, as a symbol of watchfulness, is derived from the story of the goose whose cackling saved Rome; and the lamb, as a symbol of peace, is derived from the biblical use of the lamb as a symbol of peace.



IN CITY COUNCIL  
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*Sina Z. Mastrosianni*  
CLERK

# CITY COUNCIL

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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No. 22 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 2025, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

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### PRESIDING

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
RACHEL M. MILLER**

### CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 11.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILOR PICHARDO AND COUNCILMAN TAYLOR – 3.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, LAUREN GUTIERREZ, SECOND DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR.**

**(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILORS ANDERBOIS AND PICHARDO JOIN THE MEETING.)**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**.

“Today, we gather in gratitude for the city we call home, Providence, a place of resilience and diversity and hope. And in these challenging times when uncertainty tests our patience and hardship weighs heavy on so many of our hearts, we ask for your strength and guidance. Bless the people of Providence from Fox Point to Federal Hill to Valley, from Mount Hope to the South Side of Providence, our entire city, every family, every worker, every elder, every child who makes the city the vibrant city we all love. And grant wisdom to our leaders tonight and compassion to our neighbors. It reminds us that progress is not built by one voice alone, but by the chorus of many working together in faith, humility, and courage. Help us meet division with dialogue, struggle with solidarity, and fear with love. May we care for our most vulnerable neighbors, our most marginalized neighbors amongst us, the unhoused, the sick, the unemployed, and the unheard and the unseen and build a community where every person is valued and uplifted. Let Providence live up to its name, a city guided by divine care, by the strength of its people, and by the belief that better days are not behind us, but ahead. Amen”.

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN ALTHEA A. GRAVES** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 21 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held October 2, 2025.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmen Taylor – 1.

## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated September 26, 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 1715 of the Zoning Ordinance and Public Law Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Martha Werenfels** of 111 Chestnut Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, as a member of the **Downcity Design Review Committee** for a term to expire on January 31, 2026. (Ms. Werenfels replaces Ms. Capicotto who has resigned).

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated September 25, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day re-appointing **Lonzie Doggett** of 53 Salmon Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as an Occupant of Public Housing Member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors** for a term to expire on July 31, 2030.

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>RECEIVED</b>
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**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 and 5, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Receives items 4 and 5.**

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## ORDINANCE SECOND READING

**The following Ordinance was in City Council October 2, 2025 Read and Passed the First Time and Laid on the Table:**

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

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "Health and Sanitation", as amended, to add Article VII, "Gas-Powered Lawn Equipment".

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 6 and Lay on the Table, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>LAI</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmen Taylor – 1.

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution Requesting the Mayor of Providence to authorize and to execute the attached lease with WaterFire Providence for the property located at 475 Valley Street.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 7, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 7 to the Committee on Finance.**

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

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

Resolution Celebrating Italian Heritage Month.

*WHEREAS*, U.S. Presidential Proclamation 6045 of October 1989 established October as Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month to be celebrated every year to honor and recognize the centuries of achievements, successes and valuable contributions of Italian immigrants and Italian Americans; and

*WHEREAS*, Between 1820 and 2000, over 5 million Italians immigrated to the United States; and

*WHEREAS*, Providence is currently home to thousands of proud Italian-Americans, with 15 percent of the population claiming Italian ancestry; and

*WHEREAS*, Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month provides an opportunity to honor the values of family, hard work, and community that have long defined Italian-American life, values that continue to strengthen Providence and enrich the lives of all who call it home; and

*WHEREAS*, Providence is home to many distinguished Italian Americans who have shaped our city's history and culture, including 2017 U.S. national silver medalist Marissa Castelli, 1997 Verrazano Award recipient Evelyn V. (Verdi) Fagnoli, six-time novelist Peter Pezzelli, World War II casualty US Army First Lieutenant Albert Russo, John O. Pastore, Rhode Island's first Italian American Governor and U.S. Senator, and so many more; and

*WHEREAS*, Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month is held to salute the Italian-American community and to exhibit appreciation for their heritage and culture that have immeasurably enriched the lives of the people of this city, the State of Rhode Island, and the United States of America; and

*WHEREAS*, The enduring success and spirit of Providence are deeply connected to the pride, creativity, and resilience of its Italian-American residents, whose heritage remains an integral part of our city's identity and future.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council proudly celebrates the month of October as Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month, recognizing the enduring legacy, culture, and contributions of Italian Americans to the City of Providence, the State of Rhode Island, and the United States of America.

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

Resolution Ensuring Safe and Accessible Court Proceedings.

