

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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CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 15 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Monday, July 7, 2025, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RACHEL M. MILLER

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMEN TAYLOR AND VARGAS – 13.

ABSENT: COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS – 2.

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN JAIMES E. TAYLOR**.

“I pray for the City Council meeting tonight, giving the council members wisdom and guidance as they deliberate on the items before them. May every decision be righteous in your sight for our benefit and for your glory. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILMAN VARGAS Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

“Thank you, before we kick off the meeting, I would just like to say a few words regarding a situation, an incident that’s in the public right now. Well, there’s a couple, but the one I’m speaking about is the first and foremost to thank our Providence Police leadership for the courage that they showed, especially Commander O’Hara and what I’m speaking about is the recent LEOBOR hearing regarding a past incident that happened over 5 years ago. The outcome of that LEOBOR Hearing, in my opinion, and a lot of people in our community’s opinion, the Mayor’s opinion, the current Providence Police Chief, the ex-Providence Police Chief’s opinion, is that it’s an unjust decision. As of a couple of hours ago, the Mayor announced that we are appealing that decision, and I’m speaking in broad terms here to not add any more flames to the fire but yeah that officer I’m not even going to say his name because he doesn’t deserve that respect from me truthfully, he doesn’t deserve my opinion to even wear anything that says the City of Providence. So, I’m keeping hopeful that throughout this appeal process there is a different decision, because putting someone of that nature that had those types of actions, those types of words to certain community members is just the complete opposite of what we should be doing as a city. So, I just wanted to share those words, like I said much gratitude to the Providence Police leadership for coming out very strong against another Providence Police Officer. That’s something that you rarely see these days is the accountability within their own departments and their own teams, you could say. But yeah, it’s caused a lot of conversations in our community, so hopefully we will see better outcomes in the near future. Thank you, Madam President.”

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council June 26, 2025, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

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

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Approving Improvements to the Providence Water Supply Board Distribution System, including but not limited to the Replacement of Public and Private Side Lead Services and all Attendant Expenses and Approving the financing thereof by the Issuance of Water Revenue Bonds and Notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$26,200,000.00.

SECTION 1. A sum not to exceed Twenty-Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,200,000) is appropriated to fund improvements to the Providence Water Supply Board ("Providence Water") distribution system, including but not limited to the replacement of public and private side lead services and all attendant expenses, funding of a debt service reserve fund and costs of issuance. The period of usefulness of the improvements financed is expected to be not less than forty (40) years.

SECTION 2. To provide funding for the program, in accordance with Chapter 46-12.8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the City Treasurer and the Mayor are hereby authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding Twenty-Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,200,000) from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank, and to evidence such loan, such officers are hereby authorized to issue and refund on behalf of the City, in an amount not exceeding Twenty-Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,200,000) water revenue bonds (the "Bonds") of the City, at one time, or from time to time in order to meet the foregoing appropriation.

SECTION 3. The said officers from time to time may issue and refund not exceeding \$26,200,000 interest bearing or discounted water revenue notes (the "Notes") in anticipation of the issue of said Bonds.

SECTION 4. The Bonds and Notes shall be payable solely from revenues of the Providence water supply system. The City may issue bonds, notes, or other obligations on a parity with these Bonds. The manner of sale, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, interest rates, medium of payment, and other terms, conditions and details of the Bonds or Notes may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the Bonds or Notes. The net debt of the City is not affected by the issuance of the Bonds or Notes and the Bonds and Notes authorized hereby will be within all debt and other limitations prescribed by the Constitution and the laws of Rhode Island.