**WHEREAS**, Federal immigration enforcement has increasingly occurred in and around courthouses across the United States, including in Rhode Island state courts, such as at the Garrahy Judicial Complex; and

**WHEREAS**, For decades, federal policy designated courthouses as sensitive locations, where immigration enforcement was generally limited to exceptional circumstances or emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The increased presence of immigration enforcement in or near courthouses has caused fear and uncertainty among residents, discouraging individuals from attending hearings, accessing the legal processes necessary to assert their rights, complying with court orders, or seeking lawful immigration relief; and

**WHEREAS**, People attending court hearings are fulfilling their legal obligations, and fear of immigration enforcement undermines due process and the principle that courts should be open and accessible to all; and

**WHEREAS**, In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rhode Island Judiciary implemented emergency measures to protect public health and ensure continuity of operations, including the expansion of remote and hybrid hearing capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 2, 2021, the Rhode Island Supreme Court approved an amendment to Rule 7 of the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure, authorizing courts to conduct hearings remotely, either in whole or in part, at the discretion of the court or upon a party's request; and

**WHEREAS**, This amendment and the accompanying technological capacity have since demonstrated that remote hearings increase access to justice, reduce unnecessary in-person exposure, and can minimize the chilling effects of immigration enforcement on court participation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council respectfully urges the Rhode Island Judiciary guarantee accommodations for remote hearings by request in District Court, Family Court, and Superior Court, as well as any other courts under their jurisdiction within the City of Providence, when feasible and consistent with due process protections; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Providence City Council had directed the Municipal Court of Providence and the Probate Court of Providence to offer accommodations for remote hearings by request, when feasible and consistent with due process protections, and they will do so beginning November 1, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Providence Housing Court, under the direction of Mayor Brett P. Smiley, also guarantee accommodations for virtual hearings by request, whenever feasible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chief Judges of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, District Court (Sixth Division), Family Court (Providence County), and Superior Court (Providence/Bristol County); Governor Daniel J. McKee; House of Representatives Speaker Joe Shekarchi; Senate President Valarie Lawson; and Mayor Brett P. Smiley; and

***BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council affirms that access to the courts is fundamental to the fair administration of justice and no resident should be deterred from fulfilling legal obligations out of fear of immigration enforcement.

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

Resolution Honoring the Indigenous Peoples of Providence and Rhode Island.

***WHEREAS***, The Providence City Council acknowledges that it stands on the traditional homelands of the Narragansett and Pokanoket Tribal Nations, known historically as Maswasscut and Moshassuck; and

***WHEREAS***, The Narragansett and Pokanoket are the first peoples and ancestral inhabitants of these lands, whose presence long predates the founding of Providence and continues today; and

***WHEREAS***, The City Council also recognizes the Nipmuc, Niantic, and Manissean Tribal Nations as Indigenous peoples to the region now known as Rhode Island; and

***WHEREAS***, The Narragansett and Pokanoket were not only the first people to call Providence home, but also the first to establish systems of governance, trade, and community grounded in respect and coexistence, shaping the cultural and political foundations of this country; and

***WHEREAS***, Despite centuries of displacement and marginalization, the Narragansett, Pokanoket, Nipmuc, Niantic, and Manissean Nations continue to maintain their traditions, leadership, and active presence in Providence and across Rhode Island; and

***WHEREAS***, As we work collectively to create a better and brighter future for all members of the Providence community, we acknowledge the original inhabitants of these lands and their lasting contributions to the City's identity and history.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the City Council of Providence expresses its deep respect and gratitude to the Narragansett, Pokanoket, Nipmuc, Niantic, and Manissean Tribal Nations as the first peoples of these lands; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That the City Council reaffirms its commitment to collaboration with Indigenous communities and to advancing inclusion, understanding, and equity for all residents of the City of Providence.

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**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Honoring Eric J. Ricci for His Service to Dentistry in Providence.

*WHEREAS*, Eric J. Ricci, D.M.D. is a second-generation dentist operating a family-owned practice with a lengthy history of care to the residents of the Fifth Ward of Providence; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ricci, a Rhode Island College graduate alumnus, has been recognized by Rhode Island Monthly Magazine as a “Top Dentist” every year since 2020; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ricci is a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Society and an esteemed member of the Rhode Island Dental Association, the American Dental Association, and the international dental fraternity Delta Sigma Delta; and

*WHEREAS*, Emblematic of his care for his fellow Rhode Islanders, Dr. Ricci has been an annual volunteer for the Rhode Island Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic; and

*WHEREAS*, In recognition of his skill in and commitment to dentistry, Dr. Ricci was appointed by former Rhode Island Senate President Dominick Ruggiero to the Health Services Council and by Governor Daniel J. McKee to the Rhode Island Department of Health Board of Examiners in Dentistry; and

*WHEREAS*, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its sincere gratitude for the work of Dr. Ricci, his practice, and of all working diligently in the health professions across Providence.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Providence City Council congratulates Dr. Eric J. Ricci for his considerable success in and service to dentistry in Providence and in Rhode Island; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to Dr. Eric J. Ricci and to the Rhode Island Department of Health.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 8 through 11 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmen Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER RELINQUISHES THE CHAIR**

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO IN CHAIR**

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

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

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

**COUNCILORS SANCHEZ, ROIAS, ANDERBOIS, FORMER  
COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, VARGAS,  
COUNCILMAN ESPINAL AND COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 ½ “Police”, Section 18½ - 4 “Providence Community - Police Relations Act” of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 12, Substitute and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED (AS AMENDED) 1X [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmen Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage the First Time, as Amended, is Sustained.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER IN THE CHAIR**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN, Chairwoman**

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

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

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

Delta Electro Power, Inc. \$50,000.00  
(Department of Public Works)

**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Encumbrance Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Delta Electro Power, Inc. \$50,000.00  
(Department of Public Works)

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

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

Able Industrial Sweeping, Inc. \$64,312.50  
(Department of Public Works)

**RESOLVED**, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Able Industrial Sweeping, Inc. \$64,312.50  
(Department of Public Works)

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 13 and 14, Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmen Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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

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

**COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, “Health and Sanitation” Article III, “Garbage, Trash, and Refuse”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 15 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [10 TO 3]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>NAYS:</b>	Councilors AnderBois, Roias and Sanchez – 3.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman Taylor – 1.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN 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 on Assessor's Plat 111, Lot 92 (675 Plainfield Street).

**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 a portion of City-owned land at 675 Plainfield Street (Assessor's Plat 111 Lot 92). The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into the easement attached as Exhibit A.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 16 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmen Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

Petition from Dylan Conley, Esquire, RI Land Use Law, LLC, 123 Dyer Street, Suite 3B, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, on behalf of Landowner, Ana Talo Construction & Investment, LLC, requesting the City Council to accept land designated to the part of a cul-de-sac on Walsh Street, pursuant to accompanying maps attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

Communication from Tina L. Mastroianni, City Clerk. dated October 7, 2025, of all monies received, transmitted to and credited by the City Collector for fiscal quarter of July 1, 2025 to and including September 30, 2025, in a total amount of One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$1,123.00).

**RESULT: RECEIVED**

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Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Nathan Main  
Jorge Ventura (Borrelli Law)  
Michael Pellegrino (The Law Office of Stephen T. Fanning)  
Mariah Marte (Noah Zimmerman, Esquire, Marasco & Nesselbush, LLP)  
Theresa Riccio (Daley Orton Attorneys at Law)  
USAA General Indemnity Company a/s/o Henry Poeung (Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, LLP)  
Alejandrina Piekarski (Rob Levine & Associates)  
Jessica Kalogeras (Rob Levine & Associates)

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

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Renay Brooks Omisore, Chair, Providence Board of Canvassers, dated September 29, 2025, submitting the official result of the September 29, 2025 Retirement Board Election, pursuant to section 908 of the Providence Home Rule Charter dated September 18, 1980.

**RESULT: RECEIVED**

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 17 through 20, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 17 to the Committee on Public Works, Receives item 18, Refers item 19 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives item 20.**

## **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:

Hermandad de Veteranos Fuerzas Armadas y Policia Nacional, Inc., en reconocimiento de la celebración 1er Congreso Mundial de Veteranos en Santo Domingo, República Dominicana.

Valerio Antonio García Reyes, Mayor General (R) ERD, en reconocimiento de su destacado liderazgo y valiosos logros profesionales, que han fortalecido la unidad y dignidad de los Veteranos de las Fuerzas Armadas y la Policía Nacional de la República Dominicana.

Dr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, en reconocimiento de su labor como Presidente de la República Dominicana (1996-2000, 2004-2012), su visión de modernización, educación y avance tecnológico; por inspirar a nuevas generaciones mediante la promoción de principios democráticos y rigor intelectual; y por la fundación de la Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) y el partido La Fuerza del Pueblo.

Marc Boyd, Communications Director, Office of the City Council, in recognition of your outstanding service to the City of Providence. Your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to keeping our community informed and connected have strengthened the bond between City Hall and our residents. With gratitude, we thank you for your invaluable contributions.