SECTION 5. Pending the issuance of the Bonds under Section 2 hereof or pending or in lieu of the issue of Notes under Section 3 hereof, the General Manager of Providence Water may expend funds from the Water Fund of the City for the purposes specified in Section 1 hereof. Any advances made under this section shall be repaid without interest from the proceeds of the Bonds or Notes issued hereunder or from the proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

SECTION 6. The City Treasurer, the Mayor and the General Manager of Providence Water are also authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the City, to: (i) execute, acknowledge and deliver a Supplemental Indenture (the "Supplemental Indenture") by and between the City and U. S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor trustee to U.S. Bank National Association (the "Trustee") amending and supplementing the Trust Indenture dated June 5, 2008 by and between the City and the Trustee (as supplemented, the "Indenture") relating to the Bonds and any and all other loan agreements, documents, including disclosure documents for investors, certificates or instruments necessary to effectuate such borrowing; (ii) amend, modify or supplement the Indenture, the Bonds or Notes and any and all other loan agreements, documents, certificates or instruments at any time and from time to time, in such manner and for such purposes as such officers shall deem necessary, desirable or advisable; (iii) direct the Trustee with regard to investments of trust funds pursuant to the Trust Indenture, and (iv) do and perform all such other acts and things deemed by such officers to be necessary, desirable or advisable with respect to any matters contemplated by this Ordinance.

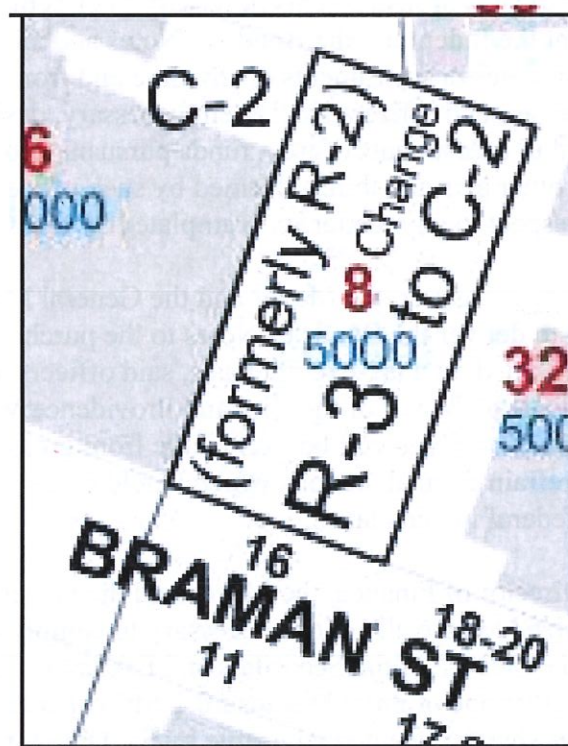
SECTION 7. The City Treasurer, the Mayor and the General Manager of Providence Water are hereby authorized to deliver the Bonds or Notes to the purchaser and, to the extent that such Bonds or Notes may be issued on a tax-exempt basis, said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions, on behalf of the City and Providence Water, necessary to ensure that interest on the Bonds or Notes will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and to refrain from all actions which would cause interest on the Bonds or Notes to become subject to federal income taxes.

SECTION 8. The Director of Finance, the Mayor and the General Manager of Providence Water are authorized to take all actions necessary to comply with federal tax and securities laws including Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC Rule") and to execute and deliver one or more Disclosure Certificates in connection with the Bonds or Notes in the form as shall be deemed advisable by the Director of Finance, the Mayor and the General Manager of Providence Water in order to comply with the SEC Rule. The City hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Disclosure Certificates, as they may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance or the Bonds or Notes, failure of the City or Providence Water to comply with a Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered an event of default; however, any Bondholder or Noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the City or Providence Water to comply with its obligations under this Section and under the Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 8, (14-16 Braman Street), from R-3 to C-2.

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 8, aka 14-16 Braman St., from R-3 to C-2. A footnote shall be added to the map to limit the lot to the use and dimensional regulations of the R-3 zone plus Daycare Center (12 or more), inclusive of ancillary play yards, and parking accessory to that use.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to further amend Section 604(G)(4)(h), regarding certain parking variances in the D-1 District.

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing text of Section 604(G)(4)(h) as follows:

From: Notwithstanding provisions of this ordinance to the contrary, parking lots in the D-1 District that were permitted by variance or other zoning relief granted by the City and in effect as of March 19, 2020, but for such approvals would have expired thereafter, the expiration date for such approvals shall be tolled until December 31, 2024.