Luis A. Miranda, Jr., Author of Relentless, in recognition of your life as a proud Puerto Rican trailblazer whose passion, vision, and leadership have inspired generations. For more than 40 years, you have been a driving force in politics, education, and the arts, always working to uplift voices, open doors, and build stronger communities. You have been called a political mastermind, a community builder, and a cultural game-changer, and rightfully so. As the founding president of the Hispanic Federation, you helped pave the way for countless Latino leaders and organizations to thrive. You have advised mayors, shaped national campaigns, and devoted your life to ensuring that Latino communities have a seat at every table. But you are more than politics, you are a champion of culture and humanity. Through your work with The Public Theater and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, you have brought people together through art, education, and storytelling. We honor you for your tireless dedication, compassion, and extraordinary impact on our nation's cultural and civic life. Your legacy reminds us that true leadership begins with love for people, for community, and for the future.

Dr. Ramon Tallaj, en reconocimiento de su entrega, su visión y su constante apoyo a causas nobles como esta, le rendimos homenaje, agradeciendo profundamente su valiosa contribución al fortalecimiento de los valores que representa el baloncesto: trabajo en equipo, disciplina, respeto y pasión. Nos llena de orgullo dedicarle este torneo, pues su vida ha sido un verdadero ejemplo de servicio, compromiso y liderazgo, cualidades que inspiran y dejan huella en nuestras comunidades.

Fernando Geraldino, en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, gracias por ser parte de esta iniciativa y contribuir al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad.

Alex Damiron, en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, gracias por ser parte de esta iniciativa y contribuir al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad.

Jose Mercedes, en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, gracias por ser parte de esta iniciativa y contribuir al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad.

Alex Mirabel, en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, gracias por ser parte de esta iniciativa y contribuir al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad.

Victor Perez, en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, gracias por ser parte de esta iniciativa y contribuir al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad.

Jaime Vargas, en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, gracias por ser parte de esta iniciativa y contribuir al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad.

Jose Morillo, en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, gracias por ser parte de esta iniciativa y contribuir al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad.

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Sra. Marbely Montas, Directora Atletica-Union County, New Jersey en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, que promueve el desarrollo del deporte y los valores que este representa. Agradecemos profundamente su entrega y liderazgo, y celebramos su contribución al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad. ¡Gracias por ser parte de esta gran iniciativa!

Denise Gonzalez, en reconocimiento de su valiosa participación y constante apoyo al 2do Clásico Hugo Cabrera. Su compromiso y colaboración han sido fundamentales para el éxito de este evento, gracias por ser parte de esta iniciativa y contribuir al fortalecimiento del deporte y su impacto positivo en nuestra sociedad.

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Teatro ECAS, in recognition of being the recipient of the Cultural Heritage & Arts Award and for providing the best of Latino theatre, promoting cultural values, raising awareness of traditions, and encouraging dialogue in a space where people share their stories to innovate and shape the future.

Francis Cimerol, in recognition of being the recipient of the Education for Empowerment Award and for your 14 years of dedicated service as a Citizenship Instructor at Progreso Latino, helping immigrants prepare for naturalization through civics and U.S. history education in a supportive and empowering learning environment.

Latino Policy Institute, in recognition of being the recipient of the Policy Champion Award and for driving policy dialogue that highlights the evolving experiences of Latinos in Rhode Island and empowering the community to create positive, lasting change.

Fuerza Laboral, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Power & Labor Rights Award and for empowering immigrant workers to fight labor injustice and build a Solidarity Economy through education, organizing, leadership, and the creation of worker-owned cooperatives.

Bishop Philip D. Ferrara, Christ Temple Church-122 Wadsworth Street, in recognition of your 40th Pastoral Anniversary, marking four decades of faithful and devoted leadership at Christ Temple Church. Through your steadfast commitment to ministry, spiritual guidance, and community service, you have touched countless lives and built a lasting Legacy of Love, Wisdom, and Grace.

Meagan Fitzgerald, in recognition of your 16 years of dedicated and compassionate service at the Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital, where your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment have brought hope and healing to some of the most vulnerable children in our community. To say that you were remarkable at your job is an understatement. Your empathy, professionalism, and steadfast dedication to protecting and supporting children who have experienced abuse and trauma reflect the highest standards of care and humanity. Your compassion has comforted countless families, your strength has inspired your colleagues, and your heart has made a lasting difference in the lives of those you've served.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 21 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

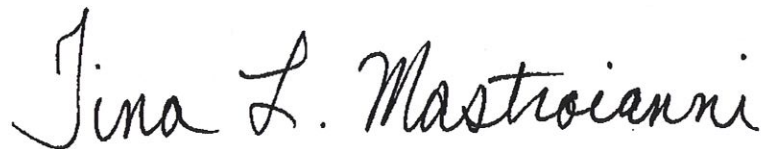
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Espinal
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilwoman Harris
<b>AYES:</b>	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmen Taylor – 1.

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Honorable Sandro Mestanza, at 7:36 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025** at **6:00 o'clock P.M.**



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

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