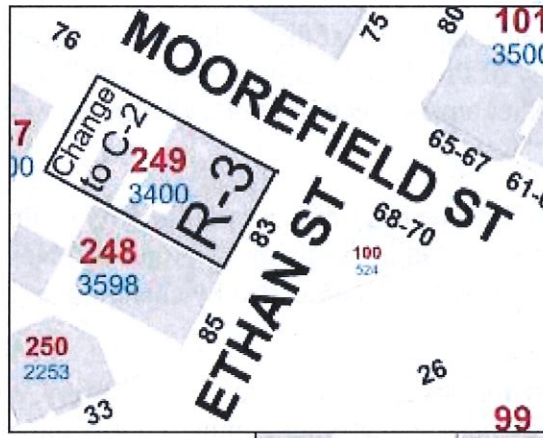
To: Notwithstanding provisions in this ordinance to the contrary, surface parking in the D-1 District that was permitted by variance or other zoning relief granted by the City and in effect as of December 31, 2024, but for which such approval shall have expired thereafter, the expiration date for such approval shall be tolled until December 31, 2029.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 110, Lot 249 (83 Ethan Street) from R3-C2.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL AND COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,
(By Request):**

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, to Change Certain Text in Article 19 Regarding Adjustments of Dimensional Regulations for Land Development Projects.

Section 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," shall be amended by changing the following text in Article 19, with additions underlined and deletions struck out:

1904 LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

E. Adjustments of Dimensional Regulations

2. The City Plan Commission adjustments are limited to the following thresholds:

REGULATION	ADJUSTMENT- RESIDENTIAL ZONES	ADJUSTMENT- NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONES
Required Setback	±10'	±10'
Building Height	+12' or not to exceed 1 <u>extra story</u>	+24' or not to exceed 2 <u>extra stories</u>
Dwelling Unit Density	+50%	+50%
Lot Building Coverage	+25%	Not Applicable
Required Parking	-50%	-50%

Section 2. This Ordinance shall apply retroactively to the date the Zoning Ordinance was adopted on November 24, 2014.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 3 through 7 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, (By Request):

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Maria Acevedo).

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Marcelino Braz).

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Melanie Borges).

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Victor Froio).

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Kathleen Rentrope).

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 8 through 12, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 8 through 12 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE

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

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same Be Denied:

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILWOMAN RYAN

An Ordinance of the City of Providence Approving the Financing of the “Mile of History Project” by the Issuance of Appropriation obligations therefor in an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,200,000.00.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 13 and Lay on the Table, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	LAID ON TABLE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

An Ordinance Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 2025 Taxes in a sum not less than Three Hundred Ninety-Six Million Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Forty Four Dollars (\$396,211,044) and not more than Four Hundred Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Fifty-One Dollars (\$419,878,051), being One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Tax Collections, Amending Section 21-182 of the Code of Ordinances to set the rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and Amending Section 21-126 of the Code of Ordinances to set the Exemptions for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2024-36, No. 321, Approved June 28, 2024 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, making an Appropriation of Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Million Seven Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$599,771,876), for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 14 and 15 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

An Ordinance Providing for the Assessment and Collection of 2025 Taxes in a sum not less than Three Hundred Ninety-Six Million Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Forty Four Dollars (\$396,211,044) and not more than Four Hundred Nineteen Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Fifty-One Dollars (\$419,878,051), being One Hundred Percent (100%) of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Tax Collections, Amending Section 21-182 of the Code of Ordinances to set the rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and Amending Section 21-126 of the Code of Ordinances to set the Exemptions for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

- RESULT:** **READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [10 TO 3]**
- MOVER:** Councilman Espinal
- SECONDER:** Councilwoman Harris
- AYES:** Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Ryan, Councilor Sanchez and Councilman Taylor – 10.
- NAYES:** Councilwoman Peterson, Councilor Pichardo and Councilman Vargas – 3.
- ABSENT:** Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 2024-36, No. 321, Approved June 28, 2024 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, making an Appropriation of Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Million Seven Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$599,771,876), for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

RESULT: **READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [11 TO 2]**

MOVER: Councilman Espinal

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez and Councilman Taylor – 11.

NAYES: Councilwoman Peterson and Councilman Vargas – 2.

ABSENT: Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"As I was here getting to listen to each of your comments. I just want to share that it is such a remarkable honor to serve this body and to serve the city alongside each of you. Its' a moment when political conversations aren't this, right, they aren't deeply rooted in the facts before us, they aren't deeply rooted necessarily in constituencies. But in this room and in this chamber this conversation was remarkable and I really appreciate the level of dedication and love and effort and thought each one of us is bringing to this conversation tonight and all of the nights. I appreciate that we have first passage of the budget and mostly I just wanted to share my thanks. It's truly an honor to serve this body and to our residents."

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

An Ordinance Establishing a Compensation Plan for the City of Providence and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2024-37, No. 322, Approved June 28, 2024, As Amended.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 16, Substitute and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, As Amended, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED (AS AMENDED) 1X [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

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

An Ordinance Establishing the Classes of Positions, the Maximum Number of Employees, and the Number of Employees in Certain Classes in the City Departments and Repealing Ordinance Chapter 2024-38, No. 323, Approved June 28, 2024, As Amended.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 17 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Espinal
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilor Pichardo, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilmen Taylor and Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilor Roias and Councilwoman Vargas – 2.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Neilsen, Zehe & Antas, P.C.

o/b/o Selective Insurance Company a/s/o Amos House

Angelina M. Calabro

Hector Castro Merced (Bianchi Brouillard Sousa & O'Connell)

Travelers Casualty Ins Co of America

a/s/o Curtis Point Realty

Henrietta Loporchio

Julie H. Brown (Lynch & Pine)

Elizabeth Merrick

Alex Garcia

George Sacko (Bianchi Brouillard Sousa & O'Connell)

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from Glen Ahlborg, submitting Raze Building Permit RAZE-25-39, for the property located at 160 Bucklin Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907.

RESULT:	RECEIVED
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COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 18 and 19, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 18 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives item 19.

**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:

Sneaker Prowess, LLC, in recognition of the Grand Opening of your second store and your first location here in Providence. Your continued growth is a testament to your entrepreneurial spirit, dedication to community-based commerce and passion for sneaker and streetwear culture. Sneaker Prowess has not only contributed to the local economy but has also created a space that reflects the creativity and individuality of our Providence residents. As you expand your presence in Providence, we celebrate your success and look forward to your continued positive impact on our neighborhoods and small business community.

Isabella Jasmin Santana, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts History Degree.

Tiffanie Isabel Pichardo, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Rhode Island College with a Bachelor of Science, Business Management Degree.

Emilio E. Pichardo, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Classical High School.

Zora Newman Greene, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Classical High School.

Yvonne Hernandez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Classical High School.

Noah Benzant, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Classical High School.

Adrianna A. Cornelio, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Central High School.

Janet Batista, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Charrette High School.

Mayor General, Ramon Antonio Guzman, en reconocimiento de el excelente trabajo desempeñado bajo su liderazgo en la Policía Nacional de la República Dominicana. Su compromiso con el orden público, seguridad y protección de los ciudadanos ha sido ejemplar, reflejando una gestión eficiente y dedicada que inspira confianza y respeto. Valoramos el esfuerzo constante que usted y su equipo realizan para mantener la paz y justicia en su país, lo cual contribuye significativamente al bienestar social y el fortalecimiento institucional.

General Pascual Cruz Méndez, Director General de la Digesett, en reconocimiento de el excelente trabajo desempeñado bajo su liderazgo en la Policía Nacional de la República Dominicana. Su compromiso con el orden público, seguridad y protección de los ciudadanos ha sido ejemplar, reflejando una gestión eficiente y dedicada que inspira confianza y respeto. Valoramos el esfuerzo constante que usted y su equipo realizan para mantener la paz y justicia en su país, lo cual contribuye significativamente al bienestar social y el fortalecimiento institucional.

Coronel Catano Martínez, Director de Cooperación y Relaciones de la Policía, en reconocimiento de el excelente trabajo desempeñado bajo su liderazgo en la Policía Nacional de la República Dominicana. Su compromiso con el orden público, seguridad y protección de los ciudadanos ha sido ejemplar, reflejando una gestión eficiente y dedicada que inspira confianza y respeto. Valoramos el esfuerzo constante que usted y su equipo realizan para mantener la paz y justicia en su país, lo cual contribuye significativamente al bienestar social y el fortalecimiento institucional.

Lic. Noris Santana Badía, en reconocimiento de sus meritorios aportes a la obra social humanitaria a través de los medios de comunicación en la República Dominicana.

Lic. Luciano Jose Moreta, en reconocimiento de su valiosa contribución en la promoción de incentivos para la inversión extranjera en la República Dominicana.

Lic. Elordia Tavares, en reconocimiento de su valiosa contribución a la promoción internacional de la artesanía industrial de la República Dominicana.

Dr. Teofilo Pichardo, en reconocimiento de sus aportes a la alta Educación Académica en la República Dominicana.

Dr. Sergio Solis Taveras, en reconocimiento de: sus aportes al gremiales médico profesional en la República Dominicana.

Dr. Domingo Peña Ninam, en reconocimiento de sus aportes a la investigación médica científica en la República Dominicana.

Lic. Jose Alberto Israel en reconocimiento de: sus aportes y valiosa contribución a la protección del Medio Ambiente en la República Dominicana.

Lisa Vargas-Sinapi, Principal, George J. West Elementary School, in recognition of your outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to the students, staff, and families of George J. West Elementary as Principal. Your unwavering commitment to education, your compassion, and your tireless efforts have left a lasting impact on the school community. As you retire, we extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your many years of service, and we wish you continued happiness and fulfillment in this next chapter of life.

Bernie Arguetta-Sotto, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Emily Bolanos, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Lizbeth Chingo-Hernandez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Alexia Cruz, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Yandel Francisco Vilchez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Sandrine Gaju, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Eduardo Mejia, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Brandon Mendez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Luis Padilla, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Wanel Rosario, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Jazelle Santiago, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Michael Vasquez-Lopez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from the Providence Fire Department CTE Program.

Lightning Fix, in recognition of the Grand Opening of your storefront in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood of Providence. Your continued growth is a testament to your entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to community-based commerce. Lightning Fix is not only contributing to the local economy but is also meeting the needs of our Providence residents. As you expand your presence in Providence, we celebrate your success and look forward to your continued positive impact on our neighborhoods and small business community.

Harrison "Jon Hope" Grigsby, in recognition of your powerful voice, artistry, and advocacy. Your commitment to music and building community through hip hop and education uplifts our city. Thank you for using your platform to inspire, lead and reflect the spirit of Providence.

Carlton Howard, in recognition of your transformative work in education and social impact. Your vision, leadership, and tireless efforts to advance equity have created lasting change. We thank you for being a beacon of hope and innovation for students, educators, and communities across our city and beyond.

Ian Travis Barnard, in recognition of your cultural leadership and lifelong contributions to hip hop, arts, and community empowerment. Your dedication to youth, creativity, and movement-building has helped shape the identity of Providence. Thank you for all you do to uplift and inspire.

Cha Chi Hip Hop, in recognition of your cultural leadership and lifelong contributions to hip hop, arts, and community empowerment. Your dedication to youth, creativity, and movement-building has helped shape the identity of Providence. Thank you for all you do to uplift and inspire.

Victor "Sound" Baez, in recognition of your artistry, podcast and cultural excellence. Your work puts Providence on the map, supporting countless artists and strengthening our creative community. Your dedication is a vital part of our city's cultural heartbeat.

Rafael Medina, in recognition of your dynamic contributions to visual art and community engagement. Your work brings vibrancy and meaning to public spaces and reflects the diverse stories of Providence. Thank you for using your creativity to build a more expressive, inclusive, and beautiful city.

Poe George, Operations Manager, Downtown Improvement District, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and contributions to the Downtown Improvement District. Your work has made a lasting impact on our city's vitality and serves as an inspiration to all who care about building a stronger, more vibrant Providence for everyone.

Peter Pina, Safety Team, Downtown Improvement District, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and contributions to the Downtown Improvement District. Your work has made a lasting impact on our city's vitality and serves as an inspiration to all who care about building a stronger, more vibrant Providence for everyone.

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Devin Donlon, Clean Team, Downtown Improvement District, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and contributions to the Downtown Improvement District. Your work has made a lasting impact on our city's vitality and serves as an inspiration to all who care about building a stronger, more vibrant Providence for everyone.

Christopher Valle, Clean Team, Downtown Improvement District, in recognition of your outstanding dedication and contributions to the Downtown Improvement District. Your work has made a lasting impact on our city's vitality and serves as an inspiration to all who care about building a stronger, more vibrant Providence for everyone.

Dr. Elizabeth Gomes Teixeira, in recognition of your unwavering dedication, compassionate service, and lasting impact on the health of the Cape Verdean community in Rhode Island and beyond.

Santo Antão United, in recognition of your tireless work to preserve and promote Cape Verdean culture, traditions, and heritage.

Elizabeth Moreira, in recognition of your outstanding commitment to enhancing the lives of others through dedicated collaboration and meaningful community support.

Kim Alves, in recognition of your exceptional contributions to Cape Verdean music and the arts, and for promoting creative expression within the community.

James Vincent, in recognition of your service to others and your advocacy for representation, especially on behalf of underserved communities.

Valdir Cabral, in recognition of your service, empowerment, and commitment to uplifting youth through meaningful civic engagement.

Terrero Music, in recognition of your exceptional contributions to education and your role in enriching the cultural life of the Cape Verdean community.

Amilton Spencer Silva, RAÇAKATAU, LLC, in recognition of your business success and your continued efforts to promote and support the Cape Verdean community.

Jose Martins - Mocho, CABO VERDE NA TOP, in recognition of your achievements in business and your dedication to advancing and supporting the Cape Verdean community.

Carlos Costa-Rodrigues, in recognition of your lasting contributions to preserving and building the legacy of Rhode Island's Cape Verdean heritage.

Skyla Anderson, in recognition of your outstanding leadership in cultural advocacy, activism, and social justice.

Hemenway's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar, in recognition of the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Hemenway's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar. Your commitment to excellence has made Hemenway's a cherished culinary landmark in our city for four remarkable decades.

Lisa Doucet-Albert, in recognition of your leadership, vision, and dedication in guiding Hemenway's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar. For 40 years, Hemenway's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar has served as an iconic establishment in Downtown and continues to inspire pride in our city's culinary scene.

Nick Sarazen, in recognition of your Grammy-nominated achievement and your dedication to excellence in music production. Your talent, creativity and commitment to uplifting the music scene continue to inspire artists and elevate Rhode Island's reputation as a hub for culture and innovation.

Sky Haneul Kim, in recognition of your groundbreaking achievement as James Beard Award winner for Best Chef: Northeast. Your visionary leadership, bold culinary artistry and deep commitment to cultural storytelling through food have not only elevated Gift Horse but also brought national recognition to Providence's vibrant dining scene.

Francisco Antonio Molina (Pepo), en reconocimiento de su visita a la Ciudad de Providence. Gracias por sus contribuciones y dedicación a su comunidad!

Las Guaracheras All-Female Latin Music Sextet from Colombia, in recognition of Performing Afro-Caribbean Rhythms, Salsa, as well as music from the Pacific Region of Colombia. to the City of Providence First Works Summer Concert at Roger Williams Park.

Aaron Ferro, in recognition of your support in our endeavors to amplify the voices of everyday citizens. With your assistance we are able to grow this community around common values with integrity and persistence. To make change it requires the spark of hope, the courage of action and the endurance of faith to make for a better future. You are the Hope for Providence.

Deb Busby, in recognition of your support in our endeavors to amplify the voices of everyday citizens. With your assistance we are able to grow this community around common values with integrity and persistence. To make change it requires the spark of hope, the courage of action and the endurance of faith to make for a better future. You are the Hope for Providence.

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Louis Morales, in recognition of your support in our endeavors to amplify the voices of everyday citizens. With your assistance we are able to grow this community around common values with integrity and persistence. To make change it requires the spark of hope, the courage of action and the endurance of faith to make for a better future. You are the Hope for Providence.

Ben Jayne, in recognition of your outstanding contributions to music and culture as a visionary artist and producer. Your bold creativity, Rhode Island roots and commitment to pushing artistic boundaries continue to inspire a new generation. The City of Providence proudly celebrates your talent, passion and rising influence.

Stay Silent PVD, in recognition of revolutionizing Providence’s cultural scene through innovative events, creative collaboration, and community-driven storytelling. Since 2012, your work has uplifted local artists, energized nightlife, and showcased the beauty of unapologetic authenticity. The City of Providence proudly honors your vision, impact and dedication to the culture.

Where’s Nasty, in recognition of revolutionizing Providence’s cultural scene through innovative events, creative collaboration, and community-driven storytelling. Since 2012, your work with Stay Silent has uplifted local artists, energized nightlife, and showcased the beauty of unapologetic authenticity. The City of Providence proudly honors your vision, impact and dedication to the culture.

DJ Bentley, in recognition of your exceptional talent, versatility, and dedication to uplifting Providence’s music scene. Your ability to bring people together through dynamic sets and community-centered events continues to inspire and energize our city. The City of Providence proudly honors your impact, artistry and commitment to the culture.

DJ Coro King, in recognition of your vibrant contributions to the soundscape of Providence. Through your powerful presence on stage and in the community, you’ve elevated dance floors and brought people together across cultures. The City of Providence celebrates your creativity, influence and continued leadership in music and entertainment.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 20 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
"IN MEMORIAM"**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

Stephen J. "Snake" Day

Jaimie Lee Quinn

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

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN ESPINAL moves to Suspend Rule 2(A) of the Rules of The City Council to Reschedule the Thursday, July 17, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting to the date certain of Thursday, July 24, 2025, and to Resume the Regular Meeting Schedule to Hold the First Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2025, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

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

“Tonight is a very special night for me because I have part of my family here. Let me just point to my beautiful wife Clarissa, who is here tonight, and also my sister Nancy, my sister Lucy, my nephew Sebastian and also my sister Dinora Espinal, who is traveling here, came to visit us from the Dominican Republic and is joined by her husband, Carlos Carmona Mateo. And I’ll tell you my sister Dinora is the second oldest, so she is like a second mother to me, so that’s what makes this trip so special. And to salute Mr. Carlos Carmona, who is a renowned attorney in the Dominican Republic and who also, was big in public service. Madam President, Mr. Carlos Carmona was Council President. He is a former Council President in the Town of Bani, one of our major cities in the Dominican Republic. As he was also the President and Secretary General of the League of Cities and Towns in the Dominican Republic and also a former Congressional candidate. I had the wonderful clerk, and I prepared a citation for him. It’s in Spanish. He does not speak English, but I will read it in Spanish, and I’ll make it very brief. Doctor Carmona, esto es para usted un honor tenerlo aquí junto a mi hermana gracias por visitarnos en Providence es un honor recibirle. Dice: Ciudad de Providence, Reconocimiento Oficial. Para reconocimiento público: El Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Providence ofrece sus más sinceras felicitaciones y le da la bienvenida al Dr. Carlos Carmona Mateo y su esposa Dinorah Espinal, y reconoce en agradecimiento por sus aportes por a la República Dominicana como Regidor, Presidente de la Sala Capitular del Ayuntamiento de Bani, y secretario general de la Liga Municipal. Firmado por la presidenta y todos los concejales le damos la bienvenida es un honor estar aquí con usted. Thank you, so much Dear colleagues, and I’ll ask when we adjourn if you would like to stay. "We’ll take a picture with him. That would be great.”

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Charles A. McDowell, Jr at 7:30 o'clock P.M., to meet again on **MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025** at 6:00 o'clock P.M.



TINA L. MASTROIANNI
CITY CLERK

